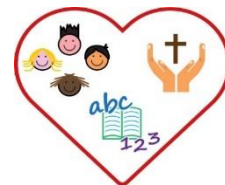


# St. Matthew's C.E. Primary School

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



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The values we are considering this half term are **RESPECT** (one of our school values) and **TRUTHFULNESS**.

<div>★</div> <div>Star of the week!</div> <div>★</div> <div>Reception Zayd &amp; Baksheesh</div> <div>Year 1 Irina &amp; Loreta</div> <div>Year 2 Firdous &amp; Sara</div> <div>Year 3 Kayden and Lawi</div> <div>Year 4 Mahnoor &amp; Ruh-Ahmad</div> <div>Year 5 Both classes</div> <div>Year 6 Both classes</div>	<div>★</div> <div>Values Award</div> <div>★</div> <div>Reception Lindon &amp; Charlie</div> <div>Year 1 Meerab &amp; Aaminah</div> <div>Year 2 Irfan &amp; Owais</div> <div>Year 3</div> <div>Year 4 Amaan &amp; Ezzah</div> <div>Year 5 Abbas &amp; Zarin</div> <div>Year 6 Olivia M &amp; Ali</div>	<div>★</div> <div>Best attendance:</div> <div>★</div> <div>Year 5</div> <div>Best punctuality:</div> <div>Reception</div> <div>(Please note, this data is always a week in arrears!)</div>
<div>Weekly attendance by year group:</div> <div>Green highlight, attendance better than 96% (DfE target)</div> <div>Red highlight, attendance below 90% and is a concern.</div>	<div>Reception</div> <div>Year 1</div> <div>Year 2</div> <div>Year 3</div> <div>Year 4</div> <div>Year 5</div> <div>Year 6</div>	<div>Previous attendance figures</div> <div>86.6%</div> <div>82.2%</div> <div>79.4%</div> <div>89.9%</div> <div>92.1%</div> <div>93.2%</div> <div>93.4%</div> <div>Latest Attendance figures</div> <div>Isolating</div> <div>93.5%</div> <div>92.8%</div> <div>93.6%</div> <div>94.8%</div> <div>98.5%</div> <div>94.8%</div>
<div>KS2 Maths Challenge!</div> <div>The answer for the children is that longest match at Wimbledon was 11 hours and 5 minutes!</div>	<div>Ezzah in 4S correctly worked out the answer.</div>	

Dear Parents/Carers,

Here we are, the last newsletter of the school year and it is quite a long one with lots of very important information! Thank you for the support you have given to us this year as we have navigated our way through the challenges of the pandemic. Isolations, lockdowns, remote learning and many other new experiences came our way and the children and staff rose each one with smiles and determination – I am proud of each and everyone of them for what they have done.

I hope that you are able to have a lovely summer and we look forward to seeing those of you who are returning in the Autumn. For our wonderful Year 6 pupils, well done on making it through! You have been a tremendous group of children and it has been a pleasure to watch how you have matured this year and been role models for our younger children.

Very best wishes,

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### Smoking near the school gates

Please can we ask those who smoke, including those who vape, to not do so near to the school gates. Thank you.



### Pupil Progress Meetings



Last week Mrs Walton and I had the pleasure of meeting with all the teachers to review the progress made by the children this year and I am delighted to see how well so many children have done in moving forwards. In the words of one of the teachers: "I feel overall the progress of the class has been good. All children have made progress in their own different ways in the strangest of times, I couldn't have asked for more from them."

### School reports

I hope you enjoyed reading about your child's progress this year. Even though we have had a very disrupted year of learning our children have worked hard, as have all the staff in school. Parents & carers have worked hard too which we are very grateful for; your many words of thanks and encouragement for our staff team and school family are very much appreciated. I am very proud of our whole school community and the way we have dealt with the last 16 months and kept going to help our children have the best experiences possible and keep on learning.

### Ice Cream Parlour Party!

Today (Monday) 40 children have been invited to join a special event to celebrate excellent attendance. Taking out any COVID related absences – as they haven't counted towards attendance figures - all those with just ONE day off school either for a religious festival, illness or other reasons, and no more than 2 late marks joined in the fun with Mrs Naik and enjoyed making their own ice creams with different flavours, sprinkles & sauce. We are glad that Mrs Fairclough came to share some of her delicious flavours with us!



