



St Matthew's CE Aided Primary School

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NEWSLETTER **26.04.2024**

It has been another wonderful week in school. We have seen lots of exciting learning taking place in every classroom. This week saw Year 3 deliver their BRILLIANT class assembly. Thank you to all the parents and carers who came along to support them and to those who were able to stay behind afterwards. Our Year 6 children are working exceptionally hard as they get ready for their SAT's in a couple of weeks' time. Please do pray for them as they continue to prepare.

Please take a look at this week's newsletter which includes our attendance levels for this week. Well done to Year 1 you are this week's winners with 98.8%. Also please see information on girls rugby which any girls in Year 6 are welcome to attend as well as information about brownies and guides at St Matthew's Church House.

Have a wonderful weekend.

John Shawcross
Headteacher



As previously communicated, we are thrilled to let you know that Mrs. Phillips is expecting another baby. Her baby is due during the summer holidays and she is hoping to stay in school till the end of the academic year. I am sure you will join us all in congratulating her and wish her well for the rest of her pregnancy. We are currently finalising arrangements for staffing next year and will communicate this to parents in due course. Thank You!

THIS WEEKS ATTENDANCE

CLASS	ATTENDANCE
Reception	93.3%
Year 1	98.8%
Year 2	91.7%
Year 3	94.8%
Year 4	94.7%
Year 5	93.8%
Year 6	93.0%
Whole School	94.2%

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

2nd May – Year 4 Class Assembly

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.

2nd May – Year 4 **NEXT WEEK**

23rd May – Reception

20th June – Year 1

27th June – Year 2

GRUB TUB



The staff have been chosen this week to take on the challenge to fill the grub tub. We are kindly asking the staff with any help from the children 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.

A PARKING PLEA

We would like to make a plea to parents and carers regarding parking outside school. We are receiving complaints from Norris Street residents especially with regard to blocking the road / access to properties at the start and end of the day. We kindly ask that you park considerately during these times. Thank You! ☺



Please could we remind parents that mobile phones should only be brought in to school by children in Years 5 and 6 who **walk home alone**. If any other children need to bring a phone to school, please contact the office first. All phones **MUST BE HANDED IN** to the school office each morning.



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.



Year 2 have filled their hundred square and will have their reward on Friday 3rd May.

The children have voted for den-building as their reward. They can come in non-uniform and bring a small teddy to put in their dens. Non-uniform must be suitable for both PE and den-building. Please can the children all wear trainers and joggers / shorts / leggings. Thank You!



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



[@BOLTON AMAZONS GIRLS RUGBY](#)

AGED BETWEEN 12-16 YEARS?
FANCY A FRESH CHALLENGE?

NO MATTER WHAT YOUR ABILITY
OR LEVEL OF FITNESS
JOIN US TODAY!



**BOLTON
AMAZONS**



NORTHERN RUGBY MATTERS

SATURDAY

13:00 - 16:00

MAY

18TH

COME DOWN AND TRAIN WITH US!!!
GIVE US A "TRY"
NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!!!

INTERESTED?

**@ BOLTON RUFC, MORTFIELD PAVILION, AVENUE STREET
(OFF CHORLEY OLD RD.) BOLTON BL1 3AW**



rugby



 @BOLTONRUGBY www.boltonrugby.co.uk email your attendance to - girls@boltonrugby.co.uk

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St. Matthews CE Primary School
Summer Term Events

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

'I had never climbed before. I was scared of heights. But I climbed and rang the bell all by myself and felt really proud of myself'

Poonam

Brownies

We meet at St Matthews Church
House Tuesdays 6.45 - 8PM

**Girls have nonstop fun,
learning and adventure**

for ages 7 to 10

At Brownies, we welcome all girls to explore their creative side, get out into the great outdoors and start to learn to look after themselves, others and the world we live in.



Girlguiding

Registered charity number: 306016

Join a local Brownies group girlguiding.org.uk/joinus

'Guides is the most adventurous thing... it gives you the opportunity to meet people and see things you wouldn't normally see, and it's just an amazing experience'

Bryony

Meet at Church House
Little Newer, Market
Sunder
Tuesday 6.45 - 8PM

Guides

**Girls laugh, learn and
expand their horizons**

for ages 10 to 14

At Guides, all girls are welcome to enjoy our fun-filled space, where she'll make good friends, learn to be herself, explore what she loves and do stuff she's never done before!



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