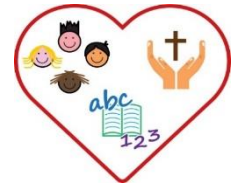


St. Matthew's C.E. Primary School

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



NEWSLETTER – June 28th 2021

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

<p>★ Star of the week! ★</p> <p>Reception Muskan & Anjali Year 1 Mathias & Anas Year 2 Amna & Izzah Year 3 Rumaisa & Loui Year 4 Fizzah Year 5 Krystal & Duaa Year 6 Away at Hothersall</p>	<p>★ Values Award ★</p> <p>Reception Areesha & David Year 1 Abdullah & Ammaara Year 2 Juwairiyah & Afan Year 3 Jaiyash & Jumairah Year 4 McKenzie Year 5 Aisha & Oke Year 6 Away at Hothersall</p>	<p>★ Best attendance: ★ Year 5</p> <p>Best punctuality: Reception</p>																
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<p>KS2 Maths Challenge! The challenge this week was a picture puzzle (algebra) – the answer was 18. There were over 50 entrants for the challenge.</p>		<p>Jessica T in 3R correctly worked out the answer.</p>																

Dear Parents/Carers,

Hello everyone, I hope that you are well? I would like to start by saying a **huge** thank you to all the staff who took Y6 to Hothersall Lodge last Friday, I was able to visit after school and the children all greeted me with huge smiles and lots of tales about the great things they had done that day. Normally we would take the children away for a few days but sadly Covid has impacted on that too! We hope that the children made some great memories that will last them a lifetime.

Sadly, Covid still has an impact on school and we have had to close our Reception Class bubble for this week as the result of a positive case. Preston currently has one of the highest rates in Lancashire so please keep following the guidelines and if you or your child display any symptoms, however mild, follow the rules around isolation and testing.

Very best wishes,

Mr Mackley

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Building Project

I am delighted to inform you that planning permission has been granted! We are waiting to hear who the build contract has been awarded to but are very excited at what lies ahead.

Clearly, there will be some challenges as the front of the school is going to be a building site from the start of the summer holidays right up to Christmas. The main difference you will notice is that there will be a temporary main entrance to school – from the start of the Autumn Term you will have to access the office via the single gate on Delaware Street. We will send out more details nearer the time.



Welcome

This week we welcome our new Reception and Nursery children and parents as they visit school. We hope that their first experiences are the start of a long and happy educational journey through Primary School 😊

Assessments

Even though there are not any statutory national assessments this year, Year 2 and Year 6 have been undertaking past papers to help us understand how well they are doing and we are delighted with the very positive attitude that they have had when having a go.



Year 6

They are working really hard on their production which we had hoped we would have been able to invite people to watch; however given the current restrictions and the prevalence of the Delta Variant, we are not going to be able to.

However! We are working hard on a contingency plan which is recording the play and making a recording available. Once we have final details we will let you know what they are.

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Prayer

We continue to look at truth & truthfulness and respect in our worships in school.

This is the prayer from our [worship on truth and truthfulness this week](#):

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.

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