



# St Matthew's Newsletter 15/01/2016



## Fund Raising

Last term, our non-uniform day raised £311 and the choir singing at Matalan raised £55.36 making a grand total of £366.36 for Text Santa.

We would like to thank you for your continued support.



## Pizza Day

As a special one off, pupils in **Reception, Year 1 and 2** will be able to have pizza for lunch on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2016-even if they do not usually have a school dinner. We will be sending a separate letter home with an order slip which will need to be returned.



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## Year 5

This week, Year 5 took part in a STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) workshop. Children from both 5J and 5W used LEGO WeDo kits to build programmable crocodiles and robots. Using sensors, the models were able to move and respond to their surroundings. Pupils used their computing skills to write algorithms to control the behaviour, such as snapping the crocodile's jaw shut when something was put in its mouth. In a technology advanced society, full of smartphones and computers, this gave pupils a practical demonstration of how important STEM skills are.



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## Anti-Bullying Quality Mark

As part of our work towards this award, we are asking parents to complete a questionnaire on bullying and would value your views. The questionnaire booklet has been sent home with your child. Please answer the questions and return to either the school office or your class teacher by **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2016.**

Please note that for an incident to be classed as bullying there must be an element of persistent intent to upset or hurt. Many thanks in advance for your help.

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## Romeo & Juliet

As part of an upcoming BD5 Literacy Festival, some of our children have been preparing to perform adapted scenes from Romeo & Juliet. The children will be visiting the venue 'Kalasangam' in Bradford City Centre to practice, perform and celebrate their drama work over the last term. We still have some **FREE** seats available for the performance on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January** so, if your child is performing, please return your slip as soon as possible.

## Community Room

Places still available in the Functional Skills English class for adults on a Thursday morning. This is not an ESOL class. It is for people who can already read and write in English but do not have a GCSE or equivalent qualification. If you would like to join, then please either speak to Mrs Lock or go to the Community Room for 9.15am on Thursday morning.

## Reception

The Reception children have been working with Sian and Simon. This week they were looking at the story 'Owl Babies'. They are doing lots of exciting activities based on this story.



## Holiday Schedule 2015-2016

Half Term	Closes @ 3.15pm	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2016
	Re Opens	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2016
Easter	Closes @ 3.15pm	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2016
	Re Opens	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> April 2016
May Day	Closes @ 3.15pm	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> April 2016
	Re Opens	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2016

## Attendance Draw

The winners of the winter term 100% attendance draw are:  
**Hafeez Khan 5W**  
**Isha Raheem 3B**  
**Aishah Khan 2C**  
**Jemimah Alom NAM**

These pupils each received a £25 Argos voucher – WELL DONE!

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