



St Matthew's

Church of England Primary Academy
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Our PSHE focus this half term is **The wider world around me** and our School Value focus is **Trust**

★ Half-Term Achiever ★	★ Star Writer ★	★ Best attendance: ★																		
Reception Dominic & Harrison Year 1 Maria & Humairah Year 2 Marliss & Kasci Year 3 Izzah & Arees Year 4 Affan & Tommy Year 5 Amaan Ali & Eman Year 6 Harneet & Humaid	Reception Ruhan & Lawa Year 1 Kinza & Saad Year 2 Broagan & Sienna Year 3 Freya & Izzah Year 4 Uswa & Ibrahim Year 5 Alina & Amina Year 6 Ayshin & Zarin	Year 4 Best punctuality: Year 6 <i>(Please note, this data is always a week in arrears!)</i>																		
Weekly attendance by year group: 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. We are aware that for the week of these latest figures, there were a large number of cases of chicken pox.	Reception Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5 Year 6 Whole school total	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Previous attendance figures</th> <th>Latest figures</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="background-color: red; color: white;">88.6%</td> <td style="background-color: red; color: white;">81.5%</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="background-color: red; color: white;">90.3%</td> <td style="background-color: red; color: white;">83.9%</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="background-color: yellow;">92.5%</td> <td style="background-color: red; color: white;">88.2%</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="background-color: yellow;">92.3%</td> <td style="background-color: red; color: white;">83.8%</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="background-color: yellow;">91.6%</td> <td style="background-color: yellow;">92.2%</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="background-color: yellow;">93.5%</td> <td style="background-color: yellow;">91.3%</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="background-color: yellow;">94.5%</td> <td style="background-color: yellow;">91.8%</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="background-color: yellow;">92.3%</td> <td style="background-color: red; color: white;">87.6%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Previous attendance figures	Latest figures	88.6%	81.5%	90.3%	83.9%	92.5%	88.2%	92.3%	83.8%	91.6%	92.2%	93.5%	91.3%	94.5%	91.8%	92.3%	87.6%
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KS2 Maths Challenge: Zahra 3C who enters the challenge EVERY week – was able to work out the total number of Easter eggs produced in 3 months – 409,000 Timetables Rock Stars: 3M V 4S; 3M took the victory this week. Jan, 3M was top scorer. Anabia 3M was the most improved Numbots: Theo, RS – great scoring!																				

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the first newsletter of the Summer Term and thank goodness that the better weather finally seems to be here.

We all hope that you were able to find some time to rest as families over the holiday period and we are aware that not only was it the Easter celebration for Christians but also Ramadan for our Muslim families. I trust that for everyone taking part in these important activities that it was and is a time of blessing for you all.

A busy term lies ahead, lots of assessments for many children as these are now back in place as we move back towards a more 'normal' life again and also jubilee celebrations towards the end of term to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth the Second.

A quick health reminder, children are welcome and encouraged to bring a bottle of water to school but no flavoured or fizzy drinks, including fruit juices. Thank you.

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

Ramadan

As this important time of year is underway, I would like to clarify the arrangements within school. All children attending school will continue to take part in all aspects of school including PE which is a statutory part of the curriculum. Following consultations that have taken place at national level, the recommendation is that children aged 11 years and over would be expected to fast during Ramadan and therefore we expect very few children in school to be fasting. We recognise that some younger children may wish to fast but we respectfully ask that this is carried out at the weekends.



For health and safety reasons, no child will be allowed to fast without parental consent. If we feel that a child who is fasting becomes unwell, we will contact you to collect them from school.

If you wish your child to fast, you will need to arrange for them to be collected by an adult during lunchtime so that they may rest and conduct necessary prayers – we do not have the space to facilitate this within school.

Please complete and return the slip at the end of this newsletter if you wish your child to fast. We wish you and your family every good wish for the forthcoming Eid celebrations.

Building Project:

The builders have been very busy indeed whilst we haven't been in and have not only completed a new set of staff toilets but also undertaken a huge amount of work to progress the construction of the new boys' toilets on the first floor. In addition to that, you will all have seen the very large steelwork up at the front of the school which will begin to give you an idea of how substantial this new extension is!



Easter Worship:

Tomorrow morning, instead of our daily worship taking place in school, we will all be going together into St Matthew's Church for a short worship partly led by some of the children to mark the Easter celebrations of last weekend.

Staffing:

Further to my information about Reception in a previous newsletter, due to Mrs Shaikh's continued absence we are making some changes to ensure that all the children are being taught by a member of staff wherever possible.

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From next Monday, 25th April, Miss Welfare will move to teach in Reception alongside Mrs Hatton and Mrs Russell will be teaching Year 1 alongside Mrs Gretton.

Prayer / thought for the week / reflection

Reflection:

In my worships this term I will be focussing on celebration and looking at different qualities that are worth celebrating. As we move towards the Queen's Platinum Jubilee we are looking at her many long years of service and the personal qualities that we can all learn from.

This can be reflected in the words of our own school prayer.

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.

Events this term

20th 2:30 SATs info for Y5 & Y6
21st April – Easter Celebration in Church
2nd May – May Day Bank Holiday, school closed
9th – 12th May – KS2 SATs
9th May – Governors' Vision & Ethos Committee meeting
16th – 25th May – KS1 SATs
16th May – Governors' Resources Committee meeting
26th & 27th May – Jubilee Celebrations in school, further details to follow.
27th May – school closes for half-term break
6th June – INSET day, school closed
7th June school re-opens
7th – 10th June – Y1 Phonics Screening
7th – 24th June – Y4 Multiplication Check undertaken
12th June – Governors' Curriculum & Standards Committee meeting
23rd June – National Writing Day
11th – 15th July – whole school theme week 'I am unique'
11th July – Additional Governors' Curriculum & Standards Committee – end of year data analysis
15th July – Y6 performance
18th July – Full Governing Committee meeting
21st July (Thursday) – School closes for the summer break



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My child _____ in class _____ will be fasting during the month of Ramadan. I agree to pick my child up at lunchtime and return them again for the beginning of the afternoon session.

If my child is feeling unwell, I can be contacted on:

My telephone number: _____

Emergency contact number: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

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