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ST MATTHEW'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, PRUDHOE

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Together we... Pray, Play, Work, Learn and Grow



Next week will be
WEEK 1

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Congratulations to Class 2 for having the highest attendance percentage this week!

This week our overall attendance was 96.2%

Please ensure you make every effort to ensure your child gets to school every day to help us achieve our target

Class	Reception	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5
Attendance	95.6%	96.5%	97.3%	96.7%	96.1%	94.9%



Poor punctuality means your child misses valuable learning time and that lessons are disrupted for all other pupils. Please make sure that your children are on the yard by 8.40am every day.



Dear Parents, Grandparents & Parishioners,

The autumn term has flown by this year, with performances, trips and delicious theme days it definitely feels like it's time for a rest. Though we hope you managed to join us at one of the Performances the past few weeks, each one was unique and absolutely fantastic to watch. The children (and teachers!) have put their heart into every performance and it's really showed in the final results. The children are bound to be exhausted after all the hours that have been put into practising and rehearsing.

Thank you all so much for the support day in day out, from fairs to non-uniform days to general helpfulness and a kind smile in the morning. It means so much to us all here at St. Matthew's to know we have such a kind, thoughtful and warm community that spreads good cheer throughout Prudhoe. We are truly blessed to have such dedicated parents!

And with that, I wish you a Merry Christmas and a fabulous New Year. All the best for 2019, from everyone here at St. Matthew's!



NEWS

Spring term Cake Raffle: Thank you all so much for supporting the Cake Raffle this term. Please have a look at the rota for the Spring Term. If there's any issues with the dates, just let me know and I'll see if I can swap you around!

KS2 Performances: We hope you managed to join us for one of the KS2 performances this week, the show has looked fantastic each day! The singing and performances by the children has been amazing. The children have put many hours of practice, both in and out of school and it has really shown in their performance.

Spring term dates: New dates have been added to the end of the newsletter this week for the next academic term.

KS1 Trip to Whitehouse Farm: Children had a fantastic time at Whitehouse farm this week (despite the miserable rainy weather!) they got to see a lot of animals at the farm and even got to meet Santa himself who joined our children for a special visit for their good behaviour all throughout the Autumn Term. We hope they tell you all about it!

Year 3/4 Afterschool Hockey: After the half term, a Year 3/4 hockey club has been arranged for 3-4pm on Monday afternoons (Starting 7th January 2018) and will end on the last week of the spring half term (Monday 11th February 2018.). Places are to be booked via your ParentPay account under a free trip. Please ensure you book as soon as possible as places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. If you have any queries regarding the trip, please contact the school office.

Paperless Trips: Following the resounding success of the trip to see Aladdin last week, all trips will now run through ParentPay rather than with letters. Consent, emergency contact details and whether packed lunches are required will now all operate during the payment process. Parents will still be informed via Newsletters, the details of all trips. So keep your eyes peeled! (Some forms may still be needed, such as medication and external provider forms etc.)

Spring 2019 Cake Raffle Rota.

11/01/2019	Becky Humphreys
18/01/2019	Steph (Ava, Isabelle)
25/01/2019	Karen (Henry, William)
01/02/2019	Paquita (Gabriel)
08/02/2019	Demelza (Robson)
15/02/2019	Claire (Kenzie)
Half Term	
01/03/2019	Louise (Emma)
08/03/2019	Iwona (Sophie)
15/03/2019	Emma (Charlotte)
22/03/2019	Karen (Ruby)
29/03/2019	John (Bobbie-leigh)
05/04/2019	Joanne (Daniel)



End of Term Carol Service: On Wednesday, the whole school joined the parish in the community for a heart-warming and wonderful carol service and readings for advent. Children enjoyed singing a variety of songs for a lovely way to end the term.

EYFS Polar Express: Reception and Nursery have had a fantastic time on Monday and Tuesday doing their Polar Express. The children got to meet Santa (Two visits in a month, he must really appreciate our hardworking and polite children!) who gave the children some presents for their hard work this term, a unique snowflake, a bell a ticket to ride the polar express! Afterwards, once Santa had to leave



back to the North Pole, the children then relaxed with a hot chocolate with marshmallows and cookies! What a fantastic way to end the term!

Parent Governor Results: Following on from the official ballot count on the 10th December 2018, I would like to warmly welcome Mrs Elizabeth Burgess as our new Parent Governor. Please join us in wishing her well in her new post alongside our governing body. Congratulations!

MEMOS AND REMINDERS

Weekly Community Liturgy: Statement to Live By for the coming week will be 'I try to follow our school and classroom rules.

' Our Community Liturgy will be held every Monday at 8.50am – **All welcome!**

Weekly Cake Raffle: For the final week, it was very fitting for a festive cake to be donated by Rachel (Matthew, Class 2), check out the delicious looking cake! This week, Class 2 were lucky enough to win and enjoy the cake (What a perfect end of year treat!) Thank you to everyone who supports us in the weekly cake raffle, remember that the draws are done weekly and you have to be in it to win it!



In Our Prayers - Prayer booklet: If there is anyone you would like us to pray for in our school community please drop comments into the prayer box or email the school office and we will remember those intentions in our prayers.

PARENTPAY REMINDERS

Important – End of Term Payments: If you haven't already done so, please ensure all negative balances have been addressed before we return on Monday 7th January 2018. If you have any issues with ParentPay or queries with balances, please email me on arobson@stmatthewsprudhoe.org (the general admin inbox is not monitored over school breaks.)

WEEKLY AWARDS

Happy Birthday!

William (Class 4) – 19th December!
Gabriel (Class 4) – 24th December!
Mia (Class 1) – 24th December!
Eli (Nursery) – 29th December!
Matthew (Class 1) – 31st December!
Sophie (Nursery) – 1st January!

Headteacher Awards

Reception – Amazing performance at the Carol Service!
Class 1 - Excellent behaviour and manners on our trip to Whitehouse Farm!
Montana (Class 3) – Good work and reading in Class!
Class 4 – working hard all term. Keep up the good work!

WEEKLY GOSPEL

Taken from the Gospel for 23rd December 2018 (Luke 1:39-44): The Visitation Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, "Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled."

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND KEY DATES

7th January 2019 – School Resumes for Spring Term
7th January – Year 3/4 Afterschool Hockey Begins
18th January – Reception Liturgy
25th January – Class 1 Liturgy
31st January - RNLI – Meet the Lifeguard
1st February – Class 2 Liturgy
5th February – Safer Internet Day
8th February – Class 3 Liturgy

11th February – Parent's Evening
15th February – Break for Half Term
25th February – Return from Half term
8th March – Class 5 Assembly
29th March – Class 1 Liturgy
29th March – Easter Social (PTA)
5th April – Break for Easter
23rd April – Return from Easter

Another full newsletter! As ever, any questions, please do ask.

On behalf of Fr. Michael, Staff and Governors may I wish you a Merry Christmas and a fantastic New Year!

God Bless,



Headteacher

