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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 3**

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**Congratulations to Class 4 for having the highest attendance this week!**

**This week our overall attendance was 96.1%**

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
<b>Attendance</b>	97.5%	94.4%	94.7%	96.4%	97.9%	96.3%



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,**

As ever we've had a busy school week here at St. Matthew's. We have a lot of residential and trips coming up soon for various year groups, so keep your eyes peeled for in the News section below!

Also, starting next week a fantastic food bank donation drive organised by Miss Moore and our Mini Vinnies will be taking place in St. Matthew's. Have a look at the full details below.

## NEWS

**Weardale Residential:** Letters have been sent home this week regarding the Year 4 Residential to Weardale. A non-refundable £20 is due by 8<sup>th</sup> February 2019 and an information meeting has been arranged at 3:15pm on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2019. Payments are to be made via your ParentPay account.

**Race for Life 2019:** Letters have been sent home this week to our Nursery for their own Race for Life, set to be held on the same day. A Just Giving page has been launched for both Race for Life::

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/st-matthews-catholic-nursery-and-primary>

**GSSP Dance Festival 2019:** Letters have been sent home this week to our KS2 children. The letters are to add your child's name to list of enthusiastic entrants for this year's festival and rehearsals! Make sure to return the form before the deadline on: **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019.**

**Lunchtime Football Club:** Arrangements have been made for a Lunchtime Football club to be ran by Mr Pickup (Class 4 Teacher) every Thursday (Beginning next week, Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2019).

**Prudhoe Food Bank:** Our Mini Vinnies have started a collection for a Food Bank this half term, as a school we are collecting items for the Prudhoe Food Bank:

Items we are collecting for the fantastic cause:

Tinned meat / Fish / Pulses / Beans  
 Tinned vegetables / tomatoes / fruit  
 Dried milk / UHT long life milk  
 Rice / noodles / Tinned or instant potatoes  
 Crackers / biscuits / breakfast cereals / tinned desserts  
 Fruit squash / pop / coffee / sugar  
 Toothpaste / shampoo / shower gel / deodorant / razors  
 Washing up liquid / washing powder / cleaning products  
 Nappies / Baby wipes  
 Dog food / cat food

Donations will be taken weekly down to the Prudhoe Food Bank every Friday!

**School Council Trip to London:** As per last year, arrangements have been made for our School Council to visit the Houses of Parliament and see the sights of London on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2019. If your child has received their letter, please return the slip as soon as possible. There will be an informational meeting on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019 @ 3.15pm

**Class 3 Trip to the Great North Museum:** Arrangements have been made for Class 3 to visit the Great North Museum in Newcastle on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2019. Letters will be sent home next week.

25/01/2019	Karen (Henry, William)
01/02/2019	Paquita (Gabriel)
08/02/2019	Demelza (Robson)
15/02/2019	Claire (Kenzie)
<b>Half Term</b>	
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)



## MEMOS AND REMINDERS

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**Weekly Community Liturgy:** Statement to Live By for the coming week will be 'I know we are happiest when we are united.' Our Community Liturgy will be held every Monday at 8.50am – **All welcome!**

**Weekly Cake Raffle:** This week Class 5 won the delicious looking cake that was donated by Mrs Durham (Ava, Class 5 and Isabelle, Class 3) Remember that the draw is made each Friday morning in assembly for £1 per entry, raised funds are for School Funds

**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

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Remember to check weekly for any owing negative amounts, and please ensure any accrued debits are cleared from the parent account as soon as possible. If you have any queries regarding the balances or ParentPay, please contact the school office.

- Payment item for the Year 4 Weardale residential deposits now live.
- Swimming for this Half Term is now live for Year 5 following an error!

## WEEKLY AWARDS

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## WEEKLY GOSPEL

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**Taken from the Gospel for Sunday 20th January 2019 - The Wedding-Feast at Cana (John 2:1-11):** There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." Jesus said, "Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews; each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water," and they filled them to the brim. "Draw some out now," he told them, "and take it to the steward." They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from – only the servants who had drawn the water knew - the steward called the bridegroom and said, "People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink; but you have kept the best wine till now." This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND KEY DATES

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21<sup>st</sup> January – **Deadline for Dance Festival**  
22<sup>nd</sup> January – **Weardale Info meeting**  
24<sup>th</sup> January – Space Camp  
25<sup>th</sup> January – Class 1 Liturgy  
28<sup>th</sup> January – **London Info meeting**  
31<sup>st</sup> January - RNLI – Meet the Lifeguard  
1<sup>st</sup> February – Class 2 Liturgy  
1<sup>st</sup> February – Race for Life  
5<sup>th</sup> February – Safer Internet Day  
8<sup>th</sup> February – Class 3 Liturgy

11<sup>th</sup> February – Parents Evening (3-6pm)  
14<sup>th</sup> February – **Class 3 Trip to GNM**  
15<sup>th</sup> February – Break for Half Term  
25<sup>th</sup> February – Return from Half term  
8<sup>th</sup> March – Class 5 Assembly  
29<sup>th</sup> March – Class 1 Liturgy  
29<sup>th</sup> March – Easter Social (PTA)  
5<sup>th</sup> April – Break for Easter  
23<sup>rd</sup> April – Return from Easter

**New dates from the last newsletter are highlighted in bold.**

Another full newsletter! As ever, any questions, please do ask.  
On behalf of Fr. Michael, Staff and Governors may I wish you a happy weekend.

God Bless,



**Headteacher**

