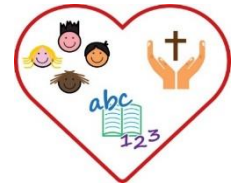


St. Matthew's C.E. Primary School

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



NEWSLETTER 3 – 20th September 2021

Our PSHE¹ focus this half term is **Altogether Now** and our School Value focus is **Community**

<p>★ Star of the week! ★</p> <p>Reception Maira & Zahrah Year 1 Zaid & Ayesha Year 2 Erum & Sienna Year 3 Mus'ab & Firdous Year 4 Ramon & Abubakr Year 5 Aisha & Kelis Year 6 Saif-Ali & Kyle</p>	<p>★ Values Award ★</p> <p>Reception Leo & Aayat Year 1 Amardeep & Raisa Year 2 Aiman & Nell Year 3 Ruben & Adam Year 4 Hashim & Zahra Year 5 Ruh-Ahmad & Stefan Year 6 Daisy & Olivia</p>	<p>★ Best attendance: ★ Year 6</p> <p>★ Best punctuality: ★ Year 3</p> <p><i>(Please note, this data is always a week in arrears!)</i></p>																
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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the latest newsletter, please read through all sections as we want to make sure you have all the information you need!

As always, thank you for your continued support of our school – it is much appreciated.

Mayors' Award

Unfortunately, the Mayor was not able to visit us last Wednesday but we have rearranged for the 29th and look forward to his visit!



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School Applications.

If your child is currently in Year 6, please do not forget that the closing date for applications for Secondary School is the 31st October. All applications need to be made via the following link <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-online-for-a-school-place/> If you are applying to a faith based school, you will also need to complete their Supplementary Information Form.

Please note, I have had several requests for me to sign applications for Preston Muslim Girls' School; I have been in touch with the school and this section (Section 5) is only for those whose child currently attends the Olive School in Fulwood.

Applications for Primary School places are also open and can be made via the same link. If you have a child starting Reception in September 2022 or you know someone who has, please make your application – the deadline is 15th January 2022

Be on time!

Hopefully you will have seen our new banners on Derby Square which highlight the impact of not coming to school and how much learning children miss.

It is also very important the children come to school on time – no child likes to have to walk in late to the hall for worship or into class when the rest have already started working.

You also need to know that arriving late at school may also be recorded as an unauthorised absence which could lead to a fine – these are not our rules but the law which we have to follow.

Walking Bus

For those who use the service, please can we remind you to be ready for when they arrive; they have multiple families to call on and if you are not ready they will have to leave and move on to the next one. If this happens three times, then the Walking Bus will no longer be able to come to collect you.

Harvest Festival

At this time of year, Christian Churches are preparing to celebrate and give thanks for the food that we have and to remember that there are others less fortunate than ourselves. We will be gathering as a school, hopefully in St Matthew's Church on the 1st October; details of what we will be collecting for are to follow.

Community Police News

We're appealing for your help and information after reports of anti-social behaviour/drug dealing at Fishwick View in Preston. Local people have told us that there have been problems with drug dealing at Fishwick View. We're determined to do everything we can to tackle nuisance behaviour but we can't do it without your help. If you're having problems or see anything we'd urge you to call 101 or remember you can also make reports to us online here <https://doitonline.lancashire.police.uk/IncidentReports/Create> If there are problems with anti-social behaviour in your area, there's also lots of help and advice on our website - just follow the link here <http://www.lancashire.police.uk/help-advice/safer-communities/anti-social-behaviour.aspx> Thanks.

Ahmad Mahmood (Police, PCSO, Lancashire South Preston)

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Key dates for the term:

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

Prayer / thought for the week / reflection

This week in Mr Mackley’s worship we are looking at the final part of our vision “aspire to be...” and we are thinking about our hopes and dreams and that nothing is just given to us, that we need to work hard to achieve our dreams.

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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