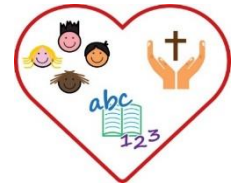


# St. Matthew's C.E. Primary School

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



NEWSLETTER – May 10<sup>th</sup> 2021

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

★ Stars of the week! ★	★ Values Award ★	★ ★														
<b>Reception</b> Emilia & Abinoor <b>Year 1</b> Eshall & Aminah <b>Year 2</b> Amna & Mus'ab <b>Year 3</b> Uzair & Humairah <b>Year 4</b> Safa & Abdul <b>Year 5</b> Ahmed & Marwa <b>Year 6</b> Anas & Issa	<b>Reception</b> Aaron & Hiba <b>Year 1</b> Zainab & Eileen-Rose <b>Year 2</b> Michael & Madiha <b>Year 3</b> Zaydan & Hamzah <b>Year 4</b> Heena & Mehak <b>Year 5</b> Yusuf & Rehan <b>Year 6</b> Sahil & Alishba	<b>Best attendance:</b> Year 5  <b>Best punctuality:</b> Reception & Year 1														
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Key Stage 2 Maths Challenge – Well done to Rida from Y6! The challenge was – always, sometimes, never – Answer was Sometimes – when you add 3 consecutive numbers together, the answer will be an even number. Rida was able to prove it!

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to this week's newsletter, there's plenty of great things to celebrate with one or two areas where we still need your help and support to keep things running smoothly.

As always, thanks for your continued support.

Very best wishes,

Mr Mackley

## Attendance News

Mrs Naik has bought the Year 1 & Reception children some cake treats as they have been **amazing** with their attendance and punctuality for a number of weeks – regularly winning certificates. The children say **THANK YOU** to Mrs Naik for their lovely surprise! Keep it up Y1 and Reception! A challenge to the rest of the classes, can you improve your attendance?

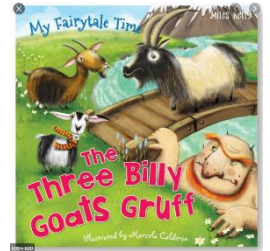
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## Number day

Mrs Bryden & Miss Norris organised each class to share stories and books relating to Numbers & Maths. Which book would be your favourite? Mrs Walton has always enjoyed THREE Billy Goats Gruff. She loves the 'Who's that trip – trapping over my bridge?' This was always recited again and again whenever her family went on a walk near a small bridge! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aiy3a1v9Q2E>



## Around school this week....



The Y5 dojo pages are full of their Nature Watch projects. This is the Ribble Valley Blue Tit nest which they are keeping an eye on. Unfortunately, one of the eggs has dropped out of the nest and was found on the floor, but there are still six eggs left. They are all watching with interest to see how they progress. Watch here for the latest updates.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WtLdfyiTvco>

The young caterpillars are now in their cocoons, and we are all waiting see them develop. Although they look like they are not alive – when we look closely we notice that they are wriggling and moving at certain times..... Watch this space!

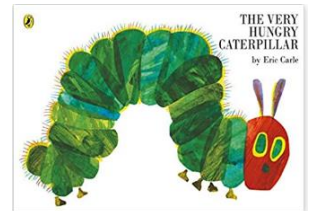


## More signs of Spring...



Reception have been watching their caterpillars develop – just like Year 5! There is lots of excitement about what might come out. They have read the story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar too! I wonder if the butterfly will be like the one in the book? They have also been growing beans – just like in Jack and the Beanstalk. The beans have now been sent home so parents and carers it's over to you now – please keep them watered and see how tall they grow! Let us know how they get on – please send pictures in via Dojo Watch and hear the story here:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eXHScpo\\_Vv8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eXHScpo_Vv8)



## Year 6 Production

The children are learning the songs and their lines and are also busy making props and outfits for their end of year play. Around 30 children stay each week after school to help and they are very busy designing and creating the set. We remain hopeful that we will be able to invite parents and carers in to watch the children perform!

