



## St Maxentius Newsletter

### 4<sup>th</sup> February 2022

I have enjoyed spending time teaching in Years 1 and 2 this week. In Year 1, the children have impressed me with their writing skills as they wrote an alternative ending for the story 'Beegu' the lost alien. Year 2 shared their computing expertise as we explored algorithms and put their coding skills to the test! I have also given so many children Headteacher award stickers and notes out this week as I have been blown away with children's hard work and effort.

I also want to say a huge thankyou to the parents who attended our Year 1 coffee morning on Thursday. It was lovely to get to know you all a little more over a cuppa! Some great ideas and valuable contributions were shared. I look forward to meeting many more of you over the coming weeks.

Mrs Cousen



In Reception, the children have been celebrating Chinese New Year. 2022 is the year of the Tiger and the children have used paints to create tigers of their own. They have also sampled some Chinese cuisine courtesy of 'Thai Kitchen' in Harwood: a huge thanks goes out to you!

The average attendance for school last week was **91.22%**.  
Our School target is **96%**.



The class with the highest attendance was again  
Year 4 with **96.5%**. Well done Year 4!

#### Stars of the week

Year 6	Sophie P	For being kind, caring and supportive to everyone all of the time - a great ambassador!
Year 5	Asher	For being an amazing role model in Year 5
Year 4	Robanna	For working hard and being a great friend to everyone
Year 3	Freya	For a fantastic attitude and rising to the challenge
Year 2	Paul	For brilliant pictogram work in Maths
Year 1	Ted	For incredible Maths: one more and one less
Reception	Emily	For super reading this week



### Time to Read

Last week as a school, we read for 18829 minutes at home.  
Well done to Year 6 for reading the most overall!



Year group	Total minutes	Average minutes
1	653	30
2	1795	72
3	2548	91
4	3175	132
5	1720	54
6	8938	263

Year 3 have been busy making their last edits to their writing based on the text 'Iron Man' by Ted Hughes. Their final pieces of writing have been displayed in the classroom. I have been extremely impressed with these and think we have some authors in the making!

Year 4 have thoroughly enjoyed reading the 'The butterfly lion' by Michael Morpurgo. They have written a diary entry and a recount inspired by the text. I can't wait to see their final pieces of writing next week.

Mr McKean will be holding a SATS meeting for parents in the school hall. Expectations of the tests and examples of previous papers will be shared. Pop the date in your diaries! March 16<sup>th</sup> (see below).

We have purchased some new playground games and equipment for the children to use during breaks and lunchtimes. We hope the children have fun using them next week.



St Maxentius Church  
Please read the email sent regarding Children and family services. We would love to see you there!

During playtimes the 'Reading trolley' will be back outside for the children to use. They can enjoy reading and sharing a good book with friends.

### Diary Dates

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February : Year 4 local river visit  
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February 9:00am : Year 4 Parents coffee morning  
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2:45pm : Year 3 assembly – PARENTS & CARERS WELCOME  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February 9:00am : Reception Parents coffee morning  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February 3:30pm : School closed for half term  
Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February : School re-opens  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2:45pm & 4:45pm : Year 6 parents SATS meeting in school hall

**Bible Quote :** "Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you" Colossians 3:13