

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,

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely half-term break with your children and a good rest.

This term there we have some great clubs for your children to join and take part in. We have a Dance Class for Year 3, General Knowledge Club for Upper Key Stage 2, a Tennis Club for Year 4, a Reading Club and a Choir Club in UKS2. If you wish your children to participate, please fill out a form from the office and we will check if there are places available- be quick as they get filled really fast!

Our Year 3 and 4 children participated in a Football Tournament this week. They did really well, and we are proud of their achievements although they had to play in the rain and were very wet afterwards!

All in all, it has been a lovely start to Spring 2. We are all looking forward to longer days of daylight and brighter days in the sun!

Mrs Patel

A note from the Head Teacher

Next week we are holding Parents Evenings on Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th February.

The time slot for you child, was in with their report. If you have lost this please ask your child's teacher for the time.

From: *Mrs Patel*

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

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
	Parents Evening	Parents Evening	5C Class Assembly	

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 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

Attendance figures this half term

Rec – 94.1%

Year 1 – 95.5%

Year 2 – 94.7%

Year 3 – 95.5%

Year 4 – 93.7%


Year 5 – 93.9%

Year 6 – 96.5%

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.

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.

Club News Spring Term

All Clubs are from 3pm - 4pm

Pick up is from the main gate

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 Choir	Y3 Dance Club		Year 4 Tennis Club Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 Reading Club	Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 General Knowledge

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

FANTASTIC PICTURES FROM THE FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT THAT CHILDREN PARTICIPATED IN THIS WEEK.

