

St Matthias Newsletter



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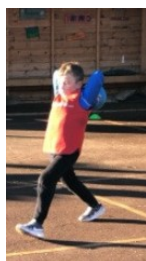
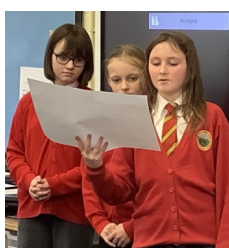
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Friday 14th January 2022

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

It has been another busy week in the classrooms. We welcomed our new sports coach Jordan who has kept our children active in their physical education lessons. The Early Years have been immersing their learning in stories, new sounds and counting; they are always so busy and visibly excited about learning when I visit them. I was impressed with the skills and vocabulary being learned in the Art lesson in Year 4 based on Piet Mondrian. Soup was being designed and made in Year 5 following a Design and Technology lesson, the delicious smell wafted through the school; I hope it tasted just as good! I did hear that there were some experiments going on with flavours and seasoning which the Year 5's evaluated. Year 6 presented their research on the last two pillars of Islam—Hajj and Sawm, as they completed their RE unit 'What is it like for a Muslim today?' The skills of being able to research key facts and information, working as a team and then presenting will really set them up well for their future.



Strange Futures

Strange Futures Theatre Company have been known to St Matthias for a little while now. Last term they treated Years 4, 5 and 6 to a workshop to help create an animation for their latest performance called 'The Last Restaurant' at Malvern Cube. Their show has been fully created and Years 4, 5 and 6 have been invited to a live viewing on Friday 28th January to see their contributions in action. This will be a really exciting event as I know many of our children were inspired to use animation apps and create their own animations following the workshops. Letters for these classes will follow to give you more information. Strange Futures are performing 'The Last Dinner' on Thursday 27th January and Saturday 29th January for members of the public, this is a ticketed event. <https://www.malverncube.com/ticketed-events/> even though the event is fully booked, if you click on the event you can sent them a message to show you are interested as they are considering extra shows.



Virtual Parents Evening

We have decided to keep parents evening to a virtual event. This is due to high numbers of Covid cases and to keep our staff as safe as possible to prevent an impact on staff isolating or contracting Covid-19. Parents evening will be held on **Tuesday 15th February** and **Wednesday 16th February**. If you would like to book a slot with your child's class teacher you will be able to do this when the booking text is sent out. This will come via the Teachers2Parents texting service towards the end of next week.

Have a wonderful weekend, Mrs Beale

ASPIRE, BELIEVE, ACHIEVE

'Our school family, values us all as unique individuals and children of God. We **aspire** to be the best version of ourselves; **believing** that through the gifts God has given us, we can make a positive contribution, flourish and **achieve** together to make a difference in our ever-changing world.'



Primary School Applications for children starting in Reception in September 2022 – closing date is tomorrow - 15th January

Time is running out for parents and carers to submit their applications for children starting school in September 2022. Applications close at **midnight on the 15th of January 2022** and parents hoping to be offered a place for Primary, First, Infant, Junior and Middle school in September, should apply before the deadline. Applying online is the easiest and most efficient way to apply by visiting the Council's dedicated School Admissions website at: www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions.



Parents and carers are able to log on to the website at any time during the day or night, meaning last minutes changes are possible up to 12 midnight on the closing day. If additional assistance is required, parents and carers can contact the School Admissions team on 01905 822700.

MORE New guidance THIS WEEK on isolating following a positive Covid-19 test-

If any child or adult tests positive for Covid-19 on an LFT please inform Mrs Beale or Mrs Kazerooni. You do not have to confirm a positive LFT test by having a PCR test, the positive LFT is taken as a confirmed positive result.



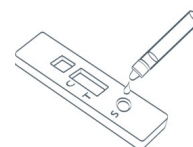
Therefore a positive test result on an LFT MUST now be logged on the NHS website & isolation rules MUST be followed from the day you tested positive.

The isolation period has been shortened from 10 days to 5 days isolation.

That person who tested positive must take LFT tests on **day 5 and day 6**.

If the tests on days 5 and 6 are BOTH NEGATIVE you can return to school or work on the 6th day.

This all applies to under 5's too.