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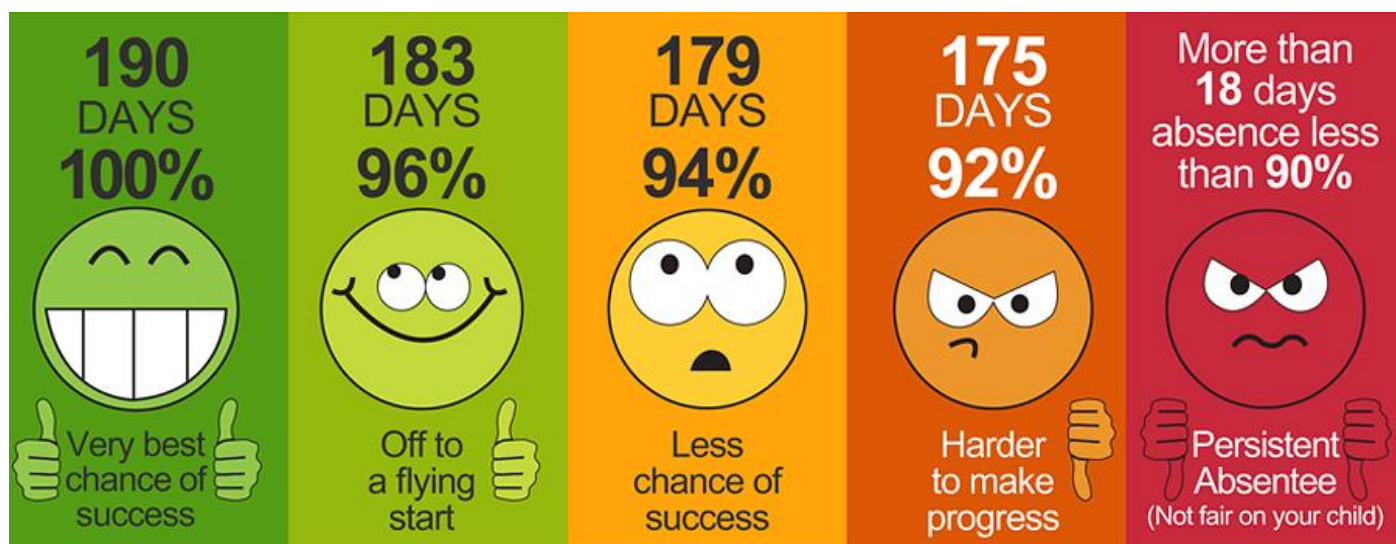
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## A few Reminders:

**Traffic in Derby Square.** If possible please do not bring your car along this street ideally please park your car elsewhere and walk in. Please don't just stop or leave your car in the middle of the road and let your children 'jump' out of the car; this is very dangerous and none of us want to see anyone hurt. Thank you.

**Uniform** – children are looking smarter! Thank you for those who have bought new school shoes, skirts and trousers. Please can we remind you that joggers and leggings, trainers or pumps are **not** our school uniform, even if they are the correct colour. If you are having problems, please do get in touch.



**Attendance.** Every day counts - children need to be at school every day.

Please do not plan to take your child out of school for a holiday or a visit to family abroad. Families are fined for unauthorised absences like these, but more importantly your children have huge gaps in their learning when they are taken out of school. We want them to have every chance to succeed – so please be in school every day!

Any families who do plan to take children out of school, need to complete a request form from the school office, and meet with Mr Mackley or Mrs Walton to discuss this absence BEFORE you book flights or go away. Our term dates are on our website: <https://www.st-matthewscofe.lancs.sch.uk/parents/termdates>

## And finally...

This week is very important for all our Muslim families as you celebrate Eid al-Fitr and so all of us at St Matthew's would like to wish you all Eid Mubarak.



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## Prayer

This is the prayer for Mr Mackley's worship this week; it continues the theme of **service**.

### Prayer of St Augustine

Eternal God, You are the light of minds that know you  
the joy of hearts that love you and the strength of the wills that serve you.  
Help us so to know you that we may truly love you,  
and so to love you that we may fully serve you  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
Amen.

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!

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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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