# ST MATTHEWS WEEKLY EVENTS

'Through respect we will work together in Christ to develop the whole person'



# Stars of the Week



RE— E. Roach 4M—T. Platt 4R—S. Whittaker

1M—S. Price 5B—A. Temperton 1MC—L. Vincent 5C—A. Bellis

2D—T. Sheard 6B—R. Sambor 2E—I. Cronican 6D—A. Doyle

3J—I. Watt 3W—E. Sansum

# **Dojo Winners**

In school we use Dojo's for rewards for good behaviour and work as noted in our Positive Behaviour Policy. We have 4 teams, - Wilkinson, Braddock, Archer and Chavasse, named after famous people who have made a difference in the history of Liverpool. All of our children are placed in teams and at the end of the week in our celebration assembly we note the weekly team winner.

# This weeks Dojo Winners are:

#### **TEAM ARCHER & TEAM BRADDOCK**







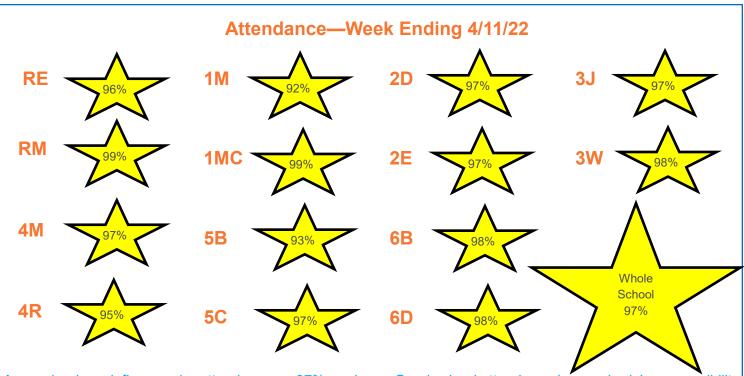


Bessie Braddock

Kitty Wilkinson

Noel Chavasse

Do you know what these historians are famous for?



As a school we define regular attendance as 97% or above. Good school attendance is everybody's responsibility

# **Save The Date**

14.11.22 Anti-Bullying Week

30.11.22 Christmas – decorations up / celebration

1.12.22 Staff Advent Service

2.12.22 Mince Pies & Baubles (event for parents)

7.12.22 Christmas Festival

9.12.22 Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Dinner

16.12.22 EYFS Nativity for Parents – school hall

14.12.22 KS1 Nativity for Parents – school hall

15.12.22 KS2 Nativity for Parents – school hall

20.12.22 Christmas Party Day (own clothes, class parties, Fr Christmas, gifts)

21.12.22 Christmas Assembly/ Sing along / fun morning 12.00 Finish



# Punctuality—Be in time five to nine!

Over the past couple of weeks, we have noticed an increase in the number of children arriving to school after the gate closes at 8.55am. Gates are open from 8.40am each morning. The bell rings at 8.45am and it is from this point onwards that children can enter the school building. If your child arrives after 9.00am, when class registers close, your child will be registered at the front office and marked as late.



With the increase in numbers, children are lined up at the office for some time waiting for their turn to get their mark. Can we ask that you support us with trying to improve your child's punctuality and that they are in their own classroom for registration and the first activity of the morning.

If punctuality continues to be an issue then we will have to inform the school's Education Welfare Officer as per the policy. Good punctuality is just as important as good attendance. Thank you for your continued support.



#### Reminders

- ⇒ Applications for Reception 2023, please collect Form from school Oofice.
- ⇒ If your child is absent please report this via Studybugs or school office.
- ⇒ Safeguarding—Mobile phones are not allowed in school, please see policy.
- ⇒ Uniform—trainers are only to be worn for PE. No nail varnish.
- ⇒ Please complete flu consent form.
- ⇒ Prime Energy drinks are banned in school.
- ⇒ Class assemblies next week is 1M and 1MC
- ⇒ Parents meeting for CHET is on Friday 18th November at 3.15pm in school hall.

