



# St Matthew's

Church of England Primary Academy  
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## NEWSLETTER 23 – 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022

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

★ <b>Star of the Week</b> ★	★ ★ <b>Values Award</b> ★ ★	★ ★ <b>Best attendance:</b> ★																											
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<p><b>KS2 Maths Challenge:</b> Ismail 5B won the pancake fraction challenge - Dave eats the most and Sam eats the least of their pancakes.</p> <p><b>Timetables Rock Stars:</b> Class 3C beat 3M in the Battle of the Bands! Izzah was the most improved and Emil got the most points!</p> <p><b>Numbots:</b> Usman in 1W was the winner!</p>																													

Dear Parents/Carers,

Hello again everyone, welcome to the latest newsletter! It's been quite a week in and out of school with Pancake making competitions, Y6 at Hothersall Lodge and decorated potatoes for World Book Day!

We know that the children have been asking us about the situation in Ukraine and we have been supporting them as part of our daily lives here. It can be difficult to have a conversation with children about difficult topics and often we don't know where to begin; whilst not specific about this situation, the NSPCC has some really useful advice on their website <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/talking-about-difficult-topics/> that you may find a good start point.

Our prayers remain with all who pray for peace.

“Be blessed by God, be happy and aspire to be...”

## International Aid Trust – Ukraine:



Just a reminder that we are collecting on behalf of IAT who already provide support to Ukraine. Clothing, toiletries and especially rice and pasta with a long shelf life are the most urgently needed items. If you wish to help, please send items in with your child.

## After school clubs:

We are delighted that a number of clubs are opening up for children to attend! Details have already been sent out, but just to let you know we have dance clubs, a choir, maths clubs and also a STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Maths) club. Apart from the STEM club, all clubs meet after school.



To attend, we need a completed and signed form from a parent/carer. If your child decides that they no longer wish to attend, we need confirmation from parent/carer; this is so that, along with you, we know that after school, children are where they are supposed to be!

All clubs are now full and we will let you know if any vacancies arise or when a new club starts.



## Dogs around school gates:

As a dog owner myself, I am aware that not everyone is comfortable around dogs and many have a genuine fear of them. Please can I ask those who bring their dogs with them to collect their children keep them away from the school gates to allow those uncomfortable around them to be able to collect their children? Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

## Hothersall Lodge Trip (Y6):

The children (& staff!) had a wonderful time and I am sure enjoyed a restful weekend! I am grateful to Mrs Simpson, Mr Ward, Miss Young, Mrs Desai and Mrs Walton for giving up their time to go with the children to enable them to have this experience which will provide memories for many years to come.

## Prayer / thought for the week / reflection

### **Reflection:**

In my worship this week, we have looked at being thankful, even for the small things in life. As part of the worship, we looked at this poem from a child:

I can open my eyes and see,  
I can open my mouth and say  
thank you.  
Thank you for today, for a comfortable bed, hot water,  
breakfast, clean clothes, my shoes.  
Thank you for people who care, for milk, for post,  
the telephone, computers, our car, petrol.

Thank you for blue skies, for rain,  
my dog, flowers in our garden.  
Thank you for new friends,  
for my grandparents.  
Thank you for reading and writing.  
Who am I thanking?  
All sorts - it doesn't matter -  
but saying thank you does.



**Prayer:**

For families and friends . . .

**We are thankful.**

For the beauty of nature and the world around us . . .

**We are thankful.**

For all the things in life that we too often take for granted . . .

**We are thankful.**

Please help us to be willing to show our thanks, not only in what we say but also in what we do - each day . . .

**We are thankful.**

**Amen.**

**Events this term**

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March – Governors’ Full Committee meeting

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March – Red Nose Day.

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Parent/Carer Consultation, 2:00 – 6:00 pm

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March – Easter Pause Events.

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Close for Easter holiday.

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