



## Newsletter

Issue 22—Friday 22nd March 2024  
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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. We are getting closer to the end of term and I would like to remind you that we finish at **2:00 on Thursday 28th March.**

God Bless

Mr P Whitehead.

### Holy Week Parish News

#### **Palm Sunday**

Saturday 23rd March—6PM Vigil Mass (St William's Church)

Sunday 24th March—9AM Mass with the Blessing of palms and procession (St Matthew's Church)

Sunday 24th March—11AM Solemn Mass with the Blessing of palms and procession (St William's Church)

#### **Holy Week**

Monday 25th March—No Mass

Tuesday 26th March—10AM Mass (St William's Church)

Wednesday 27th March—No Mass (Chrism Mass—Leeds Cathedral at 11AM—All Welcome)

#### **Good Friday 29th March**

Confessions 11—12noon

3PM Solemn Liturgy of the Passion, with veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion

7PM Stations of the Cross and Veneration of the relic of the True Cross

#### **Holy Saturday 30th March**

8PM The Easter Vigil: with the celebration of the sacraments of Christian Initiation, and Solemn First Mass of the Resurrection.

#### **Easter Sunday 31st March**

9:30AM Mass (St Matthew's Church)

11:00AM Solemn Mass (St William's Church)

### In School This Week

Year 5 did a great job with their oracy presentation. They spoke clearly about what they like learning about in Science, scientists that inspire them and what STEM careers they'd like to go into when they're older. Well done everyone!



Class 5 had the pleasure of a visit from Mr Bullock this week. They created drawings of famous 'firsts in space' and stuck them on collaged backgrounds. They look absolutely fantastic and we can't wait to get them up on display!



### Singing Show Case

We would like to invite the Parents of children in Class 1, Class 2 and Class 5 to a singing showcase on **Tuesday 26th March at 10:30.** These classes have been having singing lessons with Daniel Rodriguez Tijaro every Tuesday morning and would like to show the results of their hard work to an audience. We would love for you come along and enjoy a morning of singing with us.

### Revision Club

There will be no revision club for Class 6 next week on Wednesday 27th March. Revision club will resume after the Easter break with the first session being on Wednesday 10th April.

# 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— 80.18%

F2— 89.63%

Class 1— 89.71%

Class 2— 98.96%

Class 3— 94.27%

Class 4— 99.28%

Class 5— 87.13%

Class 6— 97.69%

Whole School Attendance this week — 95.86%

Whole School Attendance year to date — 92.75%



## Dates for your Diary

- 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
- Friday 3rd May @ 2:50— Reward Assembly

## 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)

## 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.