#### **Liverpool Museum Workshops**

University of Liverpool are hosting free workshops this weekend Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th November. If you attend any of the workshops you can get a stamp in your children's university passport, so remember to take it along with you.



Our PTA need you, please come and join us. If you would like to join please send an email to ptfa@stmatthewscps.co.uk. The more the

Parent/Carer drop in with Mrs Barnes, Family & Pupil Support Worker

Mondays 1.45 - 2.45 3.PM - 4PM

Please call the school office to make an appointment



Our community food store has been replenished and is ready to go out to our families. Thank you to fare share and our amazing PTA @SMCPS\_PTA for your continued support.

#community



If you would like to apply for help from our Food Store please complete the confidential google form or contact the school office. Please only use if needed as this will be a limited service depending on availability of food.

#### **Christmas**

As we begin to think about Christmas and the season of Advent we are aware that this time of year can be a financial strain at the best of times. With the current cost of living crisis this year may be even harder for some families. Please be aware we are to here to help if we can. 'My Clubmoor' a local charity and school are working together to ensure all of our children receive gifts this Christmas. If you feel this may



be difficult for you please contact school and we will try to do what we can. This will of course be handled in a sensitive and confidential way so please don't worry or feel embarrassed. We will also be sending out more information about food hampers and Christmas dinner in the coming weeks.

In addition to this I know parents may be thinking of gifts for school staff, please know that a thank you is more than enough, we really do understand that this is an added expense for you. I would like to propose this year that we do things differently again and Instead of giving gifts to adults in school, if families can and they wish to, send 1 item of none perishable food or toiletries to school for our school food store. This would be an amazing gift and truly reflect the meaning of Christmas. Items can be brought to school throughout December.

Also, our PTA are currently planning a fun Christmas Festival for the whole school. Anyone who can help with this day please contact the PTA on the email address above.

# Parking outside

Thank you to all the parents/carers and pupils who are walking, cycling, or parking further away from the school gates to avoid congestion in the local areas to the school. Sadly however, there are still motorists who continue to create problems for fellow pupils and parents by parking:

- on the School KEEP CLEAR Markings / outside school on Queens Drive
- · close to junctions
- · on double/single yellow lines
- · double parking
- · in front of resident driveways

Please be aware the Police have informed us that they will be doing spot checks.



#### **Behaviour of Adults**

School would like to respectfully remind all adults about their behaviour and language when on school premises including when speaking to school staff. At St. Matthew's we are fortunate that the majority of parents and carers appreciate that educating our pupils involves partnership between all of the school community. A good working partnership is important to equip pupils with the necessary skills for adult-hood and we welcome and encourage parents and carers to fully participate in the life of our school. Unfortunately, the behaviour of a minority of parents and carers can impact negatively upon the good working partnership. We believe that all school staff, parents, carers and pupils are entitled to a safe and protective environment in which to learn and work.

For many of us this may come as a surprise, however a third of schoolteachers nationally have suffered abusive behaviour from parents and carers in the past. We firmly believe that all members of the school community have the absolute right to work and be in school without fear of aggression or abusive behaviour from parents and carers. Such behaviour can be through face to face contact, in written communications, on the telephone or by the use of social media and can present a risk to staff and pupils. To support a safe school environment, we cannot tolerate parents, carers or visitors who exhibit this behaviour.

# **Poppy Trail**

Thank you to the parents who attended our Poppy making sessions, they were a great success and the poppies look fantastic! St Lukes have collected some of our home made poppies today to add to their poppy trail.





#### Website, Seesaw and Twitter

In school we have been reviewing our school website, the use of Seesaw and Twitter. We are aware a number of children do not have permission for twitter or photographs.

School would like to respectfully ask if parents could review and complete the attached permission slips to confirm permissions. Seesaw and twitter are used regularly as educational tools and it is difficult if school does not have permissions for this.



Permission slip for Seesaw and Twitter	
Name of child	Class
I give permission for my child's work and photograph to be used on twitter	
Signed: Parent/Carer	