

March Newsletter

Love Respect Friendship Creativity



Let all that you do be done in love 1 Corinthians 16:14



Learning Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a quieter but interesting week at St Matthew's. Year 5E had their class assembly on Thursday and all the children who took part did a brilliant presentation on 'Thankfulness', our value for this half term.

We have also had some of our Year 5/6 children attend the 'Have a go Football Festival', where they had a lot of fun playing football with all the other children from different schools in the area.

Year 6M had a great morning at Sharples School where the children were able to dissect and explore the heart! It was a great introduction to their science learning in school for next half term.

We also raised a lot of money for Comic Relief and everyone looked great wearing their funniest Red Noses. Thank you all for your kind donations.

And finally, Ramadan Mubarak to all our parents who are celebrating this very special month. We hope you all have a Ramadan filled with blessings, joy, and spiritual enlightenment.

Mrs Patel

A note from the Head Teacher

So far we have raised £103 in donations and £500 for red nose sales. Don't worry if you haven't made a donation yet, you can still do this by paying £1 through the School Money App. Thank you so much for supporting this.



Key Dates

Spring Term

Monday 8th January 2024 – Friday 16th February 2024

Monday 26th February – Thursday 28th March 2024 School finishes at 1pm

Summer Term

Monday 15th April – Friday 24th May 2024

Elections – Thursday 2nd May 2024

Bank Holiday – Monday 6th May 2024

Monday 3rd June – Friday 19th July – School finishes at 1pm

Important Notice

If you're driving your child to school please make sure you park safely, legally and considerately.

Please do not block the school gate as you are preventing staff from getting to school on time and do not use the garages near school to turn your vehicle around or drop off, this is for local residents.

Please don't park across household driveways near schools and always park safely. We don't want to see anyone hurt.

Attendance figures this week

Rec – 89%

Year 1 – 94.7%

Year 2 – 93.2%

Year 3 – 94.2%

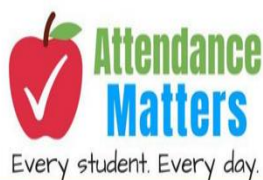
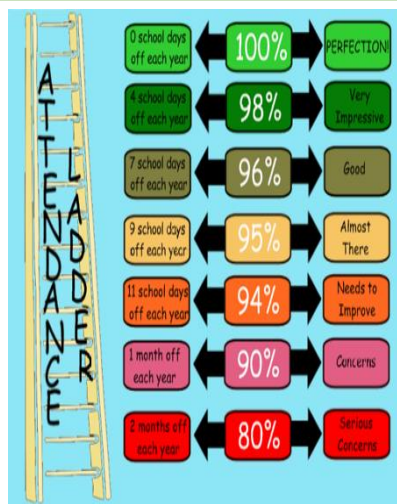
Year 4 – 96.1%

Year 5 – 95.6%

Year 6 – 94.2%


If your child is absent from school, please contact the school office on 01204 333005 before 9am to explain the reasons for the absence.

Please try and make any medical appointments such as dental or optometrist appointments outside of school hours to avoid disruption to learning.



Attendance Percentage	Number of days missed	Number of lessons missed
100%	0 days	0
99%	2 days	18 lessons missed
97%	6 days (more than a week!)	54 lessons missed
95%	9 days	81 lessons missed
94%	11 days (more than 2 weeks!)	99 lessons missed
93%	13 days	117 lessons missed
92%	15 days (3 full weeks!)	135 lessons missed
91%	17 days	153 lessons missed
90%	18 days	144 lessons missed
85%	28 days (over 4 weeks!)	252 lessons missed

Dinner Money

School meals are provided by Bolton Council. Meals for pupils are provided for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 free of charge. For all other pupils dinners are charged at £12.35 per week (£2.47 per day) unless your family is entitled to Free School Meals. St. Matthews is a cash less school, you can pay for your children's dinners, trip's; special days and residential via the  app.

Information for Parents / Carers

Please come to school for 2:25pm.
Please do not be late it is unfair on the children to disturb them when they have started.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4C Reading Afternoon	4F Reading Afternoon			

Uniform

- Trousers (grey/black)
- Skirts/pinafore dresses (grey/black)
- Sweaters/sweatshirts/fleece/cardigans (navy blue)
- Shirts/polo-necked shirts/ blouses (white)
- Socks/tights (white/grey/black)
- Footwear - black shoes/trainers (all black including laces, no obvious logos)



Jogging bottoms and jean style trousers are **NOT** allowed

Children should come dressed to school in school uniform every day.

PE Kit for both boys and girls is as follows:

- White polo shirt or T-shirt
- Dark (navy blue, black, grey) jogging bottoms, leggings or shorts
- Dark (navy blue, black, grey) sweatshirt/ fleece
- Black Trainers or pumps

Club News Spring Term

All Clubs are from 3pm - 4pm
Pick up is from the main gate

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Choir	Dance Club		Tennis Club Reading Club	General Knowledge

Pictures From This Week

PARENT WORKSHOP



GM SHARPLES SCIENCE VISIT



5E CLASS ASSEMBLY



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RED NOSE DAY

