St Matthew's Catholic Primary School

# Newsletter

2nd May 2023

Dear parents and carers,

We had an excellent week in school last week. Our extra-curricular clubs started and it was lovely to see all of our children learning and shining together demonstrating our mission statement in action.

I have personally been thinking about our school mission statement and how it reflects what 'our school' is and should be about. Most importantly what it means to be a part of 'St. Matthew's school community'.

**Love:** We believe that everyone is made in the image of God and has value and worth. We believe in working together, being respectful and compassionate towards each other, and as we do we achieve our very best.

**Learn:** Together we learn how to be an awesome learner learn new things, build and develop on things we know already and encourage each other to achieve our best and celebrate our successes.

**Shine:** We are proud of and celebrate our achievements together. We always persevere and try our very best.

**Laugh:** We believe that God knows us and is with us wherever we go. We feel safe, secure and valued in our school and we can: have fun in our learning activities, feel confident to join in with activities and are willing to take a risk and have a go.

Thank you for your continued support

Mrg Sime



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# The Coronation of King Charles III Celebration Day

On Friday 5th May we will be marking the Coronation by wearing Red, white and Blue (no football kits please).

Children will enjoy traditional Fish and Chips for their lunch and enjoy crafts in their classes in the afternoon. Children are welcome to make a crown at home, on Friday afternoon school will be celebrating together and we will crown our winner. This is entirely optional.

Keep your eyes peeled on seesaw and twitter to see where the King travels to throughout the week.

We do ask that Year 6 come in school uniform with a change of clothes and they will get changed after their SATs.





#### **Eurovision**



With the Eurovision Song Contest fast approaching, we will be marking this historic event for our city with a number of events. Each class will be researching a European country and doing some work on that country throughout the week.

On Friday 12th May children will be invited to dress in the colours of their countries flag. Classes will be learning an original song composed especially for our school by Rosie Smith our music teacher. On Thursday 11th May 2023 we will have our Eurovision Party Lunch.

#### **Live Simply**

As clothing companies are becoming more and more responsible for carbon emissions globally, could we help by donating our old clothes to charity? Could you drop some clothes off at a charity shop or into school where we could help to donate them.



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# **Holy Communion**

First Holy Communion

Saturday 13th May 1.00 pm – 4M Sunday 14th May 1.00 pm – 4R

**First Holy Communion Celebration** 19th May 2023 in School. We will have a photographer here for this celebration and further detais will follow in a separate letter.

# Year 6 Breakfast

On Tuesday 9th, Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th May 2023 we would like to welcome all year 6 children in to school from 8:30 am for a healthy breakfast, of cereal to start their day ahead of their SATs.

Also, on Friday 12th May we would like to welcome them for a celebration Bacon or Sausage sandwich (Halal and Vegetarian options will also be available) again from 8:30 am in the school hall.

## **PTFA Ice Lollies**

On Friday our PTFA will be selling ice lollies after school on the front playground.

# **Community Food Store**

Our School Community Food Store is looking a little bare at the moment, if anybody has any non perishable foods such as pasta sauce mixes, tins etc. that they do not use, please feel free to bring these in.







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### **PTFA Fundraising**

Our PTFA have a number of plans this term including supporting with events for the King's Coronation, Eurovision, discos the planned year 3 sleep over, celebrations for the end of the year and school trips.

Over the coming weeks they will be holding a raffle for a new bike that was donated to school earlier in the year, organising a 'Soak the teacher/school staff event' which I am sure will prove popular, summer treats and biscuit sales to continue.

All of these important and fun events focused on fun and fundraising for our school.

#### **Wraparound Care Provision**

We are currently reviewing our wraparound care provision and investigating options for a breakfast club in school. We are very excited at this, and we will write to you in due course when we have looked into this further.

We are delighted to have teamed up with Everton Kids Club, who are so excited at the

prospect of working onsite at St Matthews Catholic Primary School, just a little bit about us we have 3 sites across Liverpool Our Dingle site is based onsite at Matthew Arnold Primary School in L8, Our Everton site is based onsite at Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary School in L5 and Our Yew Tree site is based onsite at Mab Lane Primary School L12.

