



ST. MATTHEW'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL | 20.10.23

# NEWSLETTER

## CASH FOR KIDS

School Cash for Kids challenge has been amazing and the children and families have enjoyed the last 4 weeks.

Every penny raised comes back to our children through various events and activities. Ms Barnes would like to say a huge thank you to staff, children, families, and the PTFA that have supported her in making the school's cash for kids so successful. Fingers crossed that we win this year.

You can still donate online up until Monday, the QR Code below will take you to our page.



### FROM THE DESK OF MRS SIME

It feels like it should be half term ...  
and it is nearly here!

It has been another very busy week for us at St. Matthew's and we have four more days of learning next week before a well deserved break.

I'd like to thank all of the children, families and staff for all of their hard work and continued support during the first half term of the year.

A reminder, **Friday 27th October 2023** is an INSET day for Staff and children should not attend school on this day.



## SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

The closing date for applications is fast approaching. If anybody would like some support with the application please contact Ms Barnes.



## PARENTS EVENING

We hope that you had a positive and detailed discussion with your child's teacher on Wednesday evening. It was great to hear all of the wonderful things the children are doing in school.

Please follow our social media pages  
@StMatthewsCPS



# LIBRARY DECORATION

We are excited to announce that our last week of this half term will be Decoration Week where we will be putting a collective effort in to paint our new school library. The School Council and children will be involved in this to take ownership of the space for their reading for pleasure.



## HALLOWEEN AND BONFIRE NIGHT

Merseyside police have asked for help over the Halloween and Bonfire Night period. They want everyone to have fun but they do need help:

### Know Where your children are

- Encourage kids to go to local events that are being organised, or try a spooky film together
- If your children are going out (particularly on 30th and 31st October) make sure you know where they are going. If possible, drop them off and pick them up.
- Don't let your children hang around on the street
- If they're going somewhere local - walk there with them
- Have an agreed time when they need to be home
- Don't buy fireworks or eggs or flour for them, and don't let them take it out of the house.

### Know the risks

- Throwing things at cars, buses, shops and houses can hurt people - drivers might swerve if they are distracted and cause a crash, or someone might get hurt by broken glass.
- Getting into trouble with the police can lead to a criminal record, which not being able to go on holiday to countries like the USA, and not being able to do certain jobs.
- Messing around with fireworks in dangerous - some burn as hot 1,200 degrees - hot enough to melt glass and cause serious or fatal injuries.

### Know the law

- If a young person under 16 commits any of the offences listed, the parent/guardian will have to pay the fine.

## STARS OF THE WEEK

**Megan S, Witold W, Jackson R, Elara R, Penelope K, James L-H, Harry M, Amelia M, Reuben F, Archie M, 5 Pine, Sienna M, Jamila R, Maria N**

## GOOD TO BE GREEN

Francis B, Millie R, Piper W, Arlo E, Mila T, Llavaya W, Naveah A, Anciya A, Spike B-G, Phoebe L, Izzy M, Harriet L, Gabriel L, Noah B

## INSET DAY / HALF TERM

School is closed to children on **Friday 27th October 2023** and will reopen on **Monday 6th November 2023**.

## DOJO

This Week's Dojo Winners are:



Noel Chavasse

## Menu

## NEXT WEEK'S MENU

Please note that there will be a change to next weeks menus:

**Monday - No change**

**Tuesday - Italian Themed Menu**

**Wednesday - No Change**

**Thursday - Fish Friday**

**Friday - School closed due to INSET.**

- A person under the age of 16 can be arrested and fined if found with an **unlit** firework.
- A person under the age of 16 can also be arrested and fined if they throw or light a firework or make a bonfire.
- A person under the age of 16 can be arrested and fined for throwing things like eggs, flour, paint or other objects at people, vehicles and property.

**Merseyside Police**

## UPCOMING DATES

126.10.23 – Finish for Half Term

6.11.23 – School reopens

## LOOKING FORWARD

Reception & KS1 Gullivers World - 11th December 2023

KS2 Pantomime - 15th December 2023

Whole School Chester Zoo - In the Spring Term 2024, we will join Chester Zoo in their Project Schools: Wildlife Connections programme, where we will have 3 workshops in school with the zoo and this will culminate in a visit to Chester Zoo for the whole school.

