



NEWSLETTER 22 – 28th February 2022

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

★ Star of the Week ★	★ Values Award ★	★ Best attendance: ★																											
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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we begin another new week, everyone here at St Matthew's and within the Cidari Trust, share the concerns that are present due to the situation in Ukraine and the impact around the world. Please be assured that we are keeping a close eye on all the children and are working to not only keep life as normal for them as we can but also to respond to questions they have or concerns they express in a caring and compassionate manner.

One piece of advice I can pass on, is to monitor even more carefully the access your children have to the internet and also the almost constant news coverage on television and radio. Please also be aware of your own conversations surrounding the situation, children do listen and do pick up on the feelings of adults and can take them on board themselves.

If you have any concerns about your child and how they are dealing with the situation, please do not hesitate to get in touch with their teacher in the first instance.

Our prayers are with all who pray for peace.

Attendance Information:

Very well done to Y3 for a great attendance figure of 97% and to Y6 who had 100% of children on time every day for a whole week – a very sweet treat awaits the children of Y6!



The school gates open at 8:45am allowing the children time to enter the school and be ready for the start of the school day at 8:55am.

Uniform:

A further reminder about the requirement to wear the correct school uniform (<https://www.st-matthewscofe.lancs.sch.uk/parents/uniform>) . If you are having difficulties with uniform, please do not hesitate to contact us to discuss.

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:

If any Y5 or Y6 children require need their mobile phones for when walking to/from school, please remember that they **must** be handed in to the school office at the start of the school day. Any phones not handed in will be confiscated and only handed back to a responsible adult.

Hothersall Lodge Trip (Y6):

This takes place this week! At long last, we are able to send our children to stay at Hothersall Lodge for 2 nights and a wide range of exciting and memorable activities. So far, the weather forecast is looking mostly dry, but what ever the weather, they will have a great time!

Just a repeat of the reminders in last week's newsletters:

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.

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- 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:

Apologies, last week I began the focus on compassion when our identified value for this half term is actually thankfulness. In the context of current events, both values are timely! Whilst being mindful of the challenges being faced in Eastern Europe, we do remain thankful that our country is mostly a place of peace and a place where we can feel safe.

This week is the start of Fairtrade Fortnight and my worship this week looks at what Fairtrade is and how we can help others around the world who work hard to produce the food we eat and clothes we wear and ensure that they get a fair price for the work they do.

Prayer:

Dear God,

We pray for peace on your world; we pray that all those who resort to violence to try and get what they want will instead work peaceably and in a manner that shows respect for all.

We pray too for the work of the Fairtrade Foundation who work to ensure a fair price for those who work hard to produce the food and resources that we need day by day.

Amen.



Events this term

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 March – Parent/Carer Consultation, 2:00 – 6:00 pm

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

Friday 1st April – Close for Easter holiday.

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