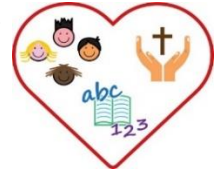


# St. Matthew's C.E. Primary School & Nursery

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



## NEWSLETTER – 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2021

Our Values this half term are: **Justice and Community**

★ <b>St Matthew's Stars</b> ★	★ Week ending 12 <sup>th</sup> March: ★
<b>Reception</b> Yasmina & Lucas	<b>Best attendance Y3</b>
<b>Year 1</b> Alisha & Marius	<b>Best punctuality Y6</b>
<b>Year 2</b> Fajar & Zara	
<b>Year 3</b> Umamah & Erdi	
<b>Year 4</b> Ismail & Hollie-Mae	
<b>Year 5</b> Momina & Zarin	
<b>Year 6</b> Zyed & Najam	

Dear Parents & Carers,

How time flies! It seems like only yesterday when we were preparing to come back to school after Christmas before going into another lockdown and here we are, approaching the end of the Spring Term and looking ahead to a two week break before returning for the Summer Term. Spring is definitely in the air, I have seen daffodils and snowdrops growing which are always the signs of better and warmer weather on the way.

Once again, thank you for the support you give to our school, it is really appreciated! On behalf of everyone here, may I wish you a restful holiday and all the blessings of Easter.

Mr Mackley

**Comic Relief** It was brilliant to see the children & staff getting into the spirit of the day last Friday. There were certainly some wacky outfits to be seen! Thank you for the donations which have all gone to Comic Relief to help them in their very important work.



**PTFA** Please visit [www.st-matthewscofe.lancs.sch.uk/parents/ptfa](http://www.st-matthewscofe.lancs.sch.uk/parents/ptfa) to find out more about what this group is and how they are helping to raise much needed funds and equipment for school. They are currently looking into different ways they can help improve our outdoor spaces at school.

**Breakfast Club** We do some vacancies for a small fee, if parents/carers are interested. The sessions run from 8am; please contact the school office for more details.

**Welcome!** Several families have joined our school since lockdown, both in the main school building and in our Nursery. We are delighted that you have joined our school family and look forward to sharing the learning journey with you. If anyone is interested in a Nursery place (3 years and over) then please contact the school office for details.

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**Covid Testing** A reminder that if families want to get involved in regular testing to check if they have the virus, you can get more details and access to free kits via [this link](#) or clicking on the NHS image to the left of this message.

We understand they are also available from the old B&M store in the St John's shopping arcade.

**Easter Pause Day** This coming Thursday, as part of their RE lessons, the children will be taking part in our 'Easter Pause Day' which is a chance to pause and consider the importance of Easter for Christians.

**School Attendance** You will have seen, we hope, Mr Mackley's [recent post](#) regarding the importance of regular school attendance. We are very pleased with the good start to school attendance following lockdown and want to encourage everyone to make sure they get to school every day to make the most of their learning.



**Road Safety** Our local PCSO has been visiting school to monitor the traffic around Derby Square at key times of the school day. Thank you to everyone who avoids this road at these times, our children's safety comes first.

Please do not park in the middle of the road and let your children out of the car or wait in the middle of the road until your child comes out of school as this is very dangerous. A reminder that Reception, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6 **start** at 8:45 and **finish** at 3:00; Year 1, Year 3 and Year 5 **start** at 9:00 and **finish** at 3:15. Please note the school gates will be **closed** shortly after 9:00. Children who arrive late are missing out on key learning.

**And finally...**

Our Nursery children have been loving reading the Sue Hendra books which include the character "Supertato" and have made their own Superheroes from Vegetables 😊 They look absolutely brilliant!



**Dates for your diary:**

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Easter Pause Day

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March - school closes for holidays. Please note the earlier times:

- Reception, Y2, Y4, Y6 finish at 2pm
- Y1, Y3 & 5 finish at 2.15pm.

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April – school re-opens for the Summer term



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