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NEWSLETTER

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WOW! Another week has flown by already. We have had another wonderful week in school with lots of brilliant learning and fantastic activities taking place. This week the children in Key Stage Two went to church while Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 had Wizzy Worship and learnt about the lost sheep. It was so nice to see so many parents in school and in the classrooms afterwards. Many thanks to Fr. Robert and Mrs Phillips.

Year 5 also enjoyed their visit to Bolton Library to take part in a local history workshop.

Please take a look at this week's newsletter which includes our attendance levels for this week; a reminder about the visioning day at St Matthew's Church later this month and ANOTHER hundred square treat. Also take a look at the leaflet about girls' football.

Have a wonderful weekend.

John Shawcross

Headteacher



Your child's education is really important. Regular attendance at school increases your child's chance of getting good qualifications and a good job. Any absence means that children miss important school time both educationally and for other school activities and it will be difficult for them to catch up on work later on. Parents need to ring before 8:50am if their child is going to be absent that day. Children arriving late after 9:05am will be marked in the register as an unauthorised absence for that morning. For more information, please see the leaflet below the newsletter. Year 2 are this week's winners – well done!

THIS WEEKS ATTENDANCE

CLASS	ATTENDANCE
Reception	92.6%
Year 1	92.0%
Year 2	99.3%
Year 3	94.5%
Year 4	97.0%
Year 5	93.8%
Year 6	94.5%
Whole School	94.9%

WHAT'S ON

As promised last week, a list of important dates for the Summer Term was sent home earlier this week. Please check the newsletter each week for any changes or amendments. Another copy is at the end of the newsletter.

NEXT WEEK

26/04/2024 – Cricket Session for Years 1 2 and 4.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES



We still have some class assemblies left this term. Parents and carers of each class are invited to attend and then stay to participate in a class activity until 10:00am. We hope you can make it.

25th April – Year 3 **NEXT WEEK**

2nd May – Year 4

23rd May – Reception

20th June – Year 1

27th June – Year 2

GRUB TUB



Year 4 have been chosen this week to take on the challenge to fill the grub tub. We are kindly asking the children and staff in Year 4 to bring in a donation **this week** from the list below the newsletter to help fill the grub tub for Urban Outreach Bolton Food Hub, who provide food parcels to struggling households across the borough. Any donations will be greatly appreciated.



Year 6 have now completed their 100 square this week. They are celebrating by having baking afternoon on Friday 26th April. Well done Year 6 – More details to follow next week.



Don't forget - On Saturday 27 April we are inviting the whole community of Little Lever to join us for a Visioning Day at St Matthew's Church from 10am to 1pm. All are welcome but if you cannot attend, we would still love to hear your ideas. Simply scan the QR code on the leaflet below to add your ideas to our Padlet board. Fr Robert.



As the weather finally seems to be improving please could you make sure that your child has a pair of trainers in school on PE days.



Please use this list as a guide to what we need to help make up our food parcels.

Items highlighted with * are what we need the most.

For food safety / quality reasons, please don't donate any bakery products or items that require refrigeration or freezing.

Donated food can be dropped off at Unit 4 (former Staples / Office Outlet) on Trinity Retail Park, off Bradford Street, Bolton BL2 1HY. Just drive down past Burger King and Arnold Clark Car Sales.

The Hub is open **Monday to Friday** between **10am - 12noon and 1.00pm - 3.00pm**.

Ambient / Long-Life Items

Tinned Soups (Any)
*Tinned Minced Beef
*Tinned Corned Beef
*Tinned Stewing Steak
*Tinned Meat Stews
*Tinned Chicken Stews
*Tinned meat or chicken curry
Tinned Veg Curry
*Tinned Ham
*Tinned Meat Pies
Tinned Fish (any)

Tinned Carrots
*Tinned Mushy Peas
*Tinned Garden Peas
*Tinned Processed Peas
*Tinned Mixed Vegetables
*Tinned Tomatoes
*Tinned Potatoes
*Instant Mash
Dried Rice
Microwave Rice
Dried Pasta
Cuppa Soup

Small cooking oils (max 200ml)
Cooking Sauces (jars)
Gravy granules and cubes
Herbs & Spices (any)
Salt & Pepper
Tomato Puree
Pickled beetroot, onions or cabbage
Salad Cream
Tomato Sauce
Brown Sauce

Coffee Powder
Instant Hot Chocolate
Long Life Fruit Juice (1 ltr or similar)
*Cordial
*Long Life Milk

Tinned Sweet Pie Fillings
Tinned Sponge Puddings
*Tinned Fruit (any)
* Instant Custard Powder
Tinned Custard
Rice Pudding
Sugar
Biscuits
Baking Products
Flour (Plain & Self Raising)
Angel Delight
Evaporated Milk
Trifle Mixes
Jellies

Cleaning Equipment

*Large food bags
Antibacterial Spray
Dish Cloths
Bleach
Toilet cleaner

Toiletries

Shampoo and Conditioner
Toothpaste
Toothbrushes
Toilet Rolls
Baby Wipes
*Nappies (all sizes but especially size 4 upwards)

Fresh Fruit and Veg

Apples and Oranges
Carrots, greens and potatoes
Salad items (not containing 'use by' dates)

Thank you for your help and support

URBAN
OUTREACH (BOLTON)

Your child's education is really important. Regular attendance at school increases your child's chance of getting good qualifications and a good job.

