



St Matthew's

Church of England Primary Academy

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NEWSLETTER 5 – 20th October 2022

<p>★ Star of the week 14/10/22</p> <p>Reception Mohamad Salah & Anthony Year 1 Maria Wajid & Mehrun Year 2 Ibtesam & Muskan, Raisa Year 3 Adam & Ammaarah Year 4 Ryan & Aizah Year 5 Zakiya, Abubakar & Kaydon Year 6 Poppie & Adam</p>	<p>★ ★ Values Award 14/10/22</p> <p>Reception Umme Hani & Antonya Year 1 Lilly H Sheard & Ocean Year 2 Sophie & Lola Year 3 Angela & Laia Year 4 Juwairiyah & Zain Year 5 Lily & Muznah Year 6 Mckenzie & Talha</p>	<p>★ ★ Attendance data (W/e 7/10/2022)</p> <p>Punctuality Year 5 Attendance Year 6</p> <p><i>Well done everybody!</i></p>																													
<p>★ Half-term achiever 20/10/22</p> <p>Reception Hafsah Din & Yusuf Year 1 Aayat & Divine Year 2 Abinoor & Mohammed Mitha Year 3 Sophia & Kainat Year 4 Iqra & Amna Year 5 Shareef & Zahra Year 6 Karmani Holmes & Mckenzie Jolly</p>	<p>★ ★ Star Writer 20/10/22</p> <p>Reception Thea & Menaal Year 1 Subhan & Ruhan Year 2 Ilyas & Muskan Year 3 Zainab & Aaminah Year 4 Anabia & Arees Year 5 Julia & Umamah Year 6 Irsa Ahmed & Kelis Small</p>	<p>★ ★ Attendance data (W/e 14/10/2022)</p> <p>Punctuality Year 5 Attendance Year 6</p> <p><i>Well done everybody!</i></p>																													
<p>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.</p> <p><i>Let's try and get 96% or better and get some green!</i></p>		<p>Previous attendance figures</p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>Reception</td><td>89.4%</td></tr> <tr><td>Year 1</td><td>94.7%</td></tr> <tr><td>Year 2</td><td>93.8%</td></tr> <tr><td>Year 3</td><td>93.3%</td></tr> <tr><td>Year 4</td><td>94.7%</td></tr> <tr><td>Year 5</td><td>96.8%</td></tr> <tr><td>Year 6</td><td>94.9%</td></tr> </table>	Reception	89.4%	Year 1	94.7%	Year 2	93.8%	Year 3	93.3%	Year 4	94.7%	Year 5	96.8%	Year 6	94.9%	<p>Latest figures</p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>Reception</td><td>86.3%</td></tr> <tr><td>Year 1</td><td>90.2%</td></tr> <tr><td>Year 2</td><td>86.9%</td></tr> <tr><td>Year 3</td><td>90.2%</td></tr> <tr><td>Year 4</td><td>96.4%</td></tr> <tr><td>Year 5</td><td>91.7%</td></tr> <tr><td>Year 6</td><td>96.5%</td></tr> </table>	Reception	86.3%	Year 1	90.2%	Year 2	86.9%	Year 3	90.2%	Year 4	96.4%	Year 5	91.7%	Year 6	96.5%
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<p>TTRS 6W won the battle between classes with Abdul in (6W) being the highest scorer. Well done! Numbots Lol (2G) for most improved accuracy. Well done!</p>		<p>Maths challenge winner: Adam B 3M Odd one out challenge</p>																													

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

Dear all,

Here we are at half-term already! A reminder that we are not open tomorrow as school is closed for one of its 5 compulsory training days.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing everyone after the break when we re-open on Monday 31st October - gates close at 8:55am sharp as children should be in their classrooms at this time ready to start the day!

Can I please remind you that if you need to contact me, Dojo is not the best way due to the way it is set up. The best ways are either via the school office or via psmoffice@cidari.co.uk Thank you.

M Mackley

School Day

Please see the end of this newsletter for a more detailed letter about some changes to the school day which are planned for January - it will only really affect children in the Infants but please see the letter for more details.

Community involvement

Thanks to Miss Young for all the information she has been sharing on Class Dojo regarding a range of local projects - have a look as there might be something that interests you!

Conduct around the school gates

I have received a few messages recently from concerned parents regarding how people are behaving near the school gates. Sadly I have had reports of swearing, spitting and smoking. We want all our families to be able to wait as comfortably as they can, please help us with this.

Prayer

This week we thought about how apples help each other to ripen by sharing an unseen gas, ethylene. We considered how we can be like them and do what we can to help and support each other - doesn't have to be obvious but it does have to help.

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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Length of School Day, 32.5 hours per week

Dear Parents,

Earlier this year the Department for Education set out a clear expectation of a minimum school week of 32.5 hours by September 2023. This means a school day from 8:45 am to 3:15 pm for all children from Reception to Year 6.

We are planning to have this in place from January 2023, when we come back after Christmas. This means that we will open the gates as normal at 8:45 a.m. with the expectation that children are in their class by 8:50 a.m. ready to start the day. We will close the gates at 8:55 a.m. promptly. Late arrivals will have to go to the main entrance which, by then, will be via New Hall Lane. Children arriving via the main entrance after the gates close will be given a late mark. The school day for the Juniors will still end at 3:15 p.m. and the Infants will now also finish at 3:15 p.m.

Bearing in mind the already crowded gates at the end of the school day, we are looking carefully to devise a plan whereby parents can come onto the school yards at the end of the day to collect children in a safe and orderly manner. I will let you know the arrangements for this well in advance.

I am writing to you now to inform you about this change so that you have all of next half term to make any alterations to the arrangements you have for collecting children at the end of the day.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,



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