



ST. MATTHEW'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL | 29.09.23

# NEWSLETTER



## FROM THE DESK OF MRS SIME

This week has been another fantastic week at St Matthew's. We celebrated mass as a community, with families, children, staff, governors and our local community to begin our new academic year.

Everybody at mass received a pocket cross to keep Jesus with them every day and follow our mission to **Love, Learn and Shine Together with Jesus.**

As we continue our Cash for Kids Campaign please remember that we have our Pyjama and Movie day for a £2 donation

## PARENT'S FORUM

We have had another great meeting of our parents forum this week, lots of items discussed and some excellent feedback received. A letter has been sent to parents in **Reception** and **5 Willow** as we need parents from these classes to make sure we have representation from all classes. Please contact Ms Barnes if you are interested.



## CASH FOR KIDS

We are delighted to have started our Cash For Kids Campaign. We are holding a Tombola on **Monday 16th October 2023** after school, in the hall. If any families are able to donate prizes for our tombola please could you bring these to the school office by **Wednesday 11th October 2023.**



## LINK

If you, or anybody you know would be able to donate to our Cash for Kids Campaign, please use our donation link

<https://www.cashforkidsgive.co.uk/campaign/cash-for-kids-schools-challenge-liverpool/fundraisers/st-matthews-catholic-primary/>

Please follow our social media pages  
@StMatthewsCPS



# COVID-19 RULES

We are aware there is an increasing number of COVID-19 rates across the country. For children and young people aged 18 and under who test positive for COVID-19, the advice is to try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for **three days**. Adults with a positive COVID-19 test result are advised to try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for **five days**, which is when they are most infectious.

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# PARKING

Parking around school site has improved significantly, thank you to all families for this. However, there are still some families parking across the entrance and exit to the carpark, as well as in front of school. We ask that these areas are not used for parking for the safety and security of all children, staff and visitors.



# COMMUNITY FOOD STORE

We would be grateful for any donations to our community food store, this resource is used by many families.

If you require support please contact Ms Barnes for a private and confidential conversation.



# SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Last week our whole school attendance: 95%  
Classes with 97%+ Attendance: 2 Alder, 4 Ash, 5 Willow, 6 Sycamore  
**Attendance Target: 97%**

# STARS OF THE WEEK

Charlie C, Aria D, Joella E, Callie R, Bobby F, Millie F, Steven S, Holly G, Isaac W, Lily M, Oscar T

*Some classes are not listed, these will be confirmed in the class on Monday*

# GOOD TO BE GREEN

Megan S, Thea M, Samuel H, Penelope F, Rocco, Isaac C, Connie O, Bareera A, Penny B, Emily T, Lacey D

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# AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

If your child has a PE Afterschool Club, please note that they should attend school in their full school uniform and change into their PE Kit at the end of the day.

# DOJO

This Week's Dojo Winners are:



Bessie Braddock

## UPCOMING DATES

25.9 – 20.10.23 – Cash for Kids  
6.10.23 – Maths Number Party  
6.10.23 – CAFOD Family Feast Day  
10.10.23 – World Mental Health Day  
18.10.23 – Parents Evening  
26.10.23 – Finish for Half Term

## 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.

More details to be announced.

## 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.

## TOILETS

As you can appreciate there are over 400 children in our school which can often make toileting difficult. We are trying to encourage the children to go during their break and lunch times, and not during lessons unless they need to go.

If your child has a medical issue that would require the use of toilets more frequently please contact the school and provide advice from doctors for our medical records.

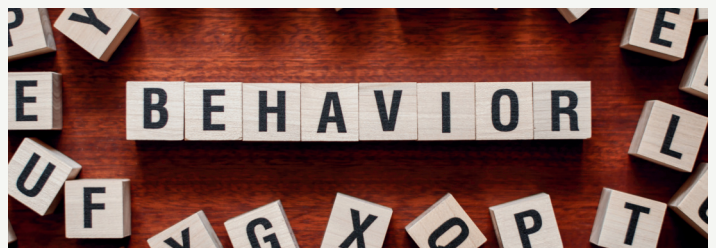


## BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

Every child starts their day on a positive note with a green card displayed in their pocket of the Class Chart. The card says- 'It's Good to be Green!' and the children soon learn to associate being on Green with a feeling of having done the right thing.

This approach is not a one size fits all approach to behaviour for learning and our teachers have all received training on this and how to approach challenges in school.

We are also active positive praise champions and encourage the use of Dojos, Stickers and Gold Stars as often as we can throughout the day.



## AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

When picking up your child from the After School Club, we ask that you follow these instructions to ensure a smooth process:

- Ring the After School Club bell located on the gate. (Blue Button)
- Alternatively, you can call the After School Club phone number for assistance.

## 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**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
29.9.23	Macmillan Coffee Morning
25.09.23 – 20.10.23	Cash for Kids Fundraising
6.10.23	CAFOD Family Fast Day
10.10.23	World Mental Health Day
18.10.23	Parent's Evening
Week Commencing 23.10.23 <b>TBC</b>	EYFS Stay and Play Sessions
<b>TBC</b>	<b>R - Y6 Nasal Flu Vaccine</b>
<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

Date	Event
1.12.23	Staff Advent Service
8.12.23	Mince Pies and Baubles - Parents Event
8.12.23	Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Dinner Day
<b>6.12.23 (TBC)</b>	EYFS Nativity
<b>14.12.23 (TBC)</b>	KS1 Nativity
<b>15.12.23 (TBC)</b>	KS2 Nativity
21.12.23	Christmas Party Day
<b>22.12.23</b>	Christmas Assembly <b>Finish for Christmas</b>

## CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Please note that there were some errors in last week's newsletter.

The Dates listed overleaf are the correct Dates.

## CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Date	Class
13.09.23	6D CHESTNUT
20.09.23	2D ALDER
27.09.23	3H CEDAR
04.10.23	4R ASH
11.10.23	5C PINE
17.10.23	5G WILLOW
25.10.23	4G MAPLE
08.11.23	6B SYCAMORE
15.11.23	1E OAK
22.11.23	1MC BIRCH
29.11.23	2M ALDER
06.12.23	Reception
13.12.23	3W ELM