



# St Matthew's

Church of England Primary Academy

A member of **CIDARI**

## NEWSLETTER 20 – 19th July 2024

Well, here we are, the last day of term and the academic year. Today we say farewell to our Year 6 pupils as they leave and commence the next stage of their learning journey at High School. As always, it has been an honour and a privilege to be part of their primary education whether they have been with us since Nursery or joined this school year. Each one is special and we wish them all every happiness and success in the years to come.

We also say farewell to Mrs Mussa who leaves us after 23 years, taking (very) early retirement to spend time looking after her Grandchildren. Our grateful thanks to her for all she has done and we wish her too, every happiness.

There are also some children from across the school leaving us, whether from Nursery to go to Reception classes nearer to home or to other families who are moving out of the area, thank you for your time with us and we wish you too, every happiness in the future. Each and every one of you will remain a part of our family wherever you are and wherever you.

On behalf of everyone here at St Matthew's and at the Cidari Multi Academy Trust, may we wish you all a (hopefully!) warm, dry and happy summer.

See you in September when we re-open on Tuesday 3rd at 8:45am for the Autumn Term.

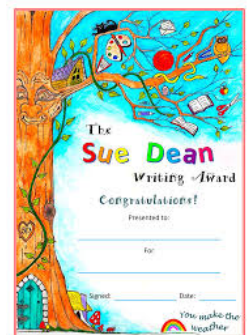
### Sue Dean Writing Award



Sue was a much loved adviser for the teaching of Reading and Writing in Lancashire who sadly passed away several years ago. Many staff here were privileged to have learnt from her; her knowledge and passion for the subject was apparent to anyone who ever met her, and she inspired countless teachers in Lancashire and beyond to support children in meeting their potential.

To continue her legacy, Lancashire Professional Development Service founded the Sue Dean Writing Award. This award is for children who have made significant progress in writing throughout the academic year.

I am delighted to announce that the recipient of this award for this academic year at St Matthew's is Elissa Collum in Year 6. She has been a dedicated and diligent pupil who has made excellent progress in her writing over this year. Her name will be engraved onto the trophy to join the past winners and she takes a certificate and writing set with her in recognition of her achievement.



### End of term

A final reminder that we close **today at 2:00pm**; please ensure you are on time so that your child is not left behind when all their friends have gone.

### Rising Costs

Just another reminder that some of our costs have had to rise from the beginning of September.

“Be blessed by God, be happy and aspire to



From September a school meal will cost £2.70 per day and Breakfast Club will be £1.50 per session per child, no free places.

Can we encourage parents to seriously consider applying for Free School Meals if you haven't already done, even if your child is in the Infants, as this not only opens that up as an option for you but it also brings in £1300 per child extra into our school budget - much needed funds at the moment!

To find out more about how to do this please follow this link

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals/> or speak to Mrs Bajelany or Miss Lambert in the school office.

### Star Writer & ½ Term Achievers 19th July 2024

Year	Star Writers	½ Term Achievers
Rec	Charlotte & Armeena	Sharon & Musa
Y1	Catalea & Ahmed	Azriel & Ivy-Rae
Y2	Alexia B & Haniya	Alzia N & Alicja
Y3	Abinoor & Areesha	M. Ali & Yasmina
Y4	Lily & Amiyah	Michael & Abdul-Haadi
Y5	Scarlett & Marwa	Sulayman & Aalyan
Y6	Zoya & Zahra	Tommy & Zayn

**Bonus award - Star of the Week:** Keira (Y6) who has missed lots of the fun due to Covid but has bounced back for the last day!

Numbots	1st - Aayat (Y2), 2nd - Isa (Y1), 3rd - Zaviyar (Y2)
Geography Challenge	Haniyah (Y2) correctly identified the mystery country as Brazil
Reading Challenge - Golden Ticket	M. Ibrahim Gul (Y6) who wins a 320 gift token. It was great to see so many tickets in the box from children who had completed the reading challenges!

### Prayer

O Lord, bless our School; so that working together and playing together, we may learn to serve you as we serve one another.

**Amen**

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