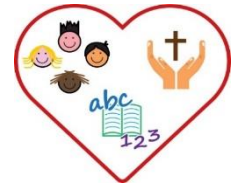


# St. Matthew's C.E. Primary School

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



## NEWSLETTER 2 – 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Our PSHE<sup>1</sup> focus this half term is **Altogether Now** and our School Value focus is **Community**

<b>Star of the week!</b>	<b>Values Award</b>	<b>Best attendance:</b>				
<b>Reception</b> settling in... <b>Year 1</b> Husnain & Muskan <b>Year 2</b> Adam & Yakub <b>Year 3</b> Alfie & Ryan <b>Year 4</b> Haadi & Jessica <b>Year 5</b> Hollie-Mai & Mahnoor <b>Year 6</b> Marwah & Deborah	<b>Reception</b> settling in... <b>Year 1</b> Charlie & Anabia <b>Year 2</b> Romeo & Anaya <b>Year 3</b> Dilraj & Aalyan <b>Year 4</b> Affan & Keira <b>Year 5</b> Nabiya & Eda <b>Year 6</b> Oke & Ibrahim	This will be updated next week...  <b>Best punctuality:</b> This will be updated next week...  <i>(Please note, this data is always a week in arrears!)</i>				
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<b>KS2 Maths Challenge!</b>  The children were challenged to calculate the total cost of a school uniform		Erdi in 4C was the winner!				

Dear Parents/Carers,

Everyone seems to be settling into the routines now and getting used to the gates at the beginning and end of the day. We continue to monitor very carefully and there are a few more details later in this letter.

Can I remind everyone that the quickest way to get in touch with me is via the school office; some people have been sending messages to me on Dojo but with 14 classes for me to pop in and out of and check, this takes some time!

As always, please keep in touch with your child's class teacher and please make sure you work with them on spellings, reading and learning times tables as these provide a massive help to your children's learning.

Even though we are 'getting back to normal' Covid is still around and likely to increase as we go into Autumn and then Winter. I would encourage all families to carry out at least weekly Lateral Flow Tests (kits available here <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>) as we are finding that many people, especially children, are not displaying symptoms but are carrying the virus. Thank you for working with us so well throughout the pandemic and we look forward to this continuing.

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## Mayors' Award

You may recall that we have been given an award by the Mayor of Preston in recognition of the work we did during the pandemic. I am delighted to say that the Mayor will be visiting school on Wednesday and will be presenting us with the award at this time!



## Temporary Main Entrance

A reminder that the temporary main entrance is now from **Delaware Street**. Please press the  icon and someone in the office will speak with you before letting you in. **PLEASE** can we ask you to make sure the gate closes behind you, thank you.

## School Gates

Following the changes I have noticed that there has been a great improvement at the end of the day.

I know the pavement is narrow, but please can I urge you **not** to stand in the road and to stand to the sides of the gate. Staff will let the children out when they see you but they will **not** allow children to cross the road unaccompanied to you.

Car drivers, at the beginning and end of the school day when there are so many people around Derby Square we **urge you** not to bring your vehicle along the road at this time. Please park in another street and walk to drop off/collect your child. No-one wants any accidents or injuries.

## Class Dojo

If you haven't yet connected to your child's class on Dojo please do so as soon as you can! We use this to communicate with you and to share information and learning opportunities. If you are struggling to connect, please contact your child's teacher or the school office.



### Key dates for the term:

- 5<sup>th</sup> October – individual photos
- 19<sup>th</sup> October – Nasal Flu administered
- 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> October- Half term
- 1<sup>st</sup> November – INSET day
- 2<sup>nd</sup> November – school reopens
- 10<sup>th</sup> November – Parents'/Carers' Evening
- 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> December – Nativity Play (details to follow)
- 17<sup>th</sup> December 2:00pm – School closes for Christmas Holiday

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## Prayer / thought for the week / reflection

Last week we talked in my worships about what it means to “Be blessed by God...” and we considered the role we all play in looking for opportunities to do good for each other in order to share that feeling of being blessed.

This week we are looking at what it means to “be happy”.

Our school 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



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