



St Maxentius Newsletter – 17th December 2021

This is my final newsletter of the term! We have had such a busy term and made so many memories, including; MacMillan Coffee morning, parents evening, odd socks day, Remembrance Day, Christmas jumpers, Christingle service, the nativity and the winter ball! What an amazing achievement to have such a busy school during a pandemic, thank you for all your support at these events they have all been a wonderful success.

As we come to the end of term, we have some farewells for staff who are sadly leaving us. Miss Hassan is leaving Year 1, we wish her well in her future endeavours. We welcome a new teacher, Miss Top, to teach Year 1, she is in class until the end of term to get to know the children well. Miss Woodhead from Year 2 is also leaving to take up post at another school after covering a maternity leave for us; we wish her good luck in her new role. We welcome back Miss Ogden after having her baby and she returns to Year 2 next week, I'm sure after 2 days in school it will feel like she has never been away. Finally, we say goodbye to our kitchen assistant Mrs Baldwin, she has been at school for over 18 years and she has decided to take her retirement and we hope she enjoys a well-earned break. She will be missed by many and we thank her for all her years of service to the children of St Maxentius School.

On a more personal note, it has been an absolute pleasure to support the school in the transition to the new headteacher. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know you all and working with you so that the children have the best educational experiences. The children have been amazing and a credit to you all. They have demonstrated such resilience, they have embraced change and done so with a smile on their face! Thank you for all your support over the last few months to make St Maxentius School a wonderful and happy place to be. Mrs Cousen will take up post in January and will be supported by Mr McKean and the whole staff team to settle in. I will continue to visit school in the New Year, in my usual role as School Improvement Director, so I look forward to continuing to work with you all.

All the staff wish you a peaceful Christmas and a happy new year. We hope you all have a relaxing break and spend some quality family time together. Children return to school on Monday 10th January 2022.

Mrs N. Patel

Stars of the week

This week's stars of the week are as follows:

Year 6	India N -	Always maintaining the consistently high expectations she sets for herself
Year 5	Darian -	Having a positive attitude in everything and for being an outstanding member of Year 5.
Year 4	Vincent-	Consistently excellent work this term!
Year 3	Toby -	Always trying his hardest in all he does.
Year 2	Salomey -	A brilliant report about Florence Nightingale.
Year 1	Niamh -	For trying her hardest in her writing lessons.
Reception	Jonah -	For his increased confidence in class, well done!

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Time to Read

Last week as a school we read for **14,955** minutes.
Well done to everyone for keeping up the reading at home even at such a busy time of year!
For your information, you can see how each class are doing below.



Year group	Total minutes	Average minutes
1	1017	48
2	1347	50
3	1965	68
4	3866	176
5	1542	50
6	5218	163



Congratulations to Year 4 and 6 for hitting their target yet again!

We aim for pupils in Year 1 & 2 to read for 1 hour per week, Year 3 & 4 for 1.5 hours and Year 5 & 6 for at least 2 hours per week.

Christmas Parties

Class parties are planned in for next week. Children are to come to school in their party clothes with a drink and 2 party snacks in a named carrier bag. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will not be doing PE on Monday so they can wear their party clothes for the day.

Monday 20th December 2021 (AM) – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
Monday 20th December 2021 (PM) – Year 3 and Year 4
Tuesday 21st December 2021 (AM) – Year 5 and Year 6



Please remember term ends at 1.15pm on Tuesday 21st December 2021.



Attendance Matters

The average attendance for school last week was 93.2%.
A great improvement!

Year 4 had the highest attendance last week and met our target with 96.7%.
Great work!

Bible Quote this week:

"And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger"

Luke 2:16