



St Matthew's

Church of England Primary Academy

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NEWSLETTER 6 – 10th November 2022

★	Star of the week	★ ★	Values Award	★ ★	Attendance data (W/e 20/10/2022)	★
	Reception Amina & Musa Year 1 Hasnain K & Hoor Year 2 Muhammad Hussain & Uzair Year 3 Safa and Aleen Year 4 Harshid and Samuel Year 5 Kourtney and Esha Year 6 Mazhar and Amaan		Reception Ivy-Raye & Zainab Year 1 Harrison & Shazain, Yusuf & Matthias Year 2 Usman & Ayesha Year 3 Aiman and Mathias Year 4 Alveena and Dilraj Year 5 Riley and Sofia Year 6 Karmani and Faiqa		Punctuality Year 4 Attendance Year 6 <i>Well done everybody!</i>	
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>				Reception Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5 Year 6	Previous attendance figures 86.3% 90.2% 86.9% 90.2% 96.4% 91.7% 96.5%	Latest figures 88.7% 76.2% 79.2% 91.2% 88.6% 91.5% 92.2%
Maths TTRS challenge restarted this week, the result will be in the next newsletter!				Maths challenge: Shareef 5B clear working out the money saved by buying a packet of fireworks instead of individual ones.		

Dear all,

Welcome to the latest newsletter.

Tomorrow is the 11th November and the national day of remembrance, as appropriate for each age range, staff have been asked to join in with the national 2 minute silence to commemorate all those who have sacrifices in the past for our freedoms.

Next week is the national Anti-Bullying Awareness week, see later in this newsletter for some more details.

M Mackley

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

School Gates

Please can we ask those who travel by car to park away from Derby Square and walk with their children to the gates in the morning and do the reverse at the end of the day.

The traffic congestion is presenting a safety concern for the pedestrians at this time. Also, children **must be collected** from the gates, staff are not going to either send a child to a car or bring them over. Our duty of care is to the gates, please park away and collect. Again, we are seeing problems caused by people abandoning their cars in the middle of the road to collect and causing congestion.



As mentioned before half-term, we are working on a plan to allow collection from the playground at the end of the day and will share this once finalised. I can let you know that it will be operating on a strict one-way system so that we can maintain a safe handover of children at the end of the day.

Thank you for your support.

Late Arrivals & Absence

A reminder that the gates close at 8:55am prompt as this is the start of the school day and children should be in their classrooms at this time. We have seen some people use the Delaware Street gate when the other gates are still open before 8:55. Please only use this gate if the others are already closed.

If your child is absent please can we ask that you ring the school office by 8:30am on 01772 794482 so that we can make sure attendance registers are up to date. As many will be aware, we are contacting all who are not in school to check on the reasons, so letting us know in advance means we do not have to take yours or our time up by calling.



Anti-Bullying Awareness Week.

This takes place next week and as we do each year, we will be marking this in school. The week starts with a whole school act of worship which the Ethos Group are helping Mr Mackley to present.



The theme this year is "Reach Out" and the focus will be on teaching the children about how they can 'reach out' to get help if they need it and how they 'reach out' to help others if they need it.

Monday is also 'odd socks' day, something that happens every year with Anti-Bullying Awareness Week so everyone is encouraged to wear odd socks, plain or colourful is your choice but it is a great way to celebrate how individual and different we are!

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Reflection

This week in worship we were thinking about remembering - things we want to remember and also things that maybe we would want to forget. We spent time thinking on the following:

We remember all the brave men and women who have fought in wars all over the world.

We think of them and their families.

We think of everyone serving in the armed forces on behalf of the people of our country.

We remember them all in a short time of silence.

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Prayer

Dear God,

We thank you that you love us and that you never forget us.

We pray that you will help us never to forget you either.

We thank you for all the brave people in the armed services and we remember all those who have been killed or injured.

We think of the families of those in the armed forces and ask you to be close to them.

Please help us to use our memories in the best way.

Amen.

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