



Newsletter

Issue 25—Friday 26th April 2024
Mr P Whitehead—Headteacher
Miss S Esposito - Deputy Headteacher

Dear Parent/Carers.

Another week done and lots of activity in school! Please could I ask for your support at the end of the school day and request you ensure your children stay with you when you have collected them and do not play on the grass or playground equipment. This is purely for safety reasons as these areas will not be monitored by staff at this time.

God Bless

Mr P Whitehead.

Reward Assemblies

As of next week we will be moving the time of our Reward assemblies forward to 2:40. This is because we now have our reception class joining us and we want to make sure we get the children out on time.

Bring your Parents to School

Days

We are very excited to announce that we have planned our next set of 'Bring your Parent to School' days. Our next classes to offer this are Class 1 and Class 3.



The idea of this is to give you the chance to see into your child's classroom and spend some time in lessons to see how your children learn while they are with us. The dates for these sessions are:

Class 1 Session 1 Monday 20th May—9:30—10:30

Class 1 Session 2 Wednesday 22nd May—9:00—10:00

Class 3 Session 1 Tuesday 21st May—9:00—10:30

Class 3 Session 2 Thursday 23rd May—9:00—10:30

You will receive a letter from your class teacher with the information and a reply slip. Please return this to your child's class teacher and they will inform you if you have been given a spot.

In School This Week

Foundation stage had a lovely time celebrating St George's day this week.



Another successful Rhyme challenge this week as well in F1!

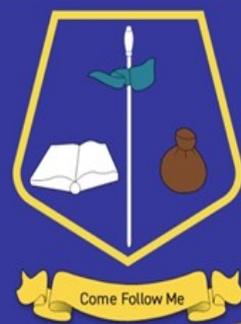


Some of our Year 5 and 6 children took part in a Trust quiz along side the other 17 primary schools. Although they didn't win they did score 28 out of 31!



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— 95.20%

F2— 93.36%

Class 1— 92.06%

Class 2— 98.26%

Class 3— 94.98%

Class 4— 98.21%

Class 5— 96.42%

Class 6— 93.98%

Whole School Attendance this week — 96.01%

Whole School Attendance year to date — 92.79%



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

- 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 @ 2:40— Reward Assembly
- Friday 10th May @ 2:40— Reward Assembly
- Monday 13th May—Thursday 16th May—Class 6 SATS Week
- Friday 16th May @ 2:40— Reward Assembly
- Monday 20th May—9:30—10:30 Bring your Parent to school day Class 1 Session 1
- Tuesday 21st May—9:00—10:30 Bring your Parent to school day Class 3 Session 1
- Wednesday 22nd May—9:00—10:00 Bring your Parent to school day Class 1 Session 2
- Thursday 23rd May—9:00—10:30 Bring your Parent to school day Class 3 Session 12
- 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.

Nursery 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

Reading for the Week—Luke 5:1-11 1

One day Jesus was standing on the shore of Lake Gennesaret while the people pushed their way up to him to listen to the word of God. He saw two boats pulled up on the beach; the fishermen had left them and were washing the nets. Jesus got into one of the boats—it belonged to Simon—and asked him to push off a little from the shore. Jesus sat in the boat and taught the crowd. When he finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Push the boat out further to the deep water, and you and your partners let down your nets for a catch." "Master," Simon answered, "we worked hard all night long and caught nothing. But if you say so, I will let down the nets." They let them down and caught such a large number of fish that the nets were about to break. So they motioned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. They came and filled both boats so full of fish that the boats were about to sink. When Simon Peter saw what had happened, he fell on his knees before Jesus and said, "Go away from me, Lord! I am a sinful man!" He and the others with him were all amazed at the large number of fish they had caught. The same was true of Simon's partners, James and John, the Acts of Worship sons of Zebedee. Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." They pulled the boats up on the beach, left everything, and followed Jesus.

Parish Mass Times

St Matthew's Church

Sunday @ 9:30am

Reflection

Think of a time when you were fed up and it was difficult to carry on. How did you feel? What gave you the strength to keep going?

The disciples showed faith and perseverance and were rewarded.

How can you show this in your every day life this week?

In your work?

Relationships?

Faith?