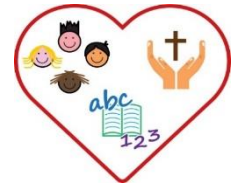


St. Matthew's C.E. Primary School

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



NEWSLETTER – May 24th 2021

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

★ Stars of the week! ★	★ Values Award ★	★ Best attendance: ★ Year 6	
Reception Anabia & Maria Year 1 Erum & Kamran Year 2 Arees, Kian & Hamdan Year 3 Elissa and Mohammed A Year 4 Eda & Alina Year 5 Ayshin & the Y5 after school theatre club Year 6 Oskar & Alishbah	Reception Azair & Erika Year 1 Habiba & Shazain Year 2 Marwa & Freya Year 3 Abubakar & Loui Year 4 Faiqa & Lexi Year 5 Zainab & Isaac Year 6 Ana & Y6 Props Club	Best punctuality: Year 5	
Weekly attendance by year group: Green highlight, attendance better than 96% (DfE target) Red highlight, attendance below 90% and is a concern.		Week before Last Week	
	Reception Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5 Year 6	92.2% 97.9% 88.6% 90.9% 97.3% 95.2% 93.8%	85.5% 79.2% 76.8% 88.8% 91.8% 92.5% 93.0%
KS2 Maths Challenge Ahmed – Great working out and explanation!	Solving the shopping problem – was the offer or buying 2 single items cheaper? By how much?		

Dear Parents/Carers,

I want to start off by expressing my concern at the levels of attendance reported above, the highlights show where school attendance is good and where it is concerning. Wherever possible, children **must** come to school everyday and on time, that gives them the best possible opportunity to do well at school. If your child becomes unwell at school and is not able to continue then we will contact you to collect them but we will do what we can to support them to remain in school wherever possible.

We do understand that there is still the concern over Covid symptoms and if you or your child displays any of the three main symptoms – High Temperature (over 37.8°C), loss of taste or smell or a new continuous cough -then you must isolate and get a test.

Very best wishes,

Mr Mackley

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Half Term Holiday

We finish school at normal time this Friday for the half term holiday and children return on Monday 7th June at the normal times.

School Photos

This Wednesday is the day that individual photos are taken, don't forget to come in a clean jumper with your hair done and of course, don't forget to smile! 😊



Author Visits to school

Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, authors have not been visiting schools in person. In order for the children not to miss out on listening to authors inspire them, Mrs Bryden has linked up with the Hay (Book) Festival to listen to authors/poets talking about and reading their books to the children this week. (Click on the image to go to the Festival Website)

Authors taking part in this include:

- 👤 Matt Lucas in conversation with Laura Dockrill : My very very very very very very very very very silly book of pranks.
- 👤 Adam Kay: Kay's anatomy - A complete (and completely disgusting) guide to the human body.
- 👤 Maria Isabel Sanchez Vegara – Little People, Big Dreams – David Attenborough
- 👤 Zanib Mian: Planet Omar - Incredible Rescue Mission Part 3.
- 👤 Alex Wharton and Katy Riddell: Daydreams and Jellybeans – poems to read aloud.

Covid Testing

A reminder that as lockdown eases and concern grows about other variants, you can get your own LFT tests for free – you can test adults in your household.

Reduce the spread, do it for others.

Click on the image to go the Lancashire County Council website to find details of how to go about doing this.



Food Market

This half term's market is in Church on Friday 28th May from 2.00-3.30pm. Attendance is 1 member per family with 2 bags. Minimum donation of £2.

Please remember to wear a mask and sanitise your hands. Come and 'top up' your weekly shopping for the half term.

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Attendance and punctuality

Standing on the gates each day helps us to see that there are a growing number of children not coming to school time which means they do not make a good start to the day which can have a significant impact on their ability to learn well.

Reception, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6 **start** at 8:45am; Year 1, Year 3 and Year 5 **start** at 9:00am and the gates **close** at 9am. Please be on time!

Holidays in term time

As flights to many destinations have now started again, please remember that children should be in school during term time.

96% is the expected minimum

Government figure for all children's

attendance. This equates to only 7 days

off during the whole school year. If you have more than 7 days off school you are less than the expected attendance, and your child is missing essential learning. Please only book holidays or family trips during the school holidays. <https://www.st-matthewscofe.lancs.sch.uk/parents/termdates>



Year 5 Theatre Skills Club



This week sees the final session of our Year 5 Theatre skills club which Mrs Howard has been running after school on a Thursday. The children have been working extremely hard on songs and dances from the musical, Hairspray. It is always heart-warming to watch the children grow in confidence as they learn to sing, dance and act out new routines. There is always lots of action seen and laughter heard on a Thursday in the hall. The skills the children have developed are amazing, with every child shining brightly – we are blessed to have some very talented children at St Matthew's. We will hopefully be able to share some photos next week.

Farewell 😞

Very sadly this Friday we say 'farewell' to Mrs Fairclough from the school office who is leaving to run her own ice cream and cake shop! She has been bringing in samples for the staff to try and we think the flavours are amazing and we wish her every success in this exciting new venture.

We are very grateful that we have been able to work with her and she will, of course, always remain a part of the St Matthew's school family.

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Uniform reminder

We have seen a growing number of children coming to school in trainers and not school shoes. Our uniform policy does say only shoes are acceptable. If you are having any problems then please do not hesitate to get in touch!

Can we also remind you that black joggers are **not** school uniform, proper school trousers please. 😊

Prayer

Two prayers this week, one from Mr Mackley's worship and the other our own school prayer. Both remind us of the importance of serving one another.

Service with a smile prayer

Dear Father
Help us to serve with a smile,
to take pleasure in helping others,
knowing that we are doing our best
to follow your example. Amen

School Prayer

O Lord, bless our school,
so that working together and playing together
we may learn to **serve** you as we **serve** one
another.
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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