Next term will be having a pizza party for our children with the same level of attendance that we have just celebrated!

### School uniform in September



We have been quite flexible with this since our full re-opening in March but from September it must be worn correctly. When buying new uniform, please remember that school trousers must be black or grey, **NOT joggers or jeans, or leggings**. Shoes must be black, **not boots, pumps or trainers**. Please make sure they are easy to get on and off for PE and that your child can fasten them! All school uniform

and PE kits need to be named, it really does help to return lost property to the rightful owner! Children

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not in correct school uniform will be asked to change into PE kits. We want our children to be smart and wear the St Matthew's badge with pride. If you do have problems, please do get in touch sooner rather than later so that we can work with you.

Please see our website , [school uniform](#) for full details and photos. As always, please get in touch if you need any clarification.

### **Year 6 Play**

Even though we couldn't have a live audience in school, the show did go on and we are getting in touch with the parents/carers of the Year 6 children to arrange for them to be able to access the recording of it. For safeguarding and copyright reasons we are not able to make this video available to anyone else.

### **Leavers' Service**

As I said at the beginning of the newsletter, we are very proud of this year's group of children and are very sorry to be seeing them go but they are ready for the next stage of their journey. Their service is this week and we will be sharing more details with their parents/carers via Dojo very shortly.

### **New School Year**

We re-open for the new school year on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. We will be reverting to the normal school opening times – we will open the gates at 8:45am for children only to enter and they will close at 8:55am ready for the school day to start.

The school day will end at 3:05 pm for Reception, Year 1 & Year 2; it will be 3:15 for years 3 – 6.

Please see the article below for the gates children are to use.

### **Building Project**

There are still a few details being worked out by the building surveyor and the appointed contractor but we hope to begin work as soon as we finish for the summer holidays!

When you come back in September there will be some very important differences!

Some gates and entrances will change:

- 💡 Reception children (& siblings if they wish) can enter through the black gate on New Hall Lane, next to the entrance to St Matthew's Churchyard.
- 💡 All other children through the back gates on Derby Square.
  - Y3 – Y6 the gate to the small playground by church.
  - Y1 & 2 the gate to the large playground.
  - Nursery will use their usual entrance.



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- Parents/Carers ONLY through the single gate at the back of the school, near the Nursery gates on Delaware Street. This will be our temporary main entrance during the building works and there will be a secure walkway to use to the rear of the school for all visitors.

Class moves – children will spend some time with their new teachers on Thursday:

- 👤 RH will go to Miss Welfare in 1W
- 👤 RS will go to Miss Norris in 1N
- 👤 1N will go to Miss Harling in 2K
- 👤 1W will go to Miss Hope in 2H (She will be Mrs Higgins after holidays as she is getting married!)
- 👤 2H will go to Mr Chagas in 3C
- 👤 2K will go to Mrs Mangera in 3M
- 👤 3C will go to Mrs Copeland in 4C
- 👤 3R will go to Miss Smith in 4S
- 👤 4C will go to Mrs Bryden in 5B
- 👤 4S will go to Mrs Rossall in 5R
- 👤 5B will go to Mr Ward 6W
- 👤 5R will go to Miss Simpson in 6S

Miss Brennand, Mrs Russell and Miss Young will continue to teach across the school in a range of classes.

### **News from the staff family**

We are saying a sad good bye to Miss Downs, one of our Welfare Staff who also supported a lot in Nursery this year – we wish her well.



We also have two teachers getting married (but not to each other!). Miss Hope will be Mrs Higgins after the holidays and Mr Ward will still be Mr Ward! I am sure you will join me in wishing them every happiness.

Finally, one of our key cleaning staff will be starting maternity leave as she is due to have a baby. We wish her and her family well!

### **Prayer**

In this our last newsletter of the year, it is appropriate to finish with both our school prayer and also an ancient blessing for those who are leaving us.

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Oh Lord, bless our school,  
So that working together  
and playing together  
We may learn to serve you  
and serve one another.

Amen

May the road rise up to meet you.  
May the wind be always at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face;  
the rains fall soft upon your fields and  
until we meet again,  
may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

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