



## St Maxentius Newsletter 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022

I can't believe it's the end of the half term already, and what a productive and exciting time we have had! We have learnt so much, gained new experiences and spent time with our friends. A huge thankyou to all the parents of the Year 4 and Reception class children, for attending the coffee mornings this week. It was great to get to know you and gather your ideas and opinions. We also welcomed the parents and carers of the Year 3 children into school yesterday for their assembly. It was lovely to see so many of you attend. The children did a brilliant job performing and were a credit to you all!

I would like to say a personal thank you to you all, for your support, time and comments of encouragement. All the staff team would like to wish you a happy and restful half term. We look forward to seeing you all again on the 21<sup>st</sup> February.

Mrs Cousen

**Rise Dance performances:** Year 1 have produced a dance based on the text 'Beegu' The focus is togetherness and the children will be dancing to 'High School musical'.

Year 2 have been learning about Brazil and will be dancing to a traditional Brazilian dance with pom poms!

Year 6 have put together a dance about Wartime.

The children are looking forward to performing their dances in front of an audience and we would like to welcome you into school to watch. Performances will take place on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 9:00am.**

We also ask that the Year 6 children come into school dressed in their wartime clothes and bring their uniform in a bag to change into after the dance.



**The average attendance for school last week was 92%.**

**The class with the highest attendance is Reception with 97%. Well done Reception!**

The Reception children have been busy putting their culinary skills to the test. They have made gingerbread heart biscuits to share their love with others.



### Stars of the week

<b>Year 6</b>	Will	for taking time to think and having a positive outlook
<b>Year 5</b>	Peyton	for being an amazing help and support to everyone
<b>Year 4</b>	Harry	for being an excellent leader and helper on our class trip to Bradshaw Brook.
<b>Year 3</b>	James McGuinness	for always trying his best
<b>Year 2</b>	Riley	for writing a great diary entry
<b>Year 1</b>	Lexi	for giving 100% to everything she does
<b>Reception</b>	Elliot	for showing great enthusiasm and interest



Year 2 have been learning all about shapes – Can they name them? Can they tell you how many vertices each shape has? Maybe you could go for a shape hunt around the home this half term?

Parking: please do not park or drop off on the yellow zig zag lines.

Year 5 have been singing the Adele song 'Make you feel my love' They have explored the beat and the rhythm of the song and accompanied with the glockenspiels.

Year 4 had a brilliant visit to Bradshaw Brook. They took samples of the water to check for pollution and explored the area to consolidate their learning about rivers. The behaviour of the children was impeccable and a great time was had by all!



### Time to Read

Last week as a school, we read for 16842 minutes at home.

Well done to Year 6 for reading the most overall!



Year group	Total minutes	Average minutes
1	653	30
3	2301	79
4	1680	70
5	1895	59
6	9013	273

Year 1 have been developing their creative skills and making their own buses. They have used a variety of junk modelling resources to create the most magnificent models!



Year 6 have been into the hall practising for SATS. They have worked hard to complete their assessments – well done Year 6! You have shown great determination and resilience.

### Diary Dates

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February 3:30pm : School close for half term

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February : School re-opens

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 9:00am : Years 1, 2 and 6 Dance performances

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2:45pm & 4:45pm : Year 6 parents SATS meeting in school hall

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March : World Book Day - children to come to school dressed as a book character**

“When I spoke to you last.....I asked you all, whatever you religion, to pray for me on the day of my Coronation- to pray that God would give me wisdom and strength to carry out the promises that I should then be making ..... I have been uplifted and sustained by the knowledge that your thoughts and prayers were with me.”

Her Majesty the Queen, Coronation Day , 2 June 1953