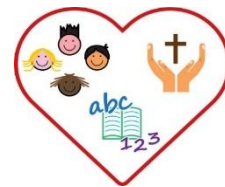


St. Matthew's C.E. Primary School

"Be blessed by God, be happy and aspire to be..."



NEWSLETTER 19 – 31st January 2022

Our PSHE focus this half term is **Aspire to be...** and our School Value focus is **Hope**

Dear Parents/Carers,

The end of January already, this year is flying by! Thank you for your patience and understanding during this month which we appreciate has been a challenge for everyone. As we move into February and the next chapter in the long history of education at St Matthew's I look forward to the future continuing to serve the local community.

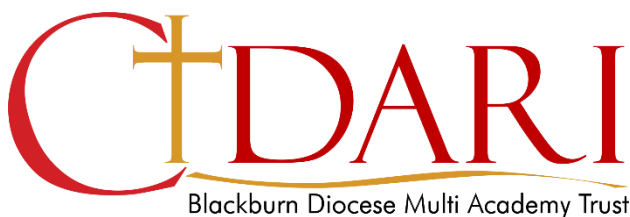
'Aspire to be' day on Friday 4th February:

'Aspire to be day' is a day when we will be encouraging all our children to think about what they would like to be when they are older and we would love it if your child can come to school dressed as what they want to be when they grow up.

Please don't spend lots of money on this, the homemade outfits are always the best ones – even if you are only able to wear a bit of an outfit, that is also great!

Academy Conversion:

Tomorrow, 1st February we officially convert to an Academy and become part of the Cidari Multi Academy Trust (www.cidari.co.uk). Our school name will remain almost the same apart from the word 'School' being replaced with the word 'Academy'.



In addition to the new Promethean Interactive Screens which we have recently had installed in the Infant Classrooms, over the next few weeks we are expecting to have HEPA filtration systems installed into all the classrooms to assist in the fight against COVID.

Covid:

As you will be aware, 'Plan B' restrictions have been officially removed, however we would ask all visitors to school to please wear a mask as the virus is still active locally and we wish to keep everyone safe.



Getting in touch:

A reminder that Class Dojo is a great way to keep in touch with your child's teacher. However, due to the way it is set up, it is not a good way to get in touch with the school office or Mr Mackley. If you need to speak to the office or Mr Mackley, please call on 01772 794482. Thanks!

School Meals:

Please note that the menus for Thursday and Friday are being swapped this week. So, Thursday will be Pizza and Chips with Friday now being Jacket Potato and Sandwiches.

Prayer / thought for the week / reflection

Reflection:

In our worship this week we are thinking about our Hope, linking with aspirations as this is our aspirations week in school. The theme of the worship is 'Hope is believing good things will happen'. We always need hope in our lives, never more so than after the challenges of the last two years and the uncertainty that remains as we learn to live with Covid. We want our children to have hope for the future and to equip them with the knowledge and skills they need in order to live fulfilling lives.



Prayer:

Dear God,
Help us to have true hopes,
and help us to hope in you.
Amen.

Events this term

Tuesday 1st Feb – St Matthew's converts to Academy Status with Cidari MAT.

Tuesday 1st to Tuesday 8th Feb – Reception Class 'Go Velo' bike ability.

Wednesday 2nd Feb – Miss Smith with pupils attending Diocesan RE conference

Monday 7th Feb – Y2 & Y3 Fire Safety talk; Governors' Resources Committee Meeting

14 th to 18 th Feb – Half Term week.
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Monday 21st Feb – school reopens. Governors' Curriculum and Standards Committee

Tuesday 1st March – Shrove Tuesday!

Wednesday 2nd March – Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent.

Wednesday 2nd to Friday 4th March – Y6 trip to Hothersall Lodge.

Monday 14th March – Governors' Full Committee meeting

Friday 18th March – Red Nose Day.

Wednesday 30th & Thursday 31st March – Easter Pause Events.

Friday 1st April – school closes for Easter.

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