Each of our sites are a home from home, friendly, fun and safe place to be. Our Children have a huge say at what we do at our clubs, this is super important to us.

We are Ofsted Registered and all of our team have an enhanced DBS and the relevant qualifications too.

We are looking to collect children onsite and provide fun and safe activities until 6pm daily, we will provide drinks and a light nutritious snack too.

The cost per session is £11.50 per first child, £10 per second Or £55.00 per Full Week. As we are Ofsted Registered universal credit may pay upto 85% of the cost, we accept childcare vouchers and tax-free childcare too.

If you wish to contact us to confirm your place and register with us please contact us please call our Everton number on 07799062730 (just while we organise a new number for our new site) or email us on kidzclubsx4@gmail.com we look forward to seeing you all very soon.









# **Our School Day**



In the morning, you can come onto the yard from 8:40am, the school doors will be open at 8.45am for children to come straight in. Learning starts at 8:45am. If your child is late please come into the school office to sign them in.

If you need to collect your child early for an appointment, please ensure that you bring evidence of appointment to the office for our records.

The reception opening times are 08:30am - 16:30pm.

# **SENDCO Appointments - TUESDAYS**



If you would like an appointment with the SENDCO please call the school office and Mrs Hall will book you a time. You can have a face to face meeting, a zoom call or a telephone call.

If you cannot make it on a Tuesday we will arrange an alternative day.

#### Seesaw

On the family app there is an option to switch User. If you select this you can then select students and there will be an option to add in their home learning code or scan the QR code.

Everyone should have their home learning code now – if not please see the class teacher at home time.



#### **Menu Changes**

We are excited to make some slight alterations to our school menu for next week, Week Commencing 9th May 2023.

Monday – **Bank Holiday** Tuesday – **Pizza** Wednesday – **Carbonara** Thursday – **Eurovision Party** Friday – **Fish Fingers and Chips** 

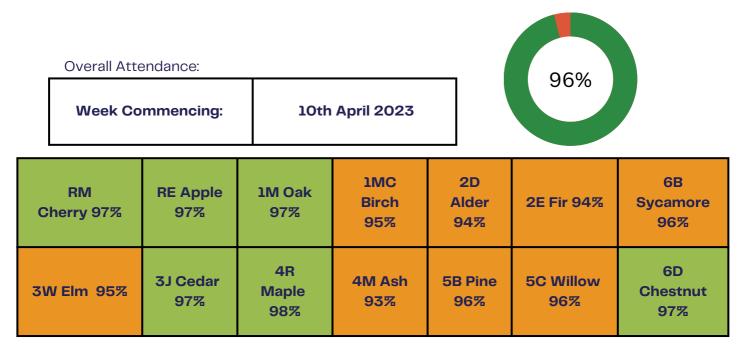


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# As a school we define regular attendance as 97% or above.

# Good school attendance is everybody's responsibility.



- Attendance and punctuality is key. All children are expected to be in school and parents can be fined for non-attendance. Term time holidays will not be authorised and parents who allow their children to be absent from school could face fines from the local authority, proof of medical appointments is required.
- All queries around attendance and punctuality should be directed to Mrs L Evans, Deputy Headteacher.

# Forum Update

We launched our School Forum on 28th April 2023 and had representation from the parents and children for each class, the feedback was extremely positive, and Deacon Ronnie was the representative of the Board of Governors. We hold meetings one per half term, the last Friday of the half term.

School will try to action what they can, within their control so far we are looking at a Football Team, After School Club Choices and outside equipment.

The next forum is Friday 26th May 2023, 2:15pm in the School Hall.





RE Apple – E Roach	RM Cherry – A Flood
1MC Birch – A Ellios-Ball	1M Oak – I Lomax
2E Fir – JL Stubbs	2D Alder - N Ashton
3W Elm – E McDonnell	3J Cedar – To Be Confirmed
4M Ash – A Mihociu	4R Maple – A Miello-Constantine
5B Pine – S Trimm	5C Willow - N Begley
6B Sycamore – M Cawley	6D Chestnut – D Fury

This week's Dojo winners....

## John Archer

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