



St Matthew's

Church of England Primary Academy
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NEWSLETTER 29 – 4th May 2022

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

★ Star of the week ★	★ Values Award ★	★ Attendance data ★
Reception Haniya & Muhammad Year 1 Muhammad & Yasmina Year 2 Zainab & Eileen Year 3 Dilraj & Irfan Year 4 Danyaal & Abubakar Year 5 Inaya, Alia & Stevie Year 6 Olive, Daniel & Luke	Reception Rwan & Noorun Year 1 Ethan & Raheem Year 2 Erum & Marius Year 3 Sienna & Emil Year 4 Haadi & Sofia Year 5 Milan & Farhan Year 6 Mazama & Humaid	Punctuality Year 1 Attendance Year 6

Weekly attendance by year group: Attendance better than 96% (Government target) - great! Attendance below the target of 96% - a concern Attendance of 90% or below - a great concern. <i>Let's try and get 96% or better and get some green!</i>	Reception Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5 Year 6 Whole school total	Previous attendance figures	Latest figures
		81.5% 83.9% 88.2% 83.8% 92.2% 91.3% 91.8% 87.6%	86.5% 86.6% 90.8% 95.2% 92.8% 92.7% 94.1% 91.4%

KS2 Maths Challenge:
 Joint winners this week, Salahuddin in 6S and Mr Ward! The correct answer was that there were £5.75 in coins.

Times Tables Rock Stars: 4C beat 3C in the challenge this week!
 Danyaal, 4C got the most points, Uswa in 4C was the runner up.
 Next week's battle - 5B v 5R!

Numbots:
 Ilyas in 2H scored the most points this week.

Dear Parents/Carers,

A belated Eid Mubarak to all our Muslim families, we hope that your celebrations were joyous and a great time of blessing for you all.

Quite a few pieces of important information on this newsletter so please read on!

Online Safety:

Through our Kidsafe lessons in school where the children are given safe spaces to discuss important topics, we have become aware that a worrying number of children are active on a range of Social Media platforms.

Most platforms have a **minimum** age of 13 to join or use and some have higher age restrictions. May we remind parents and carers of

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



the need to be aware of what their children are doing online and that to say no to a child who is too young to make use of social media is a good thing!

Snapchat. We have been made aware that a group of children from our school and others are in a group on Snapchat and that some of the conversations that have taken place outside of school have now been causing problems between children within school. Snapchat is **not** a good social media platform for children to be on all messages disappear almost instantly making it almost impossible to investigate any issues. If your child has a Snapchat account, can we please urge you to remove it as they do cause a lot of problems.



Another platform we need to make you aware of is Discord - the minimum age for this platform is **17** years old and there have been a number of recent controversies around material which is freely available that is not only unsuitable for children but also very concerning in nature.

Please do talk openly with your children about being safe online and also make sure you know what they are up to!

For helpful advice as a parent please visit the following websites:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

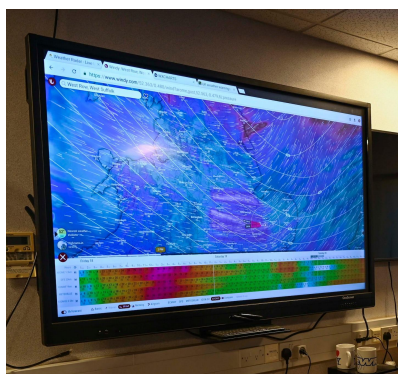
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/child-safety-online-a-practical-guide-for-parents-and-carers/child-safety-online-a-practical-guide-for-parents-and-carers-whose-children-are-using-social-media>

Please also talk with your child's teacher for any further help or advice.

New Technology:



Since the beginning of February when we joined the Cidari Multi Academy Trust, we have been able to make some significant investments in resource in school and there is more due to arrive!

All the Infant classes have had brand new Promethean Interactive Screens installed which have dramatically improved the quality of presentation of learning materials available. I am delighted to inform you that over the next month we will be busy preparing for the installation of these screens in all the Junior classrooms and in the Nursery class!

Not only that, Years 3 to 6 will all be receiving a class set of Chromebooks to share across the year group. This means that children will be able to access a wide range of digital resources to support their learning. One such is an award winning piece of software called "Learning

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by Questions” (www.lbq.org) which has already been put into use in some classes and is proving very popular and useful!

School Nursery:

Do you have a three year old child who needs a Nursery place? Is your child approaching three years old and you are thinking about Nursery? Do you know someone with a child who is looking for a Nursery place?

If so, please get in touch! We have a limited number of places available in the Autumn Term in our very popular and recently refurbished Nursery. We have a proven track record of making a positive impact on children’s speaking and listening capabilities and getting them ready for the Reception class.

Please contact the school office for further details.

Phonics Screening meeting for Parents/ Carers:

There is a meeting in the school hall on Wednesday 11th May between 2:30 & 3:00 pm for those with children in Year 1 to give you information about the national screening check and how you can best help your child.

YEAR 1	Phonics
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Screening check:

First name	
Last name	

Prayer / thought for the week / reflection

Reflection:

With Eid al-Fitr having been celebrated this week, it is good for those of us who are not Muslim to learn about the importance of Ramadan and the celebrations that mark the end of this important time. Ramadan teaches self-discipline, self-control, sacrifice, and empathy for the less fortunate. It also encourages generosity and compulsory charity. Muslims believe that fasting (no food or liquids from sunrise to sunset) helps instil compassion for the less fortunate. The celebrations of Eid continue this generosity in gift giving and sharing of meals with others. May we all learn from each other and seek ways to build a more compassionate and caring community where all are loved and valued.

Prayer:

Dear Lord,
Thank you for our differences and similarities.
You created us all to be living and compassionate and caring.
Please guide us to learn from each other and to celebrate all that unites us.
Amen.



Events this term

9th – 12th May – KS2 SATs

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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
HALF-TERM
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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