



Newsletter

Issue 21—Friday 15th March 2024
Mr P Whitehead—Headteacher
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Dear Parent/Carers.

I hope you have all had a lovely week. As you can see we have had another busy week here in school. I just wanted to share with you a message from West Yorkshire Police which they posted a couple of days ago regarding the social media posts being circulated this week. Please see the message below.

God Bless

Mr P Whitehead.

We are aware of a social media video that has been circulating around the community in West Yorkshire since last week of a small group of youths making threats towards another group.

There has been speculation regarding incidents within schools however there have been no reported incidents at any school within our communities.

West Yorkshire Police are working with local authorities and are actively encouraging people not to speculate or put unnecessary fear into the community and would kindly ask people do not share these types of videos online.

In response to concerns raised, West Yorkshire Police are working with our partners and local neighbourhood policing teams to provide reassurance in the community.

Four arrests have been made in relation to this matter and enquiries remain ongoing by Bradford CID.

West Yorkshire Police take all reports of youth violence and anti-social behaviour seriously and behaviour of this type will not be tolerated, and any offences committed will be dealt with robustly.

Anyone who has information about this video or who knows who is in it, is asked to contact police via 101 or using the live chat facility at www.westyorkshire.police.uk/livechat quoting log 13240123627

Information can be provided anonymously to Crimestoppers 0800 555 111

In School This Week

Class 3 have been finding out about different parts of the flower that are needed for pollination. They were very excited to spot these parts in our daffodils.



Some of our classes had a visit from a cricket coach this week. The children loved finding out how to play cricket with Jordan. Maybe we have some cricket stars of the future



First Holy Communion Preparation

A couple of parents have asked about when preparation for First Holy Communion starts, so here is a reminder about the dates and venues:

Session 1—Friday 19th April at 4:15—St Matthew's School.

Session 2—Friday 26th April at 4:15—St William's School.

Session 3—Friday 3rd May at 4:15—St William's Church Hall.

Session 4—Friday 17th May at 4:15—St William's Church Hall.

Session 5—Friday 24th May at 4:15—St William's Church Hall.

Session 6—Saturday 1st June at 10:00 in St Williams Church.

First Holy Communion will then take place on **Sunday 2nd June** in St William's Church at 11:00.

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— 76.58%

F2— 79.63%

Class 1— 96.71%

Class 2— 98.26%

Class 3— 92.83%

Class 4— 96.42%

Class 5— 88.17%

Class 6— 97.40%

Whole School Attendance this week — 94.39%

Whole School Attendance year to date — 92.61%



Governors

We have vacancies on our governing body for Foundation and Parent Governors. If you are interested in being part of the governing body please come and speak to me and I can explain the details of the role and answer any questions you may have.

Nursey 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)

Dates for your Diary

- Thursday 21st March @ 10:00—F2 Class Mass in Church
- Friday 22nd March—Good Shepherd Non-Uniform Day
- Friday 22nd March @ 2:50—Reward Assembly
- Tuesday 26th March @ 10:30—Singing Showcase
- Thursday 28th March @ 9:30—Talent Show
- Thursday 28th March—**School closes for the end of term at 2:00**
- **Tuesday 9th April—School Opens for the Summer Term**
- Friday 12th April @ 2:50— Reward Assembly
- Thursday 18th April @ 10:00— Class 6 Class Mass
- Friday 19th April @ 9:05— Class 2 Oracy Assembly
- Friday 19th April @ 2:50— Reward Assembly
- Friday 26th April @ 2:50— Reward Assembly
- Thursday 2nd May @ 10:00— Class 5 Class Mass
- Friday 3rd May @ 9:05— Class 4 Oracy Assembly

Cleaner Needed!

We are seeking a hard-working and dedicated School Cleaner to work here at St Matthew's. You will work as part of a team, undertaking various cleaning duties throughout the school to ensure our children's learning environment is always clean. If you are interested please speak to the School office and they will provide you with the documents needed to apply for the position.

Virtues to Live By

Our Virtue for next week is:

Forgiveness

Reading for the Week—Psalm 129(130)

Out of the depths I call to you, Lord hear my cry for help. Listen compassionately to my pleading. If you never overlooked our sins, who could survive? Lord, help me to start again.

Your forgiveness wipes my slate clean. Your love blots out all my sins as if they had never happened.

Your forgiveness is like re-birth, a chance to start again with a new, fresh life. I have only to ask and your forgiveness is immediate. Lord, teach me to forgive as I am forgiven...

Teach me your life-giving generosity. No matter who is right or who is wrong, help me to sweep away the bitterness, the nurtured anger the stored-up resentment of years. Enable me to start again.

Parish Mass Times
St Matthew's Church
Sunday @ 9:30am

Reflection

When we have done wrong it makes us feel isolated and distant from God but this is precisely when we need God most.

Focusing on our sins and those of others should not lead to self-pity, causing us to think more about ourselves more than God. Feeling sorry for ourselves will only increase feelings of hopelessness and anger.

Speaking to God will turn our attention to the only One who can really help.