

"I am with you always" Matthews 28:20



LOVE



RESPECT



CREATIVITY



FRIENDSHIP

This Term's Value is:

'Generosity'

**"A generous person will prosper;
that he who refreshes others
will himself be
refreshed."**

Proverbs 11:25

See what we've been up
to this week:

Visit the class pages on
the school website to
find out more

www.st-matthews.bolton.sch.uk

A Note from the Headteacher

I would like to thank you for your on-going support and co-operation in these strange times. We continue to keep everyone at St Matthew's safe through helping each other and ensuring we are following the guidelines. Thank you! Everyone is working really hard and next week you will receive your child's report which will tell you how they are getting on in class. Catch-up and support sessions have started before and after school for some children and these are going well.

Please continue to keep school informed if your child is self-isolating so we can ensure appropriate work is shared with them to complete at home.

Keep safe

Thank you everyone for your kind donations of food for the Urban Outreach Centre and for your donations for 'Operation Christmas Child' which raised £254.75

New staff

I would like to welcome Miss Rostron and Miss Grundy to our team of support staff in the classroom at St Matthew's. I would also like to welcome Mr Bailey who is working alongside Mr Spedding as site manager.

Miss Ritchie
Headteacher

Dates For Your Diary

26th—30th October
2020— Half Term

2nd November —New
Term begins.

17th December 2020—
School closes at 1.00pm

6th January 2021—New
Term begins.

Please Note

Y4R Goldfinches now
have PE on Thursday
and Friday.

Y6

Please can you send in
empty clean water
bottles with lids and
empty cereal boxes by
Tuesday 3rd November
2020.

Next week in Nursery we



- Learning our new friends names.
- Playing with our new friends, taking turns and sharing the nursery toys.
- Exploring the nursery garden looking for signs of Autumn and noticing the changes in the weather.

St Matthew's Prayer

Dear God,
help us to be generous and so all the good
that we can, by the means that we can, in all
the ways that we can.
Amen

Ethos Team Challenge

Consider how generous you are with your time. What
can you do with your time to be generous?

Reflection Time

Does generosity always have to be about money or can we be
generous in other ways?



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Attendance Information

(Monday 21st September—Friday 2nd October 2020)

Our school attendance for 2020 / 2021 target is 96%

The last two weeks whole school attendance was 95.5%

Rec E—94.5%

Mrs Elliott

Rec S—93.8%

Miss Smith

Y1B—97.6%

Miss Bateman

Y1D—99.1%

Mrs Davidson

Y2B—97.2%

Miss Burkmar

Y2W—98.6%

Miss Walls

Y3F—94.4%

Miss Foster

Y3J—92.4%

Mrs Johnson

Y4C—97.1%

Mr Currid

Y4R—90.4%

Mrs Rotherham

Y5M—97.3%

Miss Manly

Y5R—93.8%

Miss Ramshaw

Y6C/M—91.5%

Mrs Clarkson

Y6P—98.6%

Mrs Phillips

Headteachers Award Winners

Y1B— Buttercups— Zeyan, Richard

Y1D—Poppies— Svetlana, Rawen

Y2W— Bluebells— Ilhan, Mohammed

Y2B—Snowdrops— Rohullah, Ellie—Mai

Y3J—Sparrows— Haseeb, Haarisha

Y3F— Robins— Bryan, Nimo

Y4R—Goldfinches—Umar, Mohammed

Y4C— Woodpeckers— Mohammed Aqeel, Safaa

Y5R—Ladybirds— Lorna, Chrispain

Y5M—Dragonflies— Albani, Hafiz

Y6C/M—Honeybees— Zaccaria, Selestino

Y6P— Butterflies— Abigail, Kalim

Well done everyone!