This project is focused on the habitat destruction that is taking place in the UK, the children will learn all about our native wildlife and empower them to look after it by teaching them what they can do in their own homes.

Please see the letter sent home this week with details on these trips.

## SCHOOL HOURS

**Our school office is not open to parents until 8:30 AM.** If you need to meet with or speak to a teacher, we kindly request that you call the school in advance to schedule an appointment. The office will close at 4:30 PM. Any inquiries or matters that arise after this time will be addressed on the following school day.

## SCHOOL TRIPS

This week your child will have brought a letter home from school with details of the upcoming trips we have organised and how to pay for these on Parent Pay.

If you have any queries on these, please call the school office on 0151 226 1871 to speak with Mrs McCowen our School Business Manager.

## RECEPTION TOILETS

work has begun on the new toilets for reception, these will be a great addition and we are hopeful that these will be complete and ready to use when we return after half term.

We'd like to thank the Archdiocese for their support in this build.



## STUDENT LEADERSHIP

On Friday we held an assembly where the four candidates for Head Boy and Head Girl gave their speeches for why they should be chosen.

Whilst we await the result from the votes, we would like to say a big well done to all finalists from Year 6:

### Head Boy Candidates:

- Daylea
- Jamie
- Mark
- Noah

### Head Girl Candidates:

- Ava
- Gracie
- Rose
- Lottie

As soon as all of the votes have been counted and the returning officer has returned the count we will let you all know who are new Head Boy and Head Girl are for 2023-24.



# Attendance Matters

At St. Matthew's Catholic Primary School

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

<b>R Cherry</b>	<b>95.2%</b>	<b>R Apple</b>	<b>97.2%</b>
<b>1 Birch</b>	<b>92.7%</b>	<b>1 Oak</b>	<b>94%</b>
<b>2 Alder</b>	<b>91%</b>	<b>2 Fir</b>	<b>98.7%</b>
<b>3 Cedar</b>	<b>95.6%</b>	<b>3 Elm</b>	<b>89.3%</b>
<b>4 Ash</b>	<b>89.7%</b>	<b>4 Maple</b>	<b>96.4%</b>
<b>5 Willow</b>	<b>98.7%</b>	<b>5 Pine</b>	<b>96.4%</b>
<b>6 Chestnut</b>	<b>93.3%</b>	<b>6 Sycamore</b>	<b>94.6%</b>

Whole School Attendance: 95%



## PARENT WORKSHOPS

Date	Time	Theme	Lead
8th November	2pm	RWI / READING	Mrs Collins
15th November	2pm	Mathematics	Mr Brooks
23rd November	2pm	SEND	Mrs Gaskell / Mrs Sime
30th November	8.45	Computing E- safety	Mr Garcia
6th December	8.45am – all day	Christmas craft	Ms Barnes / PTFA
Date to be confirmed	Time to be confirmed	Positive play /parents' course	Ms Barnes
Date to be confirmed	Time to be confirmed	Sleep session	Outside Deliverer

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - PLEASE SEE UPDATES**

Date	Event
<b>26.10.23</b>	<b>Finish for Half Term</b>
<b>30.10.23 - 03.11.23</b>	<b>October Half Term</b>
10.11.23	Remembrance Day - Tea Party / Poppy Trail / Care home Visits
13.11.23 - 17.11.23	Antibullying Week
30.11.23	Christmas Decorations
1.12.23	Staff Advent Service
8.12.23	Mince Pies and Baubles - Parents Event
8.12.23	Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Dinner Day

Date	Event
6.12.23 (TBC)	EYFS Nativity
19.12.23 (TBC)	KS1 Nativity
20.12.23 (TBC)	KS2 Nativity
21.12.23	Christmas Party Day
22.12.23	Christmas Assembly <b>Finish for Christmas</b>

CLASS ASSEMBLIES	
25.10.23	4G MAPLE
08.11.23	6B SYCAMORE
15.11.23	1E OAK
22.11.23	1MC BIRCH
29.11.23	2M FIR
06.12.23	Reception
13.12.23	3W ELM