

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 lovely week at St Matthew's this week. Children in Ramadhan Club have enjoyed doing Ramadhan activities and having some peaceful time to themselves.

All of our Year 6 have had their Mock SATs this week. We are really proud with the way all the children have risen to the occasion and conducted themselves. They are a credit to St Matthew's. Thank you to all the staff who were involved in organisation and support with this.

We have also had parents come in for our Reading Afternoons in 4F and 4C. Thank you to those who attended. It is always lovely for the children to see their parents share a good book with them.

The whole school attended the Easter Lent Service at St Thomas's Church on Wednesday afternoon. It was a wonderful service where all classes took part in reflecting on the Easter Story. The school choir sang, 'He is Alive' and sounded absolutely amazing.

Mrs Davidson, Reception A will be leaving us after Easter to start her new job elsewhere, we wish her all the best. Mrs Elliott will be moving to Reception A from Nursery and Mrs Bullen will be working in Nursery.

And finally on Thursday, 6H went on their trip which involved dissecting a heart. They all enjoyed taking part and had a great time learning some really interesting facts!

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

A note from Mr Mistry – Y1M Teacher/PE Co-ordinator & Mrs Patel

Good afternoon, due to some recent changes to the PE Policy, the following procedures will be put in place after the Easter holidays: -

- No head scarfs should be worn when participating in PE.
- All hair should be tied up when participating in PE.
- Children should not wear earrings during PE. If a child wears earrings to school, it is their responsibility to remove their own earrings before PE. If they are unable to remove their earrings by themselves, they should not be wearing earrings on PE days.
- Your child should bring their PE Kit on the day that they have PE, if they do not bring in their PE kit a phone call will be made to home. If this continues they will wear a borrowed school kit, which will be kept at school.
- Your child's PE day will be displayed on their classroom window where possible and on the school website after Easter. We will also send you a text or email regarding your child's PE days.

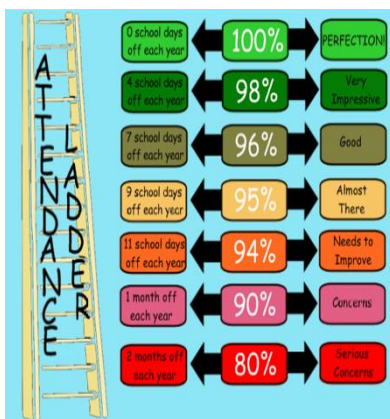
This has been put in place for the health and safety of all children in our school.

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 Matters**
Every student. Every day.

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 week

Rec - 94.4%

Year 1 - 92.1%

Year 2 - 93.8%

Year 3 - 96.6%

Year 4 - 95.3%


Year 5 - 94.2%

Year 6 - 93.5%

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.

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.

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Year 3 Stone Age Day		Rec D visit to Library	Asda Parent Course	School Closed
Rec A visit to Library			School Finishes at 1pm	

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

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Choir	Dance Club		Tennis Club	General Knowledge
			Reading Club	

Pictures From This Week

