



Newsletter

Issue 23—Friday 12th April 2024

Mr P Whitehead—Headteacher

Miss S Esposito - Deputy Headteacher

Dear Parent/Carers.

I hope your first week of the new term has gone well. The children have settled back into school really well and have had a good first week back. We have a busy term ahead of us with SATS tests for our Year 6 children taking place on the week beginning 13th May.

God Bless

Mr P Whitehead.

Talent Show

A big thank you to all our parents and families who attended our Talent Show at the end of last term. It was a big success and I'm sure anyone who came will agree was a very entertaining morning. We raised just over £185, so thank you for your generosity. I hope this is something we will do again in the future. Finally a big well done to our winning dance group from Class 1 who won a pizza party for their class which they enjoyed this afternoon!



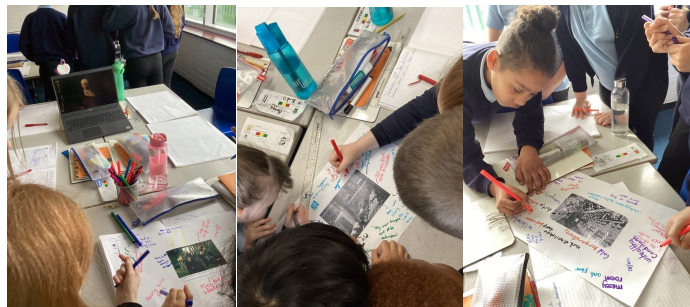
Uniform

We have had a number of children coming to school with clothing that is not part of our school uniform. Please can I ask for your support in following our Uniform Policy here at St Matthew's and make sure children only wear what is outlined as school uniform.

Please can I also remind you that the children should only wear the school PE uniform on their PE day – black or navy joggers, leggings or shorts, a white t-shirt, and trainers. Children should not have clothes with large logos or brands.

In School This Week

Class 5 have been busy making inferences about Victorian workhouses using different sources so that they could write a setting description for their Oliver Twist narrative.



Class 1 enjoyed their gardening session this week! A big thank you to all our volunteers who give their time to work with our children.



Foundation Stage have been keeping a close eye on their frogspawn for signs of tadpoles.

This week the Mini Vinnie's hosted a wonderful tea party for members of the parish. There were cakes, tea and a game of bingo (with prizes!). We hope everyone who came had a lovely time.



St Matthew's Catholic Primary School

Our Mission: *I try to live like Jesus: I love; I forgive; I pray
'Come Follow Me' – Be the best that I can be.*



Attendance

F1— 95.35%

F2— 91.43%

Class 1— 92.82%

Class 2— 89.73%

Class 3— 93.09%

Class 4— 90.32%

Class 5— 96.31%

Class 6— 88.69%

Whole School Attendance this week — 92.03%

Whole School Attendance year to date — 92.60%

As you know, being in school on time and every day is extremely important for all children in order that they receive the best possible start to their learning. Currently our school attendance is not at the level we would like it to be. We are asking that you please ensure that you make all reasonable efforts to send your child into school.

Sometimes you might suspect that your child is slightly under the weather, but well enough to come to school.

That is fine, as staff will monitor very carefully and if necessary can administer medication and call later on in the day. Clearly, there are some illnesses that mean there is no choice other than keeping them off for the day.



Dates for your Diary

- Friday 12th April @ 2:50— Reward Assembly
- Thursday 18th April @ 10:00— Class 6 Class Mass
- Friday 19th April @ 9:05— Class 2 Oracy Assembly
- Friday 19th April @ 2:50— Reward Assembly
- Friday 26th April @ 2:50— Reward Assembly
- May—Travelling Rosary Month
- Tuesday 30th April and Thursday 2nd May—Class 2 Bring your Parents to School sessions.
- Thursday 2nd May @ 10:00— Class 5 Class Mass
- Friday 3rd May @ 9:05— Class 4 Oracy Assembly
- Friday 3rd May @ 2:50— Reward Assembly
- Friday 10th May @ 2:50— Reward Assembly
- Monday 13th May—Thursday 16th May—Class 6 SATS Week
- Friday 16th May @ 2:50— Reward Assembly
- Thursday 23rd May—May Procession and Family Picnic
- Friday 24th May @ 9:05—Class 1 Oracy Assembly
- Friday 24th May—Finish for Half Term Break
- Monday 10th June—School opens for New Term.

Nursey Places September 2024

Nursery places are available for children aged 3 years or who will be 3 years old before 1st September 2024.

Application forms are available from the school office.
(Full and Part-time places available)

Virtues to Live By

Our Virtue for next week is:

Resilience/Perseverance

Parish Mass Times

St Matthew's Church

Sunday @ 9:30am

Reading for the Week—Mark 4: 35-41 'Calming of the Storm'

On the evening of that same day Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go across to the other side of the lake." So they left the crowd; the disciples got into the boat in which Jesus was already sitting, and they took him with them. Other boats were there too. Suddenly a strong wind blew up, and the waves began to spill over into the boat, so that it was about to fill with water. Jesus was in the back of the boat, sleeping with his head on a pillow. The disciples woke him up and said, "Teacher, don't you care that we are about to die?" Jesus stood up and commanded the wind, "Be quiet!" and he said to the waves, "Be still!" The wind died down, and there was a great calm. Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Why are you frightened? Do you still have no faith?" But they were terribly afraid and began to say to one another, "Who is this man? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

Reflection

Signs you are Resilient and you Persevere:

You don't let doubts stop you from trying.
You are not afraid because you know you are not alone.

You ask God to help you grow through your personal challenges.

You take one step at a time - You keep going!
You complete what you start.