Any absence means that children miss important school time – both educationally and for other school activities. It will be difficult for them to catch up on work later on.

The Law

You are responsible for:

- ensuring your children receive full time education
- their regular attendance at school

As the parent, you are committing an offence if you fail to make sure that your child attends school regularly, even if they are missing school without your knowledge. You run the risk of being issued with a Penalty Notice or being taken to court.

The Local Authority may decide to prosecute parents in instances where absence is unauthorised by the school. If this happens:

- parents can be fined up to £2,500 or imprisoned for failing to ensure that their child attends school regularly
- magistrates can also impose a Parenting Order, which means that the parent has to attend a counselling and guidance programme, usually a parenting class

- a Penalty Notice of £60 may be issued by the Local Authority as an alternative to prosecution. This rises to £120 if unpaid after 21 days but within 28 days. Failure to pay will normally lead to prosecution

What can you do?

Ensure that your child attends school regularly and arrives on time. Lateness can be very disruptive for the class and your child. If your child is late after registration closes, this will be counted as an unauthorised absence.

If your child is absent from school you must:

As early as you can on the first day of absence

- phone the school, or
- send a note, or
- call at the school, to notify them about the absence, the reason and expected return date

When your child returns to school always send a signed note which should:

- be dated and
- give the reason for absence

The reasons your child should not be kept away from school include:

- to look after brothers or sisters
- to mind the house
- to visit relatives
- for long weekends
- for shopping trips
- for birthdays
- for holidays during term time

Term time holidays

You should not expect your child's school to agree to an absence for a holiday in term time.

The law says that parents do not have the right to take their child out of school for holidays during term time.

Recent amendments to school attendance regulations (which came into force from 1 September 2013), remove references to family holidays and extended leave and make it clear, that the Headteacher may not authorise any absence from school unless there are exceptional circumstances.

If you feel there are exceptional circumstances why your child needs to be absent from school, you should apply, in advance, by writing to the Headteacher explaining clearly the dates and reasons you are requesting leave of absence.

If the school refuses a request for leave of absence and the child is still taken out of school this will be recorded as unauthorised absence and noted in the child's record.

You may also receive a Penalty Notice for the period of absence.

Working together with your school makes a difference for your child.

Help your child's school to ensure that:

- rules are observed
- discipline is maintained
- other pupils and school staff are respected
- all tasks and homework are completed
- your schools buildings and facilities are cared for

Your school will inform you of:

- the daily starting and finishing time
- term and holiday dates
- other days when the school will be closed

Your school will inform you if:

- your child is not attending
- your child is frequently late
- homework is not being completed

A photograph of St Matthew's Church in Little Lever, showing its stone architecture and bare trees in the foreground.

Join us for a
VISIONING DAY
at st matthew's church | little lever

SATURDAY 27 APRIL 2024 including time for
10am to 1pm food and fellowship
a shared vision for the future of st matthew's





St. Matthews CE Primary School
Summer Term Events

<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>
15th – Y5 Sale Sharks rugby starts for 6 weeks. 18th – Curriculum letters and targets sent home. 18th – 9am - Wizzy Worship in school and Juniors to Church 19th – Y5 Trip to Bolton Museum. 19th – Cricket for Years 1/2/4 for 6 weeks. 25th – 9am - Year 3 Class Assembly. 30th – Year 5 Debt Awareness Session	2nd – 9am - Year 4 Class Assembly. 13th – 16th – Year 6 SAT's Week including breakfast from 8:30am 20th – Year 2 Trip to Hedgehogs Woodland Adventures. 23rd – 9am - Reception Class Assembly. 23rd – Year 4 Trip to Tatton Park. 24th – Finish for Half Term at 3:25pm	10th – School reopens at 8:40am 10th – Tennis Coaching for Years 3 and 5 start for 6 weeks. 11th - Year 6 Debt Awareness Session 13th – 9am Wizzy Worship and Juniors to Church. 14th, 18th – 28th – Year 4 Swimming. 17th – 7pm - Bolton Musical Festival at Victoria Hall. 18th – Governor Day and Full Governors Meeting. 19th – Year 6 Leaver's Service at Manchester Cathedral. 20th – 9am - Year 1 Class Assembly. 26th – Sports Day 27th – Interim Summer Reports sent home. 27th – 9am - Year 2 Class Assembly.	1st – Year 3 Trip to Imagine That. 3rd – Reception and Year 1 trip to Blue Planet Aquarium. 5th – 2:30pm till 4:30pm – Summer Fair 8th – 6pm – Year 6 Presentation Evening 10th – Reports to go home. 11th – 9am - Wizzy Worship and Juniors to Church. 16th – Junior Performance (Y5/6) – 2pm and 6pm. 18th – 9am – Leavers Service in Church 19th – End of School Year.

Little Lever Sports Club

COMMUNITY FOOTBALL

Women and Girls

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LITTLE WILDCATS

FREE SESSION

📍 LITTLE LEVER HIGH SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY 5:30PM – 6:15PM

AGE: 5-8

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WEDNESDAY 6:15PM – 7:00PM

AGE: 9-12

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