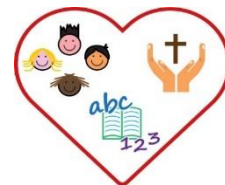


St. Matthew's C.E. Primary School

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NEWSLETTER 7 – 18th October 2021

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

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<div>Weekly attendance by year group:</div> <div>Green - attendance better than 96% (Government target) - great!</div> <div>Yellow -attendance below the target of 96% - a concern</div> <div>Red - attendance of 90% or below - a great concern.</div> <div>KS2 Maths Challenge: Inaya 5R – Correctly solved a complicated money challenge.</div> <div>Timetables Rock Stars: Y5 won the battle against Y6! Only 125 points difference, most intense battle yet!</div> <div>Most Improved - MuhammadHasnain– 6W</div> <div>Fastest Rocker – Mahnoor - 5B</div> <div>Numbots:</div> <div>Most correct answers – Adam 2K</div>																												



Dear Parents/Carers,

Hello everyone and welcome to the last newsletter for this half-term.

I can't believe the half term is almost over already! It has certainly been a busy one but nothing like the challenges this time last year with Covid and remote learning. We have gone from the last warmth of summer to the depths of autumn with all the wonderful colours of trees and sunsets that we enjoy with the changing of the seasons.

We place great value on our sense of family here at St Matthew's and really appreciate the role everyone plays in that. A child once described a school family like this: "It's just like our family at home, we don't always agree and sometimes we fall out but that doesn't stop us loving and caring for each other."

So, thank you for being part of this special school family and on behalf of everyone here, thank you and I wish you a great week this week and a lovely half-term break.

M Mackley

Food Market

This Friday afternoon, 22nd October, between 2:30 & 3:00 in St Matthew's Church. Help top up your weekly shop, one visit per family, bring your own bag and donation (minimum £2) towards future provision. Miss Parkinson and Mrs Atchia from school will be in attendance if you need to talk with them.

Academy Conversion – Cidari Multi Academy Trust

A reminder that there is a meeting this Wednesday, 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. If you have any questions, please bring them along to ask. You can also visit the website that Cidari have set up [St Matthew's CE Primary School - Raised Q & A's \(google.com\)](#) to ask any questions that you may have and to read ones that have already been asked.



School Choir

I am delighted that the school choir has started up again and we have around 45 children who have joined. They are already working on a repertoire of songs and have been invited to sing at Preston Market on the 8th December in the afternoon. We will give more details nearer the time but it would be great to see family and friends there to support them!

Primary School Applications

If you have a child due to start school in September 2022 or you know someone who does, we are having some sessions to enable people to come and have a look at our school in action. Thursday 4th November at 9.30 a.m. and Friday 5th November at 1.45 p.m. are the times you can come to visit.

If you are intending coming along, please let the school office know either by calling in or calling 01772 794482.

Applications for places can be made now at the following link <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-online-for-a-school-place/>

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.

Squid Games

You may be aware of this programme that is being broadcast on Netflix; it is highly inappropriate for children to watch but we are aware that many Social Media and gaming platforms are now sharing games that children are able to access.

Please can we encourage you to visit this website for some sound advice for you as parents/carers <https://st-matthewscofe.lancs.sch.uk/news/2021-10-15-squid-game-what-to-know> and to also to speak with your children about the importance of playing games that are not based on violence.

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Thank you.

Prayer / thought for the week / reflection

Reflection:

This half term in worship we have been revisiting our School Vision and considering what it means to us and how we can live it out.

Even though next half term we will move on to a different focus in worship, our vision remains and underpins everything we do at school.

You can read the Vision Statement here: <https://st-matthewscofe.lancs.sch.uk/christian-distinctiveness/vision-and-mission-statement>



Prayer:

Thank you God that you care for us very much and that you want the very, very best for us. We know you didn't promise us an easy life but you did promise us that we would never be alone in anything we face. Please help us to remember that and to do our very best in everything we do, today and always so that we can all 'be blessed by God, be happy and aspire to be...'

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 December School Choir at Preston Market
- 8th/9th December – Nativity Play (details to follow)
- 17th December 2:00pm – School closes for Christmas Holiday

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