



# St Matthew's

Church of England Primary Academy

A member of **CDARI**

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Our PSHE focus this half term is **The wider world around me** and our School Value focus is **Trust**

★	<b>Star of the week</b>	★	★	<b>Values Award</b>	★	★	<b>Attendance data returns next week...</b>	★
<b>Reception</b>	Maria & Mira	<b>Reception</b>	Yana & Subhan					
<b>Year 1</b>	Abinoor & Aaron	<b>Year 1</b>	Jadesola & Rania					
<b>Year 2</b>	Lucas & Dora	<b>Year 2</b>	Meerab & Nicolas					
<b>Year 3</b>	Rebeca & Harshid	<b>Year 3</b>	Owais & Gabriela					
<b>Year 4</b>	Erdi & Aysha	<b>Year 4</b>	Lily & Maaidah					
<b>Year 5</b>	Aamina & Alan	<b>Year 5</b>	Andrei & Mahnoor					
<b>Year 6</b>	Ayshin & Oke	<b>Year 6</b>	6S & Ayesha					
<b>Weekly attendance by year group:</b>					<b>Previous attendance figures</b>		<b>Latest figures</b>	
<b>Green</b> - attendance better than 96% (Government target) - great!					<b>Reception</b>	<b>81.5%</b>		
<b>Yellow</b> - attendance below the target of 96% - a concern					<b>Year 1</b>	<b>83.9%</b>		
<b>Red</b> - attendance of 90% or below - a great concern.					<b>Year 2</b>	<b>88.2%</b>		
					<b>Year 3</b>	<b>83.8%</b>		
					<b>Year 4</b>	<b>92.2%</b>		
					<b>Year 5</b>	<b>91.3%</b>		
					<b>Year 6</b>	<b>91.8%</b>		
					<b>Whole school total</b>	<b>87.6%</b>		
<b>KS2 Maths Challenge:</b> Satveer, 6S, had the closest estimation of how many Mini Eggs were in a glass tumbler. The answer was 93 Mini Eggs.								
<b>Timetables Rock Stars:</b> Battles restart this week! 3C v 4C								

Dear Parents/Carers,

In this week's newsletter I really want to draw your attention to the information about attendance and the impact that extended holidays are having on children's attendance with the impact that has on their learning.

We are also looking ahead to the end of the half-term and the celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and a few details are also in this letter.

As always, please do get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

"Be blessed by God, be happy and aspire to be..."

## Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations:

Thursday 26th & Friday 27th May are being set aside for our jubilee celebrations in school. On Thursday 26th as well as other activities in school, the kitchen are putting on a special Jubilee meal for school dinners, more details to follow nearer the time.

On the Friday we are planning a 'street party' for the school. As part of this we are encouraging everyone to come dressed in Red, White & Blue colours or to dress in 1950s style clothing to mark the decade when the Queen was crowned. More details will follow nearer the time but we thought we would give you a bit of time to start thinking about how your children might dress up.



## Eid

Ramadan comes to an end this weekend and we know that Eid will be celebrated early next week. A reminder that for the children who are fasting, they are collected at 12:30pm and do not return until 1:25pm. This is so that they can rest and pray.

We know that Eid is most likely to be next Tuesday and we know that a lot of children will have new clothes as part of the celebrations. It is very important that children come back to school on Wednesday and we would like to invite them to wear their new clothes to school so that we can share in the celebrations with them.

## School Attendance:

We closely monitor our levels of attendance and liaise with officers from the local authority. Without the growing number of people taking holidays in term time, our attendance levels would be at 94%, in line with local averages but still below the Government target of 96%

However, our holiday requests & absences are **double** the local average meaning our attendance figures are below the 94% they could be. This also means that too many children are missing a lot of important learning which has an impact on their overall ability.

Today we have had more requests to take children out for holidays in term time. Whilst we appreciate the cost factor, please also consider the long term cost to your child from the education that they miss.

## Prayer / thought for the week / reflection

### **Reflection:**

This week we have begun to consider some aspects of 'Britishness' and looked at the Patron Saint of England, St George. We looked at him standing up against what is wrong and standing for what is right. We have considered how we can apply this in our daily lives, even looking at the small steps we can take to make life better.

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**Prayer:**

Dear Lord,

Please help us to learn from the example of St George by helping others to make the world a better place.

Help us to realize that helping others is its own reward.

Help us to find the courage within ourselves to do the right thing, even if it means going against the crowd.

Please give us the strength always to try to follow the truth and to do what is helpful for others.

**Amen.**



**Events this term**

2<sup>nd</sup> May – May Day Bank Holiday, school closed

9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> May – KS2 SATs

9<sup>th</sup> May – Governors' Vision & Ethos Committee meeting

16<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> May – KS1 SATs

16<sup>th</sup> May – Governors' Resources Committee meeting

26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> May – Jubilee Celebrations in school, further details to follow.

27<sup>th</sup> May – school closes for half-term break

HALF-TERM

6<sup>th</sup> June – INSET day, school closed

7<sup>th</sup> June school re-opens

7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> June – Y1 Phonics Screening

7<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> June – Y4 Multiplication Check undertaken

12<sup>th</sup> June – Governors' Curriculum & Standards Committee meeting

23<sup>rd</sup> June – National Writing Day

11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> July – whole school theme week 'I am unique'

11<sup>th</sup> July – Additional Governors' Curriculum & Standards Committee – end of year data analysis

15<sup>th</sup> July – Y6 performance

18<sup>th</sup> July – Full Governing Committee meeting

21<sup>st</sup> July (Thursday) – School closes for the summer break



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