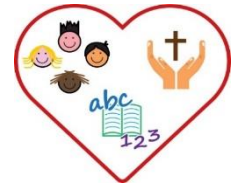


# St. Matthew's C.E. Primary School

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



NEWSLETTER – 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021

★ Stars of the week! ★	★ Values Award ★	★ ★
<p><b>Reception</b> Areesha &amp; Muhammad <b>Year 1</b> Cosmin &amp; Ammaarah <b>Year 2</b> Zahra &amp; Hania <b>Year 3</b> Kayden &amp; Pola <b>Year 4</b> Safa &amp; Milan <b>Year 5</b> Kaif &amp; Aisha <b>Year 6</b> Hira &amp; Kensley</p>	<p><b>Reception</b> Aaron &amp; David <b>Year 1</b> Zainab &amp; Nell <b>Year 2</b> Harshid &amp; Ruben <b>Year 3</b> Azlan <b>Year 4</b> Kelis &amp; Nabiya <b>Year 5</b> Momina &amp; Damon <b>Year 6</b> Ethan &amp; Lis</p>	<p><b>Best attendance - Year 1</b> <b>Best punctuality - Year 5</b></p>

The values we are considering this half term are THANKFULNESS (one of our school values) and SERVICE.

Dear Parents/Carers,

Hello again everyone, I hope you have been able to enjoy the better weather along with the increases in freedoms which we are all beginning to enjoy. Please do remember to keep following the 'hands, face, space' guidance so that we all play our part in staying safe.

Thank you to the people who signed our book of condolence for HRH the Prince Philip, we will be sending our contributions to the centrally collated archive. The children spent time learning more about him and his impact, we have had some fantastic pieces of work from them which have been really humbling to read.

What a pleasure it has been to talk with all the class teachers this week as we review the progress of every child in school. Despite lockdown, many children have remembered their learning and the learning they did at home! **Thank you** to parents/carers for the help and assistance they have given. The teachers are seeing that this has helped the children to keep on with their learning, and get straight back in. We are hoping that we will see even more progress over the next term. Be in school every day so that you can keep this progress going!



Once again, a huge 'thank you' to the staff for the wonderful way they adapted their approach and were able to keep the learning going whilst you were at home. We know you are grateful and we have appreciated the positive feedback from parents & carers.

Very best wishes,

Mr Mackley

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## School Gates

Just recently we have received a number of comments from parents/carers about the language being used by others at the school gates. May we respectfully remind parents/carers to carefully consider the language being used in the presence of our children.



## Ramadan



A reminder for you that all children attending school are still expected to take part in all aspects of school life, including PE which is a statutory requirement of the National Curriculum.

If your child is undertaking the fast, please ensure that you have signed and returned the form to the school office, please contact the office if you need a copy of the letter to read and sign.

## Attendance

Attendance letters were sent out last week if there is a concern about your child's punctuality or attendance so far this year. We do appreciate that there are times when absence is unavoidable but in other than exceptional circumstances, all children should be on time, in school everyday.



## School uniform

We hope that all the children are proud to be members of the St Matthew's school family, our uniform is a sign to everyone that we belong. We understand that over the last 12 months there have been financial challenges for many but can we respectfully remind families that there are clear expectations for our uniform. Here is a reminder for you:

- 👟 No trainers, plain black shoes only.
- 👖 Proper school trousers, not jeans or joggers.
- 👕 Our uniform is the jumper or cardigan with the school logo on – not a plain red one. These are now available with our NEW logo on from **Top One Uniform** (St John's Centre) and **Smart Uniform** (Lancaster Road) The only items that need to have the logo are the jumpers or cardigans, all other items can be sourced from anywhere that sells school uniform including supermarkets. If you are having difficulty, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us so that we are aware and can maybe provide help/support.

## Physical Activity

This half term, children in school are having weekly YOGA sessions with our specialist PE coach. These are very popular sessions with the children and staff, there is lots of stretching and calming relaxation taking place.

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We are looking to start some additional clubs in school, letters will be coming home to the appropriate year groups so please look out for them from your child(ren).

### **Prayer**

From Mr Mackley's worship this week:

Father God

Thank you for the many different skills, gifts and qualities you have given us,

Help us to serve others with willing hands (*lift hands in front of you*),

with generous hearts (*put hand on heart*)

and with kind words (*move hand away from mouth*).

Use our eyes and ears to notice how others serve us (*point to eyes and ears*)

and remind us to show our gratitude and thanks

to our teachers (*point towards a teacher*),

helpers in school (*point towards the playground*),





our parents (*point towards the school gates*)

and our friends (*sweeping gesture*).

In serving others in love, may we also serve you.

Amen

### **Dates for your diary:**

-  May Day Holiday – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May
-  Spring Bank Holiday – Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June
-  PTFA Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2pm
-  School Closes for the summer – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July.

### **Governor Meetings:**

-  Curriculum & Standards Committee – 26<sup>th</sup> April
-  Resources Committee – 10<sup>th</sup> May
-  Vision & Ethos Committee – 17<sup>th</sup> May
-  Full Governing Board – 14<sup>th</sup> June

Don't forget to visit our school website if you need answers to your questions about school **and** do have a look at some of our worship blogs and leave us a comment!

[www.st-matthewscofe.lancs.sch.uk](http://www.st-matthewscofe.lancs.sch.uk)

Also, if you are one of the very few who are not yet registered for Class Dojo, get in touch with your child's teacher to find out how to get connected!

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