



NEWSLETTER 30 – 9th 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 Ruhan & Harrison Year 1 Ilyas & Lindon Year 2 Loreta & Ammaarah Year 3 Madiha & Reis Year 4 Ramon & Charlie Year 5 Saphy & Alisia Year 6 Lexie & Hasnain	Reception Lola & Yusuf Year 1 Charlie & Raisa Year 2 Bilal & Ranveer Year 3 Lisa & Scarlett Year 4 Pola & Uzair Year 5 Ibrahim & Hussain Year 6 All of Y6!	Punctuality Year 3 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>		Previous attendance figures	Latest figures	
		Reception Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5 Year 6 Whole school total	86.5% 86.6% 90.8% 95.2% 92.8% 92.7% 94.1% 91.4%	90.5% 85.8% 90.7% 91.3% 94.3% 94.0% 95.8% 91.9%
KS2 Maths Challenge: Had to estimate how many pieces of Lego were used to make a jet plane. Closest estimate goes to Daisy T 6W estimated 87, answer was 147. Times Tables Rock Stars: 5R comprehensively beat 5B! Hassan R in 5R was the top scorer. Amrit in 5B was the most improved. Next week's battle - 3C v 4S! Numbots: Anjali in 1W was the top scorer!				

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week sees the return of the end of Key Stage 2 assessments more commonly known as the SATs. Our Year 6 children have been working very hard as have their staff to do their best to prepare them. We all have our own varied opinions on exams and I am not going to debate them here but will say that a test result does not and should not define an individual. It is one measure of attainment and simply measures the ability to recall information or answer questions at a specific time. I, like you and our staff, are proud of our children and the way they apply themselves to their learning and their daily lives. So, whatever the outcomes of these assessments, our children must hold their heads high and know that they did their very best, no-one can ask anymore of them.

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

Phonics Screening meeting for Parents/ Carers:

A reminder that there is a meeting in the school hall this 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.

Screening check:

First name	
Last name	

School Uniform:

Following requests and reminders in earlier newsletters, thank you for working with us to ensure that children are wearing the correct uniform to school.

Behaviour Survey:

Many thanks to everyone who responded to Mr Chagas' survey of behaviour in school - he is busy analysing the data and we will publish it soon in our newsletter.

One thing that did become apparent was whether our parents and carers are familiar with our three simple school rules? Continuing our theme of "Be blessed..." we have the following rules:

"Be safe, Be respectful, Be responsible" These are a great guide for all of us at St Matthew's.

Prayer / thought for the week / reflection**Reflection:**

This week we have continued to look at celebrating and looking ahead to the Platinum Jubilee of the Queen. We have celebrated 'faithfulness' and used the example of Ruth from the Old Testament and how her faithfulness was rewarded. We have also looked at a prayer the Queen made back in 1952 and looked at how we can adapt that to our own lives. Both are used below.

Prayer:

"Pray for me...that God may give me wisdom and strength to carry out the solemn promises I shall be making, and that I may faithfully serve Him and you all the days of my life." HM Queen Elizabeth II

We pray for our school...that God may give us all wisdom and strength to carry out all our work through the day so that we may faithfully serve Him and each other all the days of our lives.

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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