If the LFT is still positive then that person MUST continue to isolate until they have 2 consecutive days of negative results. That person MUST also isolate if they continue to have ANY symptoms of Covid-19.

As a school if a child who was positive has 2 consecutive negative LFT tests on day 5 then day 6 and has NO symptoms of Covid-19 please send the results to Mrs Beale head@stmatthias.worcs.sch.uk or Mrs Kazerooni admin@stmatthias.worcs.sch.uk and we will confirm that your child can return to school.

If your child is unable to complete an LFT test, continues to have positive LFT tests then continue to isolate until there are 2 consecutive negative tests or **complete a 10 day isolation period**.

Second Hand Uniform Sale– Wednesday 19th January

We have lots of wonderful second-hand uniform in school, which has been kindly donated to us. The uniform is clean and ready to have a new owner. On **Wednesday 19th January at 3pm** parents are able to purchase the second-hand uniform from the main entrance at school for a small charge.

We have coats, jumpers, dresses, trousers, shirts and a few ties. We have a variety of sizes. So please help us raise some funds for school by coming along and seeing what we have on offer.



Rags to Riches

Don't forget to start collecting your reusable unwanted clothing for our collection on **Monday 14th February**.

Rags 2 Riches collect good quality re-usable clothing: Please remember all the clothes become affordable clothing and are reused, so **Stop and Think ... is it clean, dry, and something you'd wear again yourself or pass on to your family or friends to wear?**

Please refer to their website <https://www.rags2riches4schools.co.uk/> and the attached flyer for detailed information on what we do and don't collect and please remember no uniform of any kind.



Celebration Worship Awards

Every Friday we hold a 'Celebration Worship' to give out awards to our children to celebrate their achievements. Currently these are held virtually from the classroom using either Teams or Zoom.

Certificates (Effort in their work): R. Mia-Rose, 1. Ralphee, 2. Kaya, 3. Jamie, 4. Lexie-May, 5. Elizabeth, 6. Dominic.

Value Leaf for showing Dignity: R. Mason, 1. Edward-Noah, 2. Jasmine, 3. Poppy M, 4. Anisia, 5. Glyn, 6. Lydia.

Spotted (Improved Spelling & Editing): R. Isaac, 1. Kai, 2. Logan, 3. Tyler, 4. Grace, 5. Hashim, 6. Daniel.

Book Prize Draw Winner (for children who have read five times this week): Ledjana Yr 3

Lunchtime Award (for children who have demonstrated our school values outside) Rihanna Yr R

Outside Achievements

We have more outside achievements to celebrate this week. They were shared in our Worship this morning and we hope to inspire lots of you to share your outside achievements with us in school! Well done, we are very proud of you!

Glyn Y5 and Adam Y2, have signed up for 'Adopt a Street Scheme' on the Malvern Hills District Council Website. Glyn and Adam are enjoying going for regular walks to keep fit and healthy and at the same time they are keeping their streets clean and tidy through litter picking. Well done boys!

When you sign up you get sent litter picking equipment and bags, guidance on health and safety and regular newsletters about the 'Adopt a Street Scheme.' If you think this is something you and your family would like to take part in you can sign up by going to this website

<https://www.malvern hills.gov.uk/join-the-adopt-a-street-scheme>



Attendance The table below shows class attendance statistics for **this week**.

	Percentage	Sessions missed		Percentage	Sessions Missed
Nursery	95.2%	6	Year 3	96.3%	11
Reception	99.1%	2	Year 4	90.8%	20
Year 1	89.2%	14	Year 5	92.7%	19
Year 2	99.5%	1	Year 6	97.7%	7
There are two sessions in every day, am and pm. All children from Yrs R - 6 attend 10 sessions per week.					

Well done to **Year 2** for the best attendance this week 99.5% & for least missing sessions. Also Yr R close 2nd at 99.1%
Well done to Years **R, 2, 3 and 6** for above 96% attendance this week.

Dignity



As a church school, every half term we concentrate on an important value for life.

Each half term we choose a special Value which we think about very carefully in our worship, our classrooms, in our playground and everywhere in school. We will focus on what they mean in our lives and in our relationships with each other.