School Council

We have elected new class School Council representatives:

Marek	Y1 Poppies
Inayah	Y1 Buttercups
Janatti	Y2 Bluebells
Sinead	Y3 Robins
Siena	Y3 Sparrows
Sakina	Y4 Goldfinches
Maryam	Y4 Woodpeckers
Manar	Y5 Drgonflies
Safiyya	Y5 Ladybirds
Saifullah	Y6 Butterflies
Diana	Y6 Honeybees

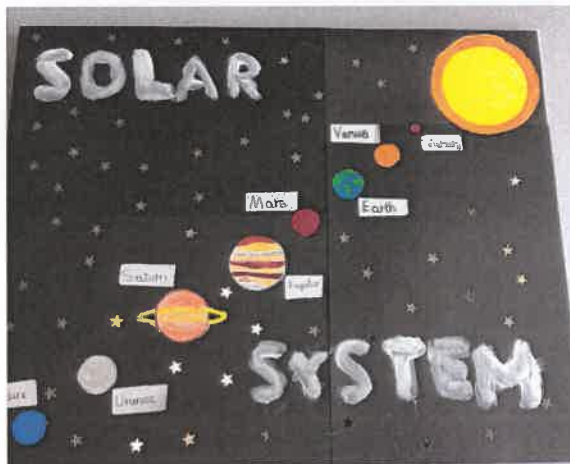
Nursery

We have been settling in exploring the Nursery, playing in the sandpit and in the Nursery garden.



Y5 Solar Systems

The children were given a space project as homework. They had to create a poster, model or information text about our solar system.



Reception

Reception have had lots of fun learning the story of The Three Little Pigs. We have re-told the story using role play, made the pigs houses out of construction, craft and junk modelling materials.



Year 3

Year 3 took part in an online workshop with officials from the Houses of Parliament. We learned lots about how the MPs are chosen and how you become a Lord. We learned about what happens in the House of Commons and the House of Lords. We asked and answered lots of interesting questions.



Harvest Donations for Urban Outreach Centre



Y4

Year 4 have been learning about how sound is made. We have used the musical instruments to sort into high and low sounds - pitch.



Meet the Ethos team



NUT Free School

We children in school with a nut allergy which means that all staff and parents must be vigilant about ingredients we use in school and items put into lunch boxes. No nuts or snacks containing nuts should be put into packed lunches.

Peanut allergy is the second most common food allergy in children and this is increasing. It now occurs in 1 in 50 children.

As we now have a pupil in school who suffers from a severe nut allergy please could I take this opportunity to explain to everyone that our school has now become a "Nut Free School. " If our pupil comes into contact with a nut product, they can suffer life threatening consequences. It can be easily initiated from a simple handshake or touching of a pupil's table who may have had some nuts in their food. Therefore children **must not** bring nuts or nut products as snacks into school at any time.

We ask that you do not provide your child with any products containing nuts in their lunch box: Some examples:

- Fruit and cereal bars that contain nuts
- Chocolate bars or sweets that contain nuts
- Sesame seed rolls (children allergic to nuts may also have a severe reaction to sesame)
- Nutella
- Peanut butter
- Cakes made with nuts
- Muesli bars
- Baklava
- Any nuts

School will be making regular checks on the children's lunches to ensure these rules are being followed.

Whilst we know some children like to bring in cakes/chocolates for their classmates to celebrate their birthday we ask that they do not bring in anything that contains nuts, if they do then unfortunately they will not be handed out and will be sent home unopened, which could lead to lots of disappointment.

We have a rule not to use nuts in any of our food prepared on site at our school. Our suppliers provide us with nut-free products, however, we cannot guarantee freedom from nut traces.

Please help us in providing a nut free school and assisting those parents who have a child who may have a life threatening reaction by children **not** bringing nuts or nut products as snacks into school at any time.

Many thanks for your support.



Free School Meals

Even if your child is currently receiving Universal Free School meals, because they are in either Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, if you think that you might be entitled to standard free school meals, because you meet the criteria below it is very important that you still apply for them.

You can get further help on how to apply at the One Stop Shop in Bolton Town Hall.

What are free school meals? They are school dinners for children between the ages of 4 and 16 who attend full time school (but not private schools). They may also be awarded to some children outside this age range who attend full time school or nursery.

