



NEWSLETTER 21 – 21st February 2022

Our PSHE focus this half term is **Heathy me** and our School Value focus is **Compassion**

<p>★ Half-term Achiever ★</p> <p>Reception Maria & Zahra Year 1 Halima & Humairah Year 2 Oscar & Anas Year 3 Aizah & Rares Year 4 Shareef & Esme Year 5 Abdul & Safa Year 6 Ayesha & Shifa</p>	<p>★ Star Writer ★</p> <p>Reception Hasnain & Aayat Year 1 Erika & Azair Year 2 Khadija & Kayden Year 3 Aizah & Marwa Year 4 Pola & Umamah Year 5 Fizah & Kelis Year 6 Saif-Ali & Krystal</p>	<p>★ Best attendance: ★ Year 5</p> <p>Best punctuality: Year 6</p> <p><i>(Please note, this data is always a week in arrears!)</i></p>																												
<p>Weekly attendance by year group:</p> <p>Green - attendance better than 96% (Government target) - great! Yellow –attendance below the target of 96% - a concern Red - attendance of 90% or below - a great concern.</p>		<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Previous attendance figures</th> <th>Latest Attendance figures</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Reception</td> <td></td> <td>94.1%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Year 1</td> <td></td> <td>95.0%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Year 2</td> <td></td> <td>93.3%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Year 3</td> <td></td> <td>95.2%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Year 4</td> <td></td> <td>96.2%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Year 5</td> <td></td> <td>97.4%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Year 6</td> <td></td> <td>95.7%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Whole school total</td> <td></td> <td>95.3%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			Previous attendance figures	Latest Attendance figures	Reception		94.1%	Year 1		95.0%	Year 2		93.3%	Year 3		95.2%	Year 4		96.2%	Year 5		97.4%	Year 6		95.7%	Whole school total		95.3%
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<p>KS2 Maths Challenge: Ciprian in Y6 correctly calculated the total from the Valentine Emoji Puzzle.</p> <p>Timetables Rock Stars: 5B won the battle against 5R! Most Improved - Patrycja 5R Fastest Rocker – Muhammed - 5B</p> <p>Numbots: Most correct answers – Theo RS</p>																														

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school for the second half of the Spring Term! I hope that everyone managed to stay safe during the recent challenging weather and that the children have all managed to have a good rest and are raring to go!

This half term sees us preparing for Easter and the period of Lent begins next week – no doubt many people getting ready for the traditional making of pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, 1st March.



Blue for a Loo!

Thank you very much to everyone who came wearing something blue on the last day of term and made a financial contribution. We don't yet have a final total but it does look like we will break the £240 target to be able to sponsor an entire toilet block in a developing country which is tremendous.

Thanks again to Miss Oates and the Ethos Group for arranging this.



toilet twinning

Chicken Pox!

We are aware that there are some cases amongst the school family, please check your child(ren) for signs and treat accordingly.

Attendance Information:

As you can see from the top of the newsletter, we have reinstated the weekly attendance information. If anyone wishes to request permission for their child(ren) to take extended leave away from school, please note that you are required to meet with either Mr Mackley or Mrs Walton to discuss your request. This is because the Government set very stringent targets on schools for attendance.



Uniform:

Please can I remind Parents/Carers that unless children are wearing suitable clothing for PE, they are expected to wear the correct school uniform (<https://www.st-matthewscofe.lancs.sch.uk/parents/uniform>). Recently we have noticed some children not wearing uniform on non-PE days, we have seen children wearing 'joggers' and trainers when they should be wearing trousers / skirts (with or without leggings) and plain black, smart footwear. Staff will be checking on uniform and challenging children who are not wearing uniform when they should be. If you are having difficulties with uniform, please do not hesitate to contact us to discuss.

If you are not sure which days of the week your child has PE on, their Teacher will be posting reminders via Dojo over the next few days.

When it is a PE day, children must have their ear-rings removed at home **before** coming to school. Thank you for your co-operation.

Mobile Phones in school:

A reminder that children are not allowed to bring a mobile phone to school and keep it in class. If children in Year 5 or Year 6 who walk home alone need to bring one for safety reasons, that is acceptable but these **must** be handed in to the school office on arrival to school and collected at the end of the day on the way home. We have had a few instances of children leaving phones in coats/bags which is not acceptable.

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Hothersall Lodge Trip (Y6):

Hothersall Lodge – 2nd – 4th March. Please see posts on Dojo about kit lists.

- Depart around 11am Wednesday 2nd March
- Return to school for normal time on Friday 4th March
- School will send a text out to say the time of arrival in case there are any delays.
- No electronics, including mobile phones to be brought on the trip.
- All medication to be in date, including inhalers. Children will NOT be allowed on the trip if medication and inhalers are out of date.
- All medication to be brought into school (including inhalers), if possible on Monday 28th February, in a clear bag with name, class and administration details.
- During the stay, medication will be administered with two members of staff present.
- Children will need to bring a packed lunch on the first day in a carrier bag so it can be thrown away.
- There is a tuck/gift shop at Hothersall Lodge which will be open one evening during the stay. Children are able to bring up to £10, no more, to spend if they wish. There is no expectation for this. Children who bring spending money will be in charge of looking after it themselves for the duration of the stay.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to speak to Mrs Simpson or Mr Ward. They will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Prayer / thought for the week / reflection



Reflection:

This week we begin our consideration of the School Value of Compassion. We are considering the legendary tale of the artist Albrecht Durer and the sacrifice his brother made to enable him to train as an artist. We consider the compassion shown by each brother to the other and think what we can do for others to show that we care.

Prayer:

Dear God,

Jesus used his hands to help the sick and needy, and eventually he outstretched his arms in love for all when he died on the cross.

Please help us today to use our hands to help, encourage and support others, and to show them that we care.

Amen.

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Events this term

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 – Close for Easter holiday.

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