



St Maxentius Newsletter 22nd October 2021

Half term is finally upon us! Thank you for all your support that you have given school since we welcomed pupils back in September. We have had an incredible start to the year and look forward to continued success.

We have some exciting events to look forward to after half term. The first of which is parents evening on 2nd and 3rd of November. This gives us an opportunity to discuss how pupils have settled into to their new class and the success they have had, Appointment times are tight so that we can see all parents, we appreciate your understanding on this.

Also, on the first week back, we have some first aid and CPR workshops across school. See more information below.

All the staff of St Maxentius wish you an enjoyable and restful half term break, we look forward to seeing you back at school on Monday 1st November.

Mrs N. Patel



Attendance Matters

The average attendance for school last week was **93.39%**. This was our lowest figure for the half term. We hope to reach our 96% target after half term.

Year 5 had the highest attendance this week and achieved target with 96.8% - well done!

Remembrance Day

Poppies will be sold in class from Monday 1st November. The suggested donation is 50p. After school on Thursday 4th November there will be a stall outside school with other items from the Royal British Legion for sale at a range of prices.

Stars of the week

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

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| Year 6 | Harry - | For going above and beyond in all lessons. |
| Year 5 | Thomas - | Amazing ideas and fabulous writing in English |
| Year 4 | Hannah - | For being a shining example to every child in school. |
| Year 3 | Noah- | Excellent behaviour on our visit to Bolton Parish Church |
| Year 2 | Elora- | Always being ready to learn. |
| Year 1 | Olivia - | Being such a supportive and caring individual |
| Reception | Abby - | For super listening and joining in during carpet time. |



First Aid and CPR workshops

On Friday 5th November, Pheniks Division are visiting school to teach children vital skills of CPR and first aid. The director of the company is a parent of a pupil in school, and has kindly offered to deliver sessions at no cost to parents. The ultimate aim of this initiative is to provide these vital sessions free for all schools through the sale of the company merchandise. Pheniks would like to be able to self-fund the events so that there is no cost to schools to ensure all pupils have access to the excellent training.

Pupils should wear sports clothes on the day (05/11/21) and children in classes from Reception to Year 4 need to bring a soft toy/teddy to practice their skills. Children in year 5 and year 6 will be able to use the mannequins. This is an amazing opportunity for pupils and we are very grateful to Mr Benson for giving his time to school. Pheniks have a range of merchandise that can be purchased from their website, please take a look here:

<https://www.pheniks.co.uk/shop>



QUIZ TIME

Following the huge success of the MacMillan Coffee Day, we have been busy planning our next event to welcome parents back into school.

We are excited to announce that on Friday 12th November, we will host our first 'Quiz Time' session. Parents will be welcomed in for a coffee and a biscuit with their child, and we will have a class quiz. Parents and children will take part and we will battle it out to see who can be the winner!

We will be quizzing on topics covered in history and science this this term so the children should impress you with their knowledge! The times for each class are below:

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| Year 6 | 9.15-9.45 |
| Year 5 | 9.45-10.15 |
| Year 4 | 10.15-10.45 |
| Year 3 | 10.45-11.15 |
| Year 2 | 1.15-1.45 |
| Year 1 | 1.45-2.15 |
| Reception | 2.15-2.45 |

Homework Menus

Homework Menus have come home this week for pupils from Year 1- Year 6. We hope you like the new format and would welcome your feedback. The idea of the menu is that you can control when you complete the activities as the menu is set for 6 weeks. At the end of the 6 weeks pupils can return the homework to teachers. We have included some project options on the homework and we encourage pupils to choose just 1 to complete.



Early Years Meeting

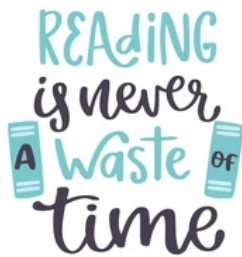
On Monday 8th November, we would like to invite Reception parents into school so we can share information about a typical day in Reception and how you can support your child with their development of reading and phonics. We have arranged 2 sessions and you are welcome to attend either, they are on Monday 8th November 9am-9.30am or 2.45pm-3.15pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

Early Years

Time to Read

Last week as a school, we read for a whopping **9,523** minutes at home.
This is our best of the year so far!

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



| Year group | Total minutes | Average minutes |
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| 1 | 699 | 35 |
| 2 | 1012 | 37 |
| 3 | 1088 | 57 |
| 4 | 1353 | 75 |
| 5 | 935 | 30 |
| 6 | 4436 | 138 |

Well done to Year 6 for smashing their target!

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

Uniform

Polite reminder to ensure that pupils continue to meet our high standards for uniform after half term.

Some pupils have been wearing colourful trainers on days when there is no PE. Also, we have acquired a lot of lost property over the last few weeks. We will try to sort through and return if the items are labelled. At St Maxentius, we pride ourselves on our high standards and we appreciate your support to ensure pupils are following policy.

St Maxentius Church

St Maxentius Church welcomes pupils to attend it's All Age Worship, which is on the first Sunday each month at 9.30am. Young pupils are also welcomed at Little Church (0-5 years) on the remaining Sundays, also at 9.30am.



Bible Quote this week:

1 Corinthians 1:10

"I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgement."