



# St Matthew's

Church of England Primary Academy  
A member of **CDARI**

## NEWSLETTER 2 – 22nd September 2022

Dear St Matthew's family,

These have truly been historical moments that we have lived through. I am grateful to all the staff of the Academy for their observation of the period of national mourning and the support they have given the children in understanding the significance of the Queen's passing and the accession of King Charles III.

Now we are getting 'back to normal' we can return to a more normal format of the newsletter. There is a lot to share so please, read on..

### Week ending 9th September

★ <b>Star of the week</b> ★	★ <b>Values Award</b> ★	★ <b>Attendance data</b> ★
<b>Reception</b> Thea & Hafsa <b>Year 1</b> Ruhan & Ellie <b>Year 2</b> Kinza & Lindon <b>Year 3</b> Adam & Alisha <b>Year 4</b> Abhiram & Kian <b>Year 5</b> Hamza & Keir <b>Year 6</b> Taha & Jake	<b>Reception</b> Charlotte & Layla <b>Year 1</b> Daniel & Aayat <b>Year 2</b> Charlie & Amelia <b>Year 3</b> Erum & Romeo <b>Year 4</b> Aizah Ali & Irfan <b>Year 5</b> Erdi & Kaydon <b>Year 6</b> Patrycja & Andrei	<b>Punctuality</b>  <b>Attendance</b>
<b>Weekly attendance by year group:</b> <span style="color: green;">■</span> Attendance better than 96% (Government target) - great! <span style="color: yellow;">■</span> Attendance below the target of 96% - a concern <span style="color: red;">■</span> Attendance of 90% or below - a great concern.  <i>Let's try and get 96% or better and get some green!</i>		<b>Reception</b> <b>Year 1</b> <b>Year 2</b> <b>Year 3</b> <b>Year 4</b> <b>Year 5</b> <b>Year 6</b>
		<b>Previous attendance figures</b>  <b>Next week</b>
		<b>Latest figures</b>  <b>Next week</b>

### Week Ending 16th September

★ <b>Star of the week</b> ★	★ <b>Values Award</b> ★	★ <b>Attendance data</b> ★
<b>Reception</b> Brianne & Menaal <b>Year 1</b> Haniya & Harper <b>Year 2</b> Lucas & Rania <b>Year 3</b> Alisha & Zainab <b>Year 4</b> Michael & Ella <b>Year 5</b> Tommy & Gaganveer <b>Year 6</b> Farhan & Ezzah	<b>Reception</b> Dua & Deacon <b>Year 1</b> Zaynab & Lawa <b>Year 2</b> Erika & Muhammad P <b>Year 3</b> Abdullah & Ilyas <b>Year 4</b> Rares & Demi <b>Year 5</b> Esme & Alina <b>Year 6</b> Eman & Mehak	<b>Attendance data (W/e 9th Sept)</b> <b>Punctuality</b> Y3 <b>Attendance</b> Y2
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		<b>Previous attendance figures</b>
		<b>Latest figures</b> <span style="color: red;">90.6%</span> <span style="color: green;">96.5%</span> <span style="color: green;">96.8%</span> <span style="color: yellow;">92.3%</span> <span style="color: red;">89.8%</span> <span style="color: yellow;">93.6%</span> <span style="color: red;">90.5%</span>

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

## School Admissions

Applications for places for reception classes for September 2023 are now open! If you or someone you know is looking for a place, please do encourage them to apply or to get in touch to find out more about us and what we do.

Applications are all made online and can be found here <http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools>

## Building Project

You will have seen from the front of school that the builders have been extremely busy over the summer! They are now hard at work on the inside of the building; we are still on track to be complete by the end of this term and we can't wait to be able to welcome you through the front door once again and give the children back the full playground space!



## New Faces

Many of you will have met Mrs Rae on the back gate in the mornings; she is working with us as acting Deputy Head whilst we undertake the recruitment process to appoint a permanent replacement for Mrs Walton. We also have a range of other temporary staff covering for colleagues who are on maternity leave and for other posts that we have not yet recruited people to. All are welcome and we look forward to working with them.

## Staff News

Mrs Atchia, our Learning Mentor, gave birth to a beautiful baby daughter during the holidays! Mother and baby are doing well.

## Attendance & Punctuality

### Attendance Matters



You will have seen from the information at the beginning of the newsletter that we already have a large number of children not attending or arriving late for school. It is very important that children attend everyday and on time so that they do not miss any of the important work that is taking place. Well done for everyone who does arrive on time and attends!

Please note, **the gates close at 8:55 promptly** as that is the time the school day begins - children are expected to be in their classes ready to start at this time and not arrive through the gates.

## Extended Leave

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We already have had a number of requests to take children out of school for a number of weeks to travel abroad. In the first two weeks of school we have already lost 66 days of school for children who are absent due to an extended period of leave. This is a large amount of learning that is being missed and has a significant impact on children's progress and attainment.

Anyone who is considering taking their child out of school for an extended period of leave must make an appointment to speak with either Mr Mackley or Mrs Rae to discuss their request. Leave will only be agreed in exceptional circumstances.

### **Water**

A reminder that only water should be sent into school. Lots of juice has been sent into school which is not good for the children's teeth.



### **Traffic around school**

Following concerns from several parents, please can we remind all who use their cars to travel to and from school to exercise extreme caution when driving around the school vicinity. Driving a few miles an hour more slowly won't make any real difference to your onward travel.

Also, please can we remind pedestrians to be very careful when crossing the road! If we all exercise care then we should all remain safe.

### **School Money**

Unfortunately we are experiencing a few technical difficulties in getting this new system up and running. In the meantime, if you owe money, please do pay the office so that you are not building up any debts. Receipts will be given and once the system is up and running you will then receive electronic ones.

### **School uniform**

We have been fortunate to receive some 'pre-loved' spare uniform into school. If you feel that your child could benefit from for example, another t-shirt or pair of trousers, please see Miss Parkinson. She will try and sort something out.

### **PE kits**

If your child has grown out of their pumps or PE kit and they are still in good condition, please think about donating to school so another child could benefit from them.

### **Class Dojo**

Please check if you are still receiving regular messages on Dojo. If you are not, let your class teacher know so they can send another invitation to you.

Please check your telephone or email once you have given your details and accept the invitation.

Dojo is a great way to keep up with your child's education and to ensure you receive important messages.



# **ClassDojo**

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## Key Dates this half-term

Tuesday 4th October - school photos, individuals and siblings

10th- 21st October - Year 5 Bikeability (details to follow from Year 5 classes)

Wednesday 12th October - Parents' consultation meeting (2pm - 6pm)

Thursday 20th October - close after school for half term

Friday 21st October - INSET day

## Prayer

Wednesday was St Matthew's day and this was the prayer from the Church of England for his day:

O Almighty God,  
whose blessed Son called Matthew the tax collector  
to be an apostle and evangelist:  
give us grace to forsake the selfish pursuit of gain  
and the possessive love of riches  
that we may follow in the way of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

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