



## NEWSLETTER 35 – 22nd June 2022

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

★ <b>Star of the week</b> ★	★ <b>Values Award</b> ★	★ <b>Attendance data</b> ★																												
<b>Reception</b> Fatima & Harrison <b>Year 1</b> Hasnain & Areesha <b>Year 2</b> Marliss & Fabian <b>Year 3</b> Hasnain & Leila <b>Year 4</b> Erdi & Iram <b>Year 5</b> Naznin & Patrycja <b>Year 6</b> Sarah & Isaac	<b>Reception</b> Leo & Mathias <b>Year 1</b> Hira & Saad <b>Year 2</b> Alisha & Gianni <b>Year 3</b> Hamdan & Firdous <b>Year 4</b> Alina & all of 4S <b>Year 5</b> Aisha, Simra & Safa B <b>Year 6</b> Ibrahim & Oke	<b>Punctuality</b> Year 6  <b>Attendance</b> Year 3																												
<b>Weekly attendance by year group:</b> 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>		<b>Previous attendance figures</b>	<b>Latest figures</b>																											
<b>KS2 Maths Challenge:</b> Amna 3C correctly counted 185 fingers and toes on our weird photograph this week.  The grotesque photo pulled in loads of entries this week - keep entering as you've got to be in it, to win it.  <b>Times Tables Rock Stars:</b> 3M beat 3C by 6 points!!!! Emil 3C achieved the top score with brother Jan 3M improving his score the most! Well done to the brothers - great work.  4C v 5R next week.  <b>Numbots:</b> Fatima 1W had the best score this week. Well done!		<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Previous attendance figures</th> <th>Latest figures</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Reception</td> <td>90.8%</td> <td>90.2%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Year 1</td> <td>91.3%</td> <td>95.9%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Year 2</td> <td>91.5%</td> <td>91.5%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Year 3</td> <td>89.2%</td> <td>96.9%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Year 4</td> <td>97.0%</td> <td>91.5%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Year 5</td> <td>91.7%</td> <td>95.8%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Year 6</td> <td>94.2%</td> <td>94.5%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Whole school total</td> <td>92.3%</td> <td>93.7%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Previous attendance figures	Latest figures	Reception	90.8%	90.2%	Year 1	91.3%	95.9%	Year 2	91.5%	91.5%	Year 3	89.2%	96.9%	Year 4	97.0%	91.5%	Year 5	91.7%	95.8%	Year 6	94.2%	94.5%	Whole school total	92.3%	93.7%	
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Dear Parents/Carers,

As I write this newsletter, we are coming towards the evening of the longest day of the year and the sun is shining like it's much earlier in the day than it actually is! We have been blessed with some lovely weather this week and I hope that you are able to enjoy and make the most of it whilst it lasts!

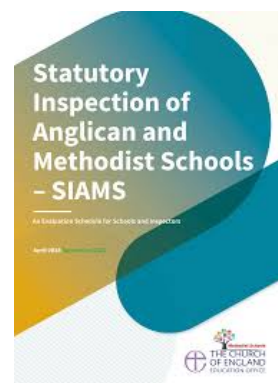
“Be blessed by God, be happy and aspire to be...”

## SIAMS

Sue Mawdsley, the inspector spent a long and busy day at school last Thursday and carried out a thorough inspection of St Matthew's with regard to how our vision has a positive impact on the lives of all members of our school family.

I am not able to share the details of the judgements until the report is published, which could be several weeks yet. However, I can say that I am looking forward to being able to share the report with you!!! 😊

I would like to thank everyone who took part in the inspection, particularly the children who were a credit to our school family!



### Building Project

As you will be able to see, the building project is coming on really well! Before too much longer, all the brickwork will be complete and the roof will be fully on. We are really grateful to Parkinson's Construction for the work they are doing and cannot wait to see the finished building. Once they have completed the outside then they will move to doing all the fiddly inside bits and should be complete by late November.

## School Attendance & holidays in term time

Mrs Naik has been looking at the attendance figures; whilst there is less red we still do not have enough green (96% or better attendance). In order to meet this target, a child can not have more than 7 days of absence a year.

Our figures for those having more than 7 days are shocking. 147 children across the school have attendance of **less** than 90% attendance; this is classed as **persistent absence** and we have a duty to report this to the local authority every year.

29 of these children have low attendance as a direct result of taking an extended holiday during term time.

835 school days have been lost this year due to holidays; this equates to 167 weeks of school missed so far this year. This amount of absence **is** having a negative impact on children's learning and the academic progress or achievement they can make.

We have a duty to report such absences and these do result in fines and even prosecutions. We do not like having to take this action but it is our duty to do so - the money does not come to school.

As a result of Mrs Naik's monitoring, a high number of families whose children have poor attendance will receive letters telling them that they must now provide medical evidence if their children are absent in order for it to be authorised. If you have not received a letter, then you are not required to provide evidence.

## Attendance Matters



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We do appreciate that some illness related absences are unavoidable and really appreciate it when families work with us over these.

There will be an end of term celebration for those children who achieve a very high level of attendance and have not been late on more than 2 occasions - it will be an Ice Cream Party!

As always, the most important thing is to get in touch with us if you have any questions or concerns.

### **Sports 'Days'**

As you are aware, our playground is not big enough to host a Sports Day for everyone to attend and there are not any easily accessible facilities close by to enable us to do so.

In order to be able to do something, each Year Group will have their own mini event on one of the playgrounds and we will invite a limited number of parents/carers to come along and watch their children take part. We will be allowing you to come onto the playground (only via the main entrance, no side gates will be opened) and further details will be shared nearer the time.

### **Prayer / thought for the week / reflection**

#### ***Reflection:***

This week, continuing our consideration of **compassion** we heard the story of the four friends who lowered their lame friend through a hole in the roof of a crowded house, just so that he could get near to Jesus for him to perform a miracle of healing.

We learned that our friends are very special and precious people and that it is so important to do all we can for them to help them as one day, we may need to rely on them to help us!

#### ***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**



- 7<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> June – Y4 Multiplication Check undertaken
- 12<sup>th</sup> June – Governors' Curriculum & Standards Committee meeting
- 23<sup>rd</sup> June – National Writing Day
- 4th- 8th July - Y6 High School Induction Days
- 6th July - Day to Create (details to follow)
- 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> July – whole school theme week 'I am unique' and sports events across the school
- 11<sup>th</sup> July – Additional Governors' Curriculum & Standards Committee – end of year data analysis

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15<sup>th</sup> July – Y6 performance, further details to follow for Y6 parents/carers.

18<sup>th</sup> July – Full Governing Committee meeting

21<sup>st</sup> July (Thursday) – School closes for the summer break

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