



NEWSLETTER 34 – 14th June 2022

Our PSHE focus this half term is **I am unique and special...** and our School Value focus is **Compassion**

★ Star of the week ★	★ Values Award ★	★ Attendance data ★																									
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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																								
KS2 Maths Challenge: Kaydon (4S) successfully worked out the firm Nintendo was started 133 years ago. Times Tables Rock Stars: 4C beat 4S in the battle of Y4! Uswa (4C) was top scorer. Maaidah (4S) most improved. Next week 3C v 3M Numbots: Hasnain 1W, top scorer again! Well done.		<table border="1"> <tr><td>Reception</td><td>85.5%</td><td>90.8%</td></tr> <tr><td>Year 1</td><td>91.5%</td><td>91.3%</td></tr> <tr><td>Year 2</td><td>92.7%</td><td>91.5%</td></tr> <tr><td>Year 3</td><td>92.2%</td><td>89.2%</td></tr> <tr><td>Year 4</td><td>94.2%</td><td>97.0%</td></tr> <tr><td>Year 5</td><td>91.0%</td><td>91.7%</td></tr> <tr><td>Year 6</td><td>96.6%</td><td>94.2%</td></tr> <tr><td>Whole school total</td><td>92.0%</td><td>92.3%</td></tr> </table>	Reception	85.5%	90.8%	Year 1	91.5%	91.3%	Year 2	92.7%	91.5%	Year 3	92.2%	89.2%	Year 4	94.2%	97.0%	Year 5	91.0%	91.7%	Year 6	96.6%	94.2%	Whole school total	92.0%	92.3%	
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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week's newsletter has another big announcement! This Thursday is our SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) inspection. It is **not** Ofsted, that is a completely different process! As the name would suggest, this focuses on the church school aspect of St Matthew's; it is a one day inspection with one inspector. We have high hopes that we have a really positive outcome from this but I will not be able to let anyone know the outcome for a few weeks.

We are looking forward to welcoming the inspector and showing her all the good things about life at St Matthew's!

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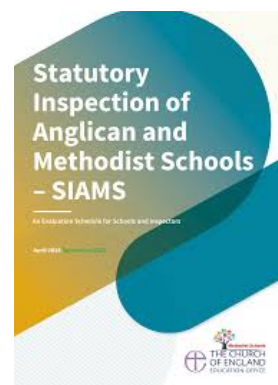
SIAMS

A bit more detail...

The inspection begins at 8:00 am and runs through until 6:00 pm and is a very busy day indeed! The inspector will be speaking with staff, Governors, representatives from the Diocese and Cidari to seek information to help her reach a conclusion and make judgement about us as a Church School. More importantly than all of these fine people, she will be spending time speaking with a range of children about life at St Matthew's in order to help her answer the key question for a church school inspection:

"How effective is the school's distinctive Christian vision, established and promoted by leadership at all levels, in enabling pupils and adults to flourish?" Quite simply, she will be considering how our vision

(<https://st-matthewscofe.lancs.sch.uk/christian-distinctiveness/vision-and-mission-statement>) summed up in the phrase "Be blessed by God, be happy and aspire to be..." impacts positively for all members of our school family.



Important Safety Concern



We are very concerned about the number of children who have 'BB' guns. Recently a couple of children have brought theirs into school to 'show off' to their friends. Contrary to popular belief, they are not toys and are actually quite dangerous weapons; a simple search on the internet for 'bb gun wound' brings up some quite disturbing results. The pellets could easily blind someone if they are shot into an eye; we are sure no-one would want that to happen to their child or for their child to be responsible for this happening.

With the rise in gun culture and the damage that they cause, seeing them as toys is a very worrying issue for us. Please also note that the Police take very seriously any reports of anything resembling a gun being seen in public, even brightly coloured ones. If your child is seen in the streets with such a weapon, it could easily be mistaken and cause some very serious misunderstandings.

I need to make it **very clear** to everyone that from now on, if we have any incident of such a weapon being brought into school, it will be treated with the **utmost seriousness**. This means that an exclusion will be considered, the weapon will be confiscated and destroyed and we will be in touch with the local community Police officers to have a conversation with the offender. I am really hopeful that this will not need to happen but please be under no illusion that I take this issue very seriously indeed.

Prayer / thought for the week / reflection

Reflection:

In our worship this week we have been thinking again about our vision and what it means for each one of us. We are also continuing our focus on the value 'compassion' using the story of The Good Samaritan to remind ourselves that not only can help sometimes come from unexpected places but that we are also called to be the givers of help to others who we might not have thought we would. We are all called to serve with compassion.

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Prayer:

God help my eyes to see, all the good you send for me.
God help my ears to hear, calls for help from far and near
God help my feet to go, in the way that you will show,
God help my hands to do, all things loving, kind and true.
Amen



Events this term



- 7th – 24th June – Y4 Multiplication Check undertaken
- 12th June – Governors' Curriculum & Standards Committee meeting
- 23rd June – National Writing Day
- th- 8th July - Y6 High School Induction Days
- 11th – 15th July – whole school theme week 'I am unique' and sports events across the school
- 11th July – Additional Governors' Curriculum & Standards Committee – end of year data analysis
- 15th July – Y6 performance, further details to follow for Y6 parents/carers.
- 18th July – Full Governing Committee meeting
- 21st July (Thursday) – School closes for the summer break

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