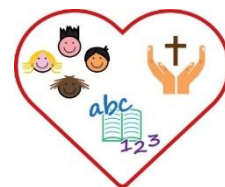


St. Matthew's C.E. Primary School

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NEWSLETTER 9 – 8th November 2021

Our PSHE focus this half term is **Being in Harmony** and our School Value focus is **Respect**

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| <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>Year 3</div> <div>Best punctuality:</div> <div>Year 6</div> <div>(Please note, this data is always a week in arrears!)</div> <div>★</div> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| <div>Weekly attendance by year group:</div> <div>Green - attendance of 96% or better (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> | | <table><tr><td>Previous attendance</td><td>Latest Attendance</td></tr><tr><td>figures</td><td>figures</td></tr><tr><td>Reception</td><td>87.5%</td><td>86.7%</td></tr><tr><td>Year 1</td><td>89.6%</td><td>91.3%</td></tr><tr><td>Year 2</td><td>92.9%</td><td>92.6%</td></tr><tr><td>Year 3</td><td>97.5%</td><td>94.3%</td></tr><tr><td>Year 4</td><td>88.4%</td><td>87.4%</td></tr><tr><td>Year 5</td><td>92.5%</td><td>92.9%</td></tr><tr><td>Year 6</td><td>97.5%</td><td>93.9%</td></tr><tr><td>Whole school total</td><td>92.4%</td><td>91.4%</td></tr></table> | Previous attendance | Latest Attendance | figures | figures | Reception | 87.5% | 86.7% | Year 1 | 89.6% | 91.3% | Year 2 | 92.9% | 92.6% | Year 3 | 97.5% | 94.3% | Year 4 | 88.4% | 87.4% | Year 5 | 92.5% | 92.9% | Year 6 | 97.5% | 93.9% | Whole school total | 92.4% | 91.4% |
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| <div>KS2 Maths Challenge:</div> <div>Amina in 5B for working out the best yoghurt deal.</div> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <div><div><div>NUMBOTS</div><div><div>TIMEZ</div><div>TABLES</div><div>ROCK</div><div>STARS</div></div></div><div><div>Numbots / TTRS:</div><div>No-one this week as everyone is busy practising for the England Rocks challenge!</div></div></div> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to this week's newsletter. We do hope that you are finding these helpful in keeping you up to date with what is happening in school and what is coming up.

We put the text of the newsletter onto Dojo as we know that some people do use that to help translate into home languages but we also know that that is limited. If you have any practical suggestions (that are not too complex to implement!) to help further improve how we can keep in touch then please do let me know!

M Mackley

Parent / Carers Evening

You should have had a letter regarding this which takes place this Wednesday; it is vital the letter is returned on time so that appointments can be made. As per the letter, the consultation takes place over the phone and your phone (mobile especially) with show 'Caller Withheld' but this will be your child's teacher ringing at the appointed time.

School Admissions

If you have a child due to start school in September 2022 or you know someone who does, a reminder that the application process is underway and 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/>

Curriculum Promises

At St Matthew's C.E Primary School & Nursery we believe that it is essential that our pupils are exposed to a range of diverse, engaging and inspiring opportunities during their time with us. With this in mind, the staff and pupils have worked together to create 50 Curriculum Promises to run alongside our Essential Learning Experiences. We have considered a range of different opportunities that can be provided beyond the curriculum that will transform from sheer experiences to the fondest of memories.

We feel experiences gained during time spent at our school, will not only be fondly remembered, but will help shape our pupils into the young adults they grow to become. At St Matthew's C.E Primary School & Nursery we offer our 'Curriculum Promises' to each and every pupil who pass through our doors on their educational journey.

Name : _____

St Matthew's C.E. Primary School & Nursery
Curriculum Promises

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| 1. Paint a self portrait | 26. Take part in a Roman banquet |
| 2. Post a letter | 27. Design & make a board game |
| 3. Go on a nature walk | 28. Produce rubbings of fossils |
| 4. Learn table manners | 29. Try yoga |
| 5. Take a photograph | 30. Compose a piece of music |
| 6. Learn to ride a bike | 31. Light a candle |
| 7. Perform a song | 32. Take part in an extra curricular club |
| 8. Taste a new fruit | 33. Visit a butterfly house |
| 9. Build a den | 34. Learn to build a campfire |
| 10. Make some biscuits | 35. Perform in front of an audience |
| 11. Make a shadow puppet | 36. Make a meal for someone |
| 12. Host an event for others | 37. Learn to eat nutritionally |
| 13. Plant some bulbs & watch them grow | 38. Go pond dipping |
| 14. Learn & perform a dance | 39. Learn to save a life |
| 15. Go on a picnic | 40. Learn to play a musical instrument |
| 16. Make something bigger than yourself | 41. Find your way with a map and compass |
| 17. Hold a scary beast | 42. Cook on an open fire |
| 18. Create some wild art | 43. Fundraise for charity |
| 19. Play a board game | 44. Sing in the community |
| 20. Take a trip to the seaside | 45. Learn to use public transport |
| 21. Grow and eat your own fruit/veg | 46. Bake a loaf of bread |
| 22. Walk to a local landmark | 47. Face a fear |
| 23. Write a weather report | 48. Be part of a team in a competition |
| 24. Go to see a play/panto | 49. Interview someone |
| 25. Learn a poem by heart | 50. Visit a place of worship |

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Year 2 – Walk to School Challenge!

