



St Maxentius Newsletter

10th September 2021

Welcome Back!

Welcome to the first St Maxentius newsletter of the year, we have lots of news to share and hope you find this format useful and informative.

We have had a wonderful first week back. It has been a pleasure greeting children each morning and seeing pupils arriving at school smiling, looking smart and ready to learn. We have also welcomed our new Reception children into school this week and they have settled in incredibly well.

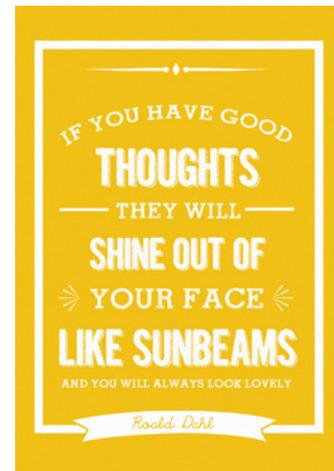
Thank you to parents for following our guidance about entry and exiting the premises to reduce cross over on the pedestrian path. We have asked if parents and pupils can enter the premises through either the ginnel or the pedestrian entrance at the main gate and leave by the ginnel or down the main driveway.

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs. Patel

Roald Dahl Day

On Monday 13th September we will be holding Roald Dahl day. In memory of the hugely popular childrens author, children can wear non uniform (there is no charge for this). We have asked for pupils to wear something yellow as this was Roald's favourite colour. During the day teachers will be reading extracts from some of his popular books and taking part in activities throughout the day.



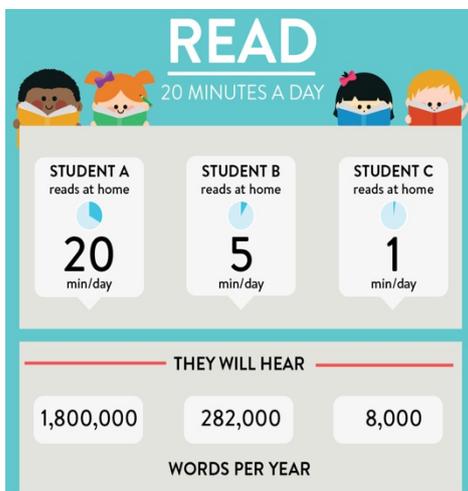
Time to read

Last term, we launched our new reading initiative 'Time to Read', this was hugely successful and we were reading for over 12,000 minutes a week as a school! The children of St Maxentius love to read, so to encourage pupils to continue their regular reading we would like to continue with the challenge of reading for a minimum time each week. To continue to foster their love of reading, this can include a wealth of material such as books, magazines, downloadable books, bedtime stories or even listening to audio books.

We have set a target for children to spend time reading at home, if possible:

- Key Stage 1 (Year 1 & 2) – 1 hour per week
- Lower Key Stage 2 (Year 3 & 4) – 1.5hrs per week
- Upper Key Stage 2 (Year 5 & 6) – 2 hours per week

Pupils in Years 1-6 will have a time card in their reading diary, please can you record the time spent reading and each week class teachers will collate a class average. Last term pupils were trying to improve their class average each week.





Behaviour Zones

This term, we have developed our behaviour system. Last year, we had a traffic light system in place with pupils starting the day on green, with the amber and red zones available if needed for unacceptable behaviour. However, this year we have added an additional zone into the system, with all pupils starting on 'Ready to Learn' with the potential for pupils to move up to green as a recognition for exceptional behaviour. If your child moves to green, we will send you a text to let you know.



Star of the Week

Now that we are able to gather together for daily worship, we would also like to celebrate the children's achievements. Class teachers will be nominating a 'Star of the Week' and pupils will be presented with their certificates at Friday Worship assembly. We will start with our first 'Stars of the Week' on Friday 17th September.

Reception Admissions 2022

For parents of children born between 1st September 2017 & 31st August 2018, applications for entry to reception 2022 will open online on 20th September 2021. If you have a child who will be of school age next year you can apply online at:

www.bolton.gov.uk/admissions

The closing date is 15th January 2022 and the school offer day will be 16th April 2022.