Our Value this half term is DIGNITY "Dignity — to behave in a composed or serious manner."

Matthew 19:14 "Let the children come to me for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

Peter 2:17 "Treat everyone you meet with dignity."

Dalai Lama "Love for others and respect for their rights and **dignity**, no matter who or what they are: ultimately these are all we need."

Gandhi "The truest test of civilization, culture and **dignity** is character and not clothing."

Teachers will be on the look out this half term for children who are really trying hard to show dignity in lessons and around school.

Let's all be dignified in our lives especially in these unprecedented times.

Dignity



NOTICEBOARD



Reminders

Whole School Events

Young Voices –
Postponed, awaiting new date.



Children's Mental Health Week
7th - 11th February

Internet Safety Day
Tuesday 8th February

Virtual Parents Evenings
Tuesday 15th February
Wednesday 16th February
Signing up text to follow in 2 weeks.

World Book Day
Thursday 3rd March

Easter Service
Wednesday 6th April

Class Events

Strange Futures Trip for Yrs 4,5 & 6
Friday 28th January information letters to follow.

Swimming Lessons
(for some Yr 5 + Yr 6 pupils)
Start on 19th January.

Rags to Riches
Bring your unwanted good clothes to school Monday 14th February.

HELPFUL INFORMATION

Severn Trent Water - Big Difference

Help that is available from **Severn Trent Water** for reducing water bills for families with low household incomes. If eligible for the scheme, you could receive a discount of up to 90% off your water bill and potentially suspend any arrears. Please click here for more information.
<https://bigdiff.co.uk/login.php>

Platform Housing customers only

Platform Housing have launched a 'Wellbeing Fund' for all customers to access in order to help cover the cost of food, essential items such as school uniforms, energy and utility costs as well as helping to bridge the gap between a benefit application and first payment. You can apply following this link.
<https://www.platformhg.com/wellbeing-fund>

Covid 19

COVID-19 symptom check ([click here](#))
Book an NHS COVID test ([click here](#))
or ring **119**

Book a COVID-19 Vaccine ([click here](#))

Support and Advice

Adult Mental health support ([click here](#))

Starting Well – for parenting, health and wellbeing support ([click here](#))

Here2Help – ([click here](#))

Bereavement support ([click here](#))

Citizens Advice Bureau ([click here](#))

Child Line - 0800 1111

Domestic Abuse 24 hour Helpline for Women and Men - 0800 980 333

School Nurse – 01684 612668

Family Front Door - 01905 822666 to report a concern about a child or request help.

The Family Hub for parenting support and advice ([click here](#))

Parent Online Safety Information ([click here](#))

Malvern Hills Housing support ([click here](#))

Who to contact in school and how

MRS KAZEROONI for:- Attendance issues, reasons for absences, request any forms, change of address or phone numbers, general enquires, urgent contact, inform her of medical appointments, (inform her of other persons collecting from school preferably before 1pm). email admin@stmatthias.worcs.sch.uk or Telephone **01684 574984**

MRS JAMES (Works Mon - Thu) for:- Whizz Kids booking, paying any bills/invoices for nursery, trips, music lessons, PE kit etc please email finance@stmatthias.worcs.sch.uk or Phone **01684 574984** and ask to speak to Mrs James.

CLASS TEACHER for:- classroom issues, learning or behaviour related, use ClassDojo or Tapestry. To request a telephone call from a teacher call 01684 574984 or email admin@stmatthias.worcs.sch.uk to ask for an appointment.

MRS BEALE Headteacher for:- urgent personal/private matters on head@stmatthias.worcs.sch.uk

Black Pepper Lunches for:- booking your child's meals **every half term**, visit their website <https://www.blackpepperlunches.com/BP-default.php>

TERM DATES

SPRING TERM 2022

HALF TERM BREAK

SCHOOL CLOSURES

Staff ONLY Training Day

Saturday 19th to Sunday 27th February

Thursday 7th April 2022

Friday 8th April 2022.

SUMMER TERM 2022

TERM STARTS

MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY

HALF TERM BREAK

SCHOOL CLOSURES

Monday 25th April at 8.45am

Monday 2nd May

Saturday 28th May to Sunday 5th June

Friday 22nd July at 3.15pm