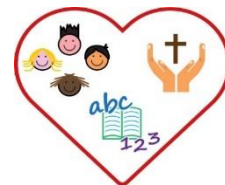


St. Matthew's C.E. Primary School


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




NEWSLETTER 6 – 11th October 2021

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

<div>★</div> <div>Star of the week!</div> <div>★</div>	<div>★</div> <div>Values Award</div> <div>★</div>	<div>★</div> <div>Best attendance:</div> <div>★</div> <div>Year 6</div> <div>Best punctuality:</div> <div>Reception</div> <div>(Please note, this data is always a week in arrears!)</div>																		
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<div>KS2 Maths Challenge: Eda, 5B – correctly calculating the perimeter of a tricky compound shape!</div> <div>Timetables Rock Stars: 4C won the battle against 4S!</div> <div>Most Improved - Danyaal 4S</div> <div>Fastest Rocker – Umamah 4C</div> <div>Numbots:</div> <div>Most effort when playing – Fatima 1W</div>																				







Dear Parents/Carers,

Hello everyone and welcome to the latest newsletter from school.

We hope you are finding the newsletters useful to both find out what is coming up and also what has happened so that you can share in it!

This half term in worship we are focusing on one of our 6 school values, that of **Community**. It was wonderful in worship this morning when I asked the children "What is a school...?" that they came up with so many different descriptions including "a place to learn, a place to care, a place to grow, a place to be safe, a place to be happy" and so many more wonderful descriptions. As we embark on the process to convert to become an Academy and join the Cidari Multi Academy Trust we are mindful of our school community and its place within the local community and want to reassure you that this process will not diminish that and will help us to enhance it even further. Please see further information later in this newsletter.

M Mackley



Harvest Festival – Bishop Julian's Appeal *For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you invited me in. (Matthew 25:35)* Thanks to your amazing generosity we were not only able to take the food along to the foodbank but also send a cheque for £272.75 to the Bishop's Harvest Appeal.



High School Applications – reminder – closing date 31st October Quick reminder that time is running out for High School applications!

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.

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. We will be providing some sessions where we can show prospective parents around our school - details to follow.

Academy Conversion – Cidari Multi Academy Trust



I hope that by now you will have seen the announcement on Class Dojo and read the letter that was attached. This is an exciting and important time in the life of our school. I would encourage you all to visit the website that Cidari have set up <https://sites.google.com/cidari.co.uk/stmconsultation/home> and ask any questions that you may have.

Can I also encourage you to come along on the 20th October at 3:30pm to meet with myself and representatives from our school Governing Body and from Cidari to find out more about this conversion process and what it means for our school.

Year 5 Ukulele Lessons

Year 5 pupils are loving learning to play the ukulele each Friday afternoon. Mr Lupton from the Lancashire Music Service, is impressed by the pupil's dedication to practising throughout the week and how quickly the pupils are picking up the notes/chords.



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Prayer / thought for the week / reflection

Reflection:

Our school is a community
That means we share and care for each other because we belong together.
What will you share with the school community today?
And what will the community share with you?



Prayer:

God of all people,
You made us to live in communities,
to share with each other and to care for each other.
Thank you for the community of our school.
Amen.



Key dates for the term:

- 19th October – Nasal Flu administered
- 20th October – 3:30pm school hall, meeting for parents/carers regarding Academy Conversion.
- 25th-29th October- Half term – (school closes at normal time Friday 22nd October)
- 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

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