



Newsletter 12 – 25th November 2024

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

This half-term's value is 'Friendship' (Ecclesiastes 4:10)

Parents' and Carers' Evening – Tuesday 10th December 2024

Parents who did not have an account will have received an email from Juniper last Tuesday, inviting them to create a password for our school website. This is the first step you need to take to be able to book an appointment time.

Once you have done this, you need to go to our school website (www.stmatthewsblackburn.com), go to the 'Parents' tab (the green icon) and then select 'Parents Evenings'. You will find full instructions on how to make a booking there.

To access the booking system at any time, you can scroll down to 'Logging in' and clicking on the blue 'Log in' link.

You will be prompted to log in by entering your email address and password. If you have not yet set your password, or you have forgotten it, you can request a password reset email by clicking 'Forgot your password'. You should use the email address you have registered with the school.

The child you are booking for will show in the top right-hand corner of the screen. If you have more than one child in school, you will see a circle for each child. Simply click on the relevant circle to select the child you want to make a booking for.

Find the teacher and time you'd like to book and click to reserve the time slot. The selection will show in green with the word "RESERVED". The time allocated for each slot will be automatically populated.

	LYNN CHASE REGISTRATION 11C	ANNE WHEELER REGISTRATION 11A	WENDY HARRIS HOUSE HOOKE	GERALD CLAS
16:00				
16:05				
16:10	RESERVED			
16:15				
16:20				
16:25				
16:30			RESERVED	
16:35				

The slot will be reserved for 10 minutes. To confirm the reservation, you'll need to click on the 'save' button in the bottom right corner.

Booking will be open from tomorrow afternoon, Tuesday 26th November.

Fundraising

Thank you for supporting our non-uniform day last Friday. Altogether we raised the total of £252 which will go into our 'School Fund' – this is money that we use to subsidise the cost of school trips and to buy prizes and treats for the children.



You might also like to know that £52.53 was raised by our Robins and Brunel Nursery children for Children in Need. Thank you for your support!

School Closures due to Snow

Following on from last week's snow and cold weather, here are a couple of reminders about how we inform parents about school closures:

- If school has to be closed due to the weather, we will let you know by texting you (we would aim to do this by 8.00am). It is therefore vital that we have an up-to-date phone number for you.
- A message will also be posted on the school website in the form of a black pop-up message on the home screen (www.stmatthewsblackburn.com).



If you do not hear anything by these methods, school is open as usual.

Reporting Child Absence

We really appreciate it when parents and carers ring in to report a child's absence. It would help us further if you could give us as much information as possible in your message, particularly if your child is unwell (instead of saying 'my child is unwell', specifying if they have an upset stomach etc). Please could you also remember to let us know when you expect your child to return to school. Thank you.

School Photographs

The closing date for free delivery back to school is this Thursday, 28th November 2024. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk or return the order form to school.

If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

Best wishes

Julian Rogers
Headteacher

This week's Amazing Achievers!

You've Been Spotted!

Children who have been demonstrating one of our school values:

Shaima Ahmed – Woodpeckers
 McKenzie Mulleney – Kingfishers
 Iqra Aziz – Swallows
 Umamah Bhamji – Doves
 Malik Hasan – Owls
 Ahmed Mulla – Kestrels
 Yara Saleh – Hawks
 Yahya Saleh – Falcons
 Saarah Ali – Eagles

Headteacher's Award

Children chosen for a special achievement:

Aqeeb Hussain – Robins Blue
 Zamin Faisal – Robins Green
 Azaan Khan – Woodpeckers
 M. Umer Malik – Kingfishers
 Aafiyah Bhamji – Swallows
 Ella Smith – Doves
 Jasmine Akhtar – Owls
 Ahmad Mahmood – Kestrels
 Yara Saleh – Hawks
 Fatima Aziz – Falcons
 Sarrinah Khan – Eagles

Recent Reading Badges

Swallows

Zahra Akhtar – Topaz

Doves

Bilal Badat & Aleena Bhamji – Emerald
 Umaimah Bhamji – Topaz

Hawks

Sakina Shah – Pearl

Falcons

Rosen Vasilev – Silver
 Zoya Chaudhry – Pearl
 Aliyah Patel – Jet

Authors of the Week

Key Stage 2 children who have excelled in their writing recently:

Keyan Shah – Doves

Landy Hussein – Owls

Tamima Begum – Kestrels

Richard Szileczki – Hawks

Labeeqa Nawaz – Falcons

Jinan Bawah – Eagles

Mrs Martin's Class of the Week:

Doves

Mrs Fenton's Star:

Arsal Khan

Mr Richardson's Lunchtime Awards:

Shaima Ahmed Safraz (Woodpeckers) & M. Ayaan Siddique (Owls)

Last Week's Attendance

	Best attendance	Best punctuality
Infants	Kingfishers (100%)	Robins & Woodpeckers
Juniors	Falcons (100%)	Owls