



St Maxentius Newsletter 14th January 2022

What a busy first week back we have had at school! The children have done incredibly well settling back into class and have been working hard. We have been thinking about New Year's Resolutions: the children have all thought of their own and pledged to try their very best to keep them. Staff have enjoyed seeing the children again and loved finding out about their holidays and the gifts they have received over the festive period. It has been a joy to watch the children having fun with their friends and working really hard at their learning in the first week back!

I want to say a big thank you to you and your children for making me feel so welcome this week. I have had so many of you come and speak to me at the gates in the mornings and evenings with your best wishes which is very much appreciated. I look forward to getting to know you all more and I will be arranging parent coffee mornings soon: look out for the details over the coming weeks!

Nut Free School

Please remember when making packed lunches that we are a nut-free school. We do have pupils who have significant allergies and so we ask that items sent from home are nut-free.

Attendance Matters



The average attendance for school during the last week of term was 94.4%.

We continue to aim for a target of 96%.

The class with the highest attendance was Reception with 99.1%. Well done Reception!

Stars of the week

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

Year 6	Ava	For hard work and perseverance in all lessons.
Year 5	Jack	For consistent great behaviour and attitude.
Year 4	Harry D	For always setting an excellent example to others.
Year 3	Abigail	For outstanding effort in all of her learning
Year 2	Cole	For always doing the right thing and trying hard
Year 1	Ethan	For super work in phonics.
Reception	Jack	For his enthusiasm towards learning

Rise Dance

Children in Years 1, 2 and 6 have enjoyed taking part in 'Rise Dance' lessons this week which have been taking place on Tuesday morning. Lessons are linked to the learning taking place in the classrooms which has been great for the children to experience.



Time to Read

During the last week of term the whole school read for **19,060** minutes. Well done to everyone for keeping up their reading at home. We continue to promote pupils reading at home to support their life-long enjoyment of reading. They can read whatever interests them, it could be a magazine, newspaper, kindle book or even listen to an audio book.

For your information, you can see how each class are doing below:

Year group	Total minutes	Average minutes
1	934	51
2	914	34
3	1919	64
4	3502	195
5	995	32
6	10,796	327



Parking

Neighbours have raised some concerns about parking near school. Please take care when parking and be mindful not to block the driveways of residents and please do not stop on the yellow lines outside the gates to drop children off... thank you!



Elf Run

An amazing **£1,435** was raised for Bolton Hospice Elf Run! Thank you for efforts, support and generous contributions to this great cause! Well done everyone!

Lunch Times

To reduce the number of children in the hall at lunch times, children in Years 1 and 4 have been eating their lunch in their classrooms. This will continue until further notice.

Bible Quote this week:

"We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him."
Matthew 2:2