



Newsletter 6 – 7th October 2024

Knowledge begins with respect for God (Proverbs 1:7)

This half-term's value is 'Generosity' (2 Corinthians 9:6-11)

Harvest Festival – Food Donations

As mentioned a couple of weeks ago, this year's Harvest Festival will be taking place on Wednesday 16th October at 8.40am here in school. Our Owls' class will be leading this service and everyone is very welcome to join us. We will be supporting Blackburn Foodbank by donating harvest food.



The Foodbank are asking for the following items which you can start to send in now:

- Tinned fruit
- Instant noodles
- Pasta sauces
- Microwave rice
- Tinned soup
- Breakfast cereals
- Dried lentils
- Tinned vegetables
- Pasta

Many thanks in advance for your support!

School Holiday Patterns: 2024-25 and 2025-26

The school holiday patterns for 2024-25 and 2025-26 are both now available on the school's website: www.stmatthewsblackburn.com under 'Parents – Term Dates and School Holidays'. Please make sure that you check with these before booking holidays and trips abroad. **It is extremely important to avoid booking holidays and/or extended leave during term time as this can seriously affect your child's learning and progress.**



The deadline for applying for your child's secondary school place is:

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Parents/Carers of Year 6 children

A reminder that the deadline for secondary school applications is **Thursday 31st October 2024**. If you've missed a school's open evening, don't worry as they will often arrange to give you your own guided tour at a time that suits you.

Online Safety Newsletter

This month's online safety newsletter for parents and carers is now available on the school website under 'Parents – Online Safety'. This month's edition contains helpful advice and information about



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thanks once again for your fantastic support for our Macmillan Coffee Morning and Cake Sale. I am very pleased to be able to announce that we have raised so far a magnificent **£467** for this very worthy cause! Your generosity is very much appreciated.

This week's Amazing Achievers!

<p style="text-align: center;">You've Been Spotted!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Children who have been demonstrating one of our school values:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hina Hamid – Woodpeckers Huda Hooti – Kingfishers Laraib Hussain – Swallows Hamza Jafar – Doves Umar Hussain – Owls Anayah Patel – Kestrels Yusuf Mahmood – Hawks Rosen Vasilev – Falcons Reyhaan Mulla - Eagles</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Headteacher's Award</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Children chosen for a special achievement last week:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Amelia Murimira – Robins Blue Muhammad-Faris Syed – Robins Green Laiba Nasir – Woodpeckers Hasnain Taj – Kingfishers M. Ameen Awan – Swallows Yousaf Iqbal – Doves Amna Hussain – Owls Zaeem Patel – Kestrels Amina Thazhathethil – Hawks Zoya Noor Chaudhry – Falcons Reyhaan Mulla - Eagles</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Recent Reading Badges</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Woodpeckers: Huda Hooti – Silver</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hawks: Adam Shah & Ali-Abdullah Syed – Pearl Yahya Hooti & Yusuf Mahmood – Emerald Fatima Noor – Bronze Star</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Authors of the Week</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Key Stage 2 children who have excelled in their writing recently:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ella Smith - Doves Nathan Szileczki – Owls Aisha Hussain – Kestrels Ayesha Nadeem – Hawks Zoya Noor Chaudhry – Falcons Rayyaan Siddiq - Eagles</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Mrs Martin's Class of the Week: Eagles & Falcons</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mrs Fenton's Star: Liza Kara – Kestrels</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Mr Richardson's Lunchtime Awards: Ayra Kayani (Swallows) & Laraib Shah (Falcons)</p>	

Last Week's Attendance

	Best attendance	Best punctuality
Infants	Kingfishers	Woodpeckers/Swallows
Juniors	Eagles (100%)	Falcons

East Lancashire Young People's Mental Health

Concerned about your Mental Health?
Are you under 18 or concerned about someone under
18?

Advice sessions are available on-line via
'Attend Anywhere'
Delivered by ELCAS
tinyurl.com/ELCAS-LSCFT



Enter the word "ELCAS" as the first name and "drop in" as the second name followed by your date of birth.
You will then enter our virtual waiting area where we will collect

Wed 2 nd October 2024	1pm - 3pm
Wed 9 th October 2024	3pm - 5pm
Wed 16 th October 2024	5pm - 7pm
Wed 23 rd October 2024	1pm - 3pm



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