



NEWSLETTER 9 –15th November 2023

Hello everyone and welcome to the latest edition of our Newsletter. The highlight of our week was the visit of the one and only Pudsey Bear on Monday afternoon which caused great excitement for absolutely everyone in school. We are aware that some people had wished for more notice but we were only contacted last Wednesday afternoon for Monday's visit. It was absolutely wonderful to see all the colours of the children's clothes be they yellow, spotty, non-uniform or even still in uniform - we all came together to play our part in helping the excellent Children in Need charity.

The staff from BBC Radio Lancashire took recordings of the children singing and having fun with Pudsey- we have been told that there will be some aspects broadcast at some point and maybe even on their Facebook page! You can see a clip on Twitter here:

<https://x.com/BBC Lancashire/status/1725110749763121660?t=sTXKvB6IH8elqTxcBk9Vww&s=03> alternatively you can see the same post on Facebook here <https://fb.watch/oma3MP4KUh/>

Staffing News

Yesterday we said a fond farewell to Mrs Rawat who has worked as a Teaching Assistant and Higher Level Teaching Assistant at St Matthew's for 23 years. She has decided to retire in order to have the time to pursue a wide range of interests.

We are very sorry to see her go but are extremely grateful for all that she has done for the children of our school over the years and we know that she will not be a stranger and will come to visit us. Thank you Mrs Rawat and God Bless you in your retirement, may it be long, healthy and happy.

Admissions Consultation

Every 7 years, schools are required to publicly consult on their admissions criteria which are used to sort applications in the event that there are more applicants than places available - we are glad that we need to use our criteria every year!

We are now consulting on our admissions criteria for entry in 2025 and we are proposing a much simpler set of criteria than we have now. You can see the proposed policy on our website here <https://st-matthewscofe.lancs.sch.uk/key-information/admissions/consultation-on-proposed-new-admissions-criteria-for-entry-to-school-september-2025> On the page there is a link to a Google Form to give your feedback. The consultation closes on the 12th January 2024.

Parents' Consultation

This is on Wednesday 29th November and information has been sent out from the school office. We will try our best to accommodate requested times but please be aware that we cannot guarantee that you will get the times requested.

Job Vacancies

We have a number of vacancies for staff to work to support children with additional needs at school. Details and application forms can be found here: <https://cidarieducation.co.uk/JoinTheTeam>

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

End of day - collecting children from the playgrounds

Thank you to all parents and carers who work with us by using the correct gates to enter and exit the playgrounds at the end of the day. Can we please remind those who are trying to enter by the exit gates that this system is designed to keep everyone safe by not having people bump into each other as they are trying to leave the grounds; those who are trying to walk against the flow are increasing the likelihood of injury to others, most likely children.

Thank you for your cooperation in this.

Lates and arriving on time

We have a growing number of children who are arriving late to school each day - some of them are the same ones each day. It is **vital** important that children arrive on time to school to make the best possible start to each day; it is a real challenge for children to have to arrive once lessons are started and to try and catch up.

Can we also remind people to collect their children on time at the end of the day as well!

Jewellery & PE

Thank you to everyone who has ensured that their children have removed all jewellery on the day of PE lessons; we still have some who are not doing this and we need to remind you that all jewellery **must** be removed on the day of a PE lesson in order to remove the risk of injury it may cause.

Stars of the Week & Values Award -week ending 10th November 2023

Year	Stars of the week	Values Award Winners
Rec	Rameen & Amyra	Azlan & Saleem
Y1	Anaya & Muhammad B-K	Tasneem & Aida
Y2	Hanifat & Theo	Lola & Mathias
Y3	Ali & Shayan	Leo & Yasmina
Y4	Khadija & Natan	Eshaal & Shazain
Y5	Owais, Anabia & Abirham	Umama & Marwah H
Y6	Danyaal & Maria	Tommy & Zayn

KS2 Maths Challenge	Leila
KS1 Maths Challenge	Joshua - Y1
Times Table Rockstars - KS2	6R were the winners against 5B! This week's battle is between 5D & 4CH...
Numbots - KS1	Most improved: 1st - Haniya (Y2), 2nd Ocean (Y2), 3rd Ellie (Y2)

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Geography Challenge	Kainaat - correctly identified the Taj Mahal as being in India.
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Attendance

Week ending 3rd November:

Year group	% present in school	Number of late marks
Reception	93.22	14
Year 1	90.94	12
Year 2	90.17	6
Year 3	97.29	8
Year 4	92.58	18
Year 5	93.83	10
Year 6	90	17

The attendance figures and numbers of children late are not as good as previous weeks - let's see how much better it can be this week!

Reflection

This week was the visit of Pudsey Bear and so we think of all those who need extra help for any reason. We know we all have a responsibility to do whatever we can, however big or small, to make a positive difference in the lives of others.

Prayer

Loving Lord we pray for all who work to make our world a better place.

We think of all those fundraising this week for BBC Children in Need and pray that all the money raised goes towards making life better for children around our country who are experiencing difficulties that they need extra help to overcome.

Help us all to do what we can to help anyone we meet who needs our help.

Amen

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