This week Year 2 are challenging us all to walk to school and not to use cars! If you really need to use your car to come to school, please try to park safely a few streets away and walk the last bit to school – it's good for your health and keeps the roads around school safe too!



Children In Need Day

It is almost time for this annual BBC Fundraiser which always gives an opportunity for some fun. As you may well have seen from Miss Harling's post on Dojo last week, it is this coming Friday and the children are allowed to come to school in non-uniform, we are encouraging them to wear something bright! Watch out for text messages for further details.

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Attendance

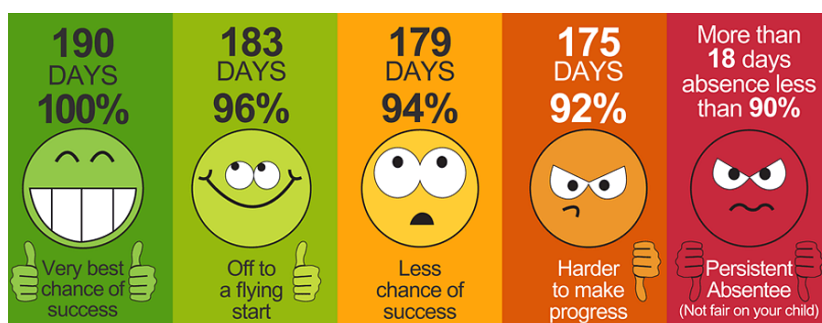
We are really pleased to see a high number of children have improved their attendance and punctuality over the last half term. As well as our continued focus on improving attendance and reducing absences with Mrs Naik and Miss Parkinson, we also have some incentives and rewards for those children whose attendance is improving and those who have amazing attendance!

100% attendance - Last half term 163 children had 100% attendance for the whole of Autumn 1 half term and those children will be added into a draw this week. There will be a winner from the Infants and another from the Juniors who each receive a voucher for The Entertainer toy shop in Preston. Will you be the lucky ones to win?

At the end of the full Autumn Term, we will be holding our **99%+ attendance party** – last time we had an ice cream parlour party. This time it will be a Pizza Party for all those children who have 99% or 100% attendance over that term. These children must also not be late to school on more than 2 occasions. Keep trying everyone!

Our overall attendance for the first Autumn half term was **93.7%**. This is higher than this point last year, so this is something to celebrate, however we are still not meeting the Government target of 96%. Please can we ask all parents / carers to make sure all children are in school every day, unless there is a genuine illness. Whilst we don't want genuinely poorly children to come to school, please can we ask that where possible you encourage your child to come into school.

There are 190 days of schooling each year and the picture below shows that for a child to meet the Government's expected standard of attendance - 96% - a child can **have no more than 7 days off** in one school year. Let's keep trying to meet that figure, as regular attendance has a huge impact on children's learning, progress and friendships. PLEASE help your children by NOT booking any family holidays within term time. Book within the 13 weeks of school holidays please.



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Reading

The ability to read is the key to unlocking learning for all children. We do a huge amount of work on this on a daily basis at school but we cannot do it all 😊 Listening to your child read is not only an essential part of helping them to learn, it can also be a really enjoyable experience for you both. To help us be clear on who has been listened to at home, please make a note in your child's reading diary, thank you!

We will be running a competition to engage children to read at home. When a child reads at home 10 times and their diary is signed by an adult, they will be rewarded a 'Golden Ticket.' All 'Golden Tickets' will go into a draw to win a Kindle.

Anti-Bullying Week 2021

A reminder that this annual event takes place next week and the theme is 'One Kind Word'. Further details will follow but the week will launch on the 15th with everyone being asked to wear odd socks on that day 😊

Academy Conversion – Cidari Multi Academy Trust

Additional meetings for Parents / Carers to come along and ask questions about the Governors' proposal to convert to Academy Status and join Cidari, the Blackburn Diocese Multi Academy Trust have been set up for the 15th November.



There will be a meeting at 1:30pm in St Matthew's Church and then also at 6:00pm in the school hall. Please contact the school office to let us know if you will be attending.

You can also visit the website that Cidari have set up [St Matthew's CE Primary School - Raised Q & A's \(google.com\)](https://www.st-matthewscofe.lancs.sch.uk/raised-questions) to ask any questions that you may have and to read ones that have already been asked.

Prayer / thought for the week / reflection



Reflection:

Continuing our theme of Respect, this coming Thursday is the 11th November, day when people in our country and all over the world come to together in silence to remember those who have gone before us and made sacrifices so that we can live our lives with the freedoms that we often take for granted.

This Thursday we will be showing our respect by observing the national 2 minutes' silence at 11am

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Prayer:

Dear God,

Thank you that you value each one of us.

Please help us to treat others with respect.

Help us to embrace the differences between us.

Help us to love others, even if they are very different from us.

Help us to see the value in each individual person.

Amen

**Key dates for the term:**

8th-12th November – Y2 walk to school challenge

10th November – Parents'/Carers' Evening

23rd November Children in Need Day

15th-18th November – Anti Bullying Week

15th November – Governors Consultation Meeting with Parents / Carers 1:30pm in St Matthew's Church and 6:00 pm in the School Hall.

26th November - end of Governors' consultation period regarding conversion.

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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