Do I qualify? To qualify you or your partner must be getting one of the following:

- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Universal Credit
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit only (but no award of Working Tax Credit) and have an annual income, as assessed by the HM Revenues and Customs, that does not exceed £16,190.

What evidence is required & how do I apply? You need to provide an up to date document showing that you are getting one of the above benefits. You do not need to make a separate claim if you are already getting or have applied for Housing Benefit / Council Tax Support. We will use the information and evidence you have already provided to confirm your entitlement,

If you would like to make a claim this can be done by;

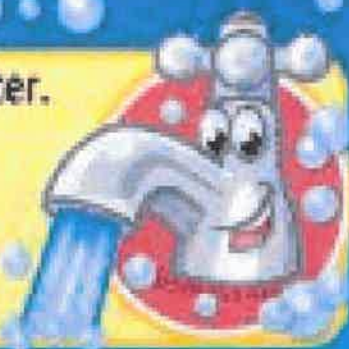
- Telephoning 01204 331590 or
- Visit our website www.bolton.gov.uk (search for free school meals)

In addition from **September 2014** children who are attending full time at any Sixth form college (not private) may also be eligible.

Washing your hands

Step 1 Wet hands under warm running water.

1



Step 2 Add soap to aid cleaning and to kill germs.

2



Step 3 Rub well for at least 15 seconds.

3



Remember

Rub the front and back of your hands well and between your fingers!



Step 4 Rinse well under warm running water.

4



Step 5 Dry hands with clean paper towels.

5





**...my child
has COVID-
19
(coronavirus)
symptoms***

- Child shouldn't attend education / childcare settings
- Child should get a test
- Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result
- Inform education / childcare setting immediately about test results

**...when child's test
comes back negative**

provided they have been fever free for the 48 hours before returning to education or childcare, and feel well



**...my child
tests positive
for COVID-19
(coronavirus)**

- Child shouldn't attend education / childcare settings
- Child self-isolates for at least 10 days from when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms)
- Inform education / childcare settings immediately about test results
- Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - *even if someone tests negative during those 14 days*

**...after 10 days, once
child feels better, and
has been fever-free
for at least 48 hours**

They can return to education or childcare after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of smell / taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection is gone.



**...somebody
in my
household
has COVID-
19 (coronavirus)
symptoms***

- Child shouldn't attend education / childcare settings
- Household member with symptoms should get a test
- Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result
- Inform education / childcare settings immediately about test results





**...when household
member test is
negative, and child
does not have
COVID-19 symptoms***



**...somebody
in my
household
has tested
positive for COVID-19
(coronavirus)**

- Child shouldn't attend setting
- Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - *even if someone tests negative during those 14 days*

**...when child has
completed 14 days of
self-isolation, even if
they test negative
during the 14 days**

		childcare
 <p>...NHS Test and Trace has identified my child as a 'close contact' of somebody with COVID-19 (coronavirus)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend education / childcare settings • Child self-isolates for 14 days (as advised by NHS Test and Trace) – even if they test negative during those 14 days • Rest of household does not need to self-isolate, unless they are a 'close contact' too 	<p>...when the child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during those 14 days</p>
 <p>...we / my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not take unauthorised leave in term time • Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel • Provide information to education / childcare settings as per attendance policy <p>Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend education / childcare settings • Whole household self-isolates for 14 days – even if they test negative during those 14 days 	<p>...when the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed for the child, even if they test negative during those 14 days</p>
 <p>...we have received advice from a medical / official source that my child must resume shielding</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend education / childcare settings • Contact school as advised by attendance officer / pastoral team • Child should shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again 	<p>...when education or childcare setting / other agencies inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to the setting again</p>
 <p>....I am not sure who should get a test for COVID -19 (coronavirus)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only people with symptoms* need to get a test • People without symptoms are not advised to get a test, even if they are a 'close contact' of someone who tests positive 	<p>...when conditions above, as matching your situation, are met</p>

