

St Matthias Newsletter



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Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

External Review

This week we had our Spring Term external review and had a very positive report reflecting the progress we are continuing to make as a school. The review focused on some key Ofsted current criteria which included Attendance, Early Reading, Governance and Writing.

Attendance we know has been very challenging recently, especially due to positive Covid cases and pupils following isolation guidance. We are able to explain the impact of Covid related absence and show this separately in our school data. However, our External Reviewer and also Ofsted focus on how we can support and encourage our non-Covid Persistent Absentees to attend school, as missing vital education has a massive impact on learning and future successes for those children. They were very interested to know what we do to inform parents about attendance, how we follow up on absentees, lateness and persistent absences and they were positive about our processes, strategies and celebration of good attendance.

Early Reading was a great success too, they were pleased to see our New Systematic, Synthetic Phonics programme in place, which is a DfE approved scheme. This is particularly important to support Early Reading and Phonics and what they look for is consistency and fidelity across the school. I am pleased to say although this is in its infancy they could see the impact of the scheme already. We discussed how we are supporting our pupils to make progress in writing, as this was an area of the curriculum which was hardest nationally to support during the National Lockdowns.

We also shared how proud we are of the pupils writing in other areas of the curriculum and as we walked around the school, the environment and walls reflected lots of pupils work which also celebrated writing.

Governance is also very important as a school. Our Governors meet as a whole body six times a year, however we also have three committees who meet to analyse and evidence the progress of the school. The Education and Standards Committee have been focusing on meeting middle leaders and gaining information about the quality of education at St Matthias. Our Welfare committee have focused on attendance and pupil wellbeing and our Resource and Finance committee gather information regarding the budget and spending. Representatives from the Governing Body have also completed two of their own reviews so far this year which enables them to gather information and visibly see how the school is making progress. We were very pleased with our positive feedback from the review and I wanted to share a big thank you to the staff and pupils for their commitment and hard work but also making me so proud.

A Day for Ukraine

On Thursday this week our school was a sea of blue and yellow. Pupils and staff brought in an overwhelming amount of donations for the Ukraine Appeal. I am very proud of the way we support those people who have suffered at the face of war through no fault of their own. It is lovely to think we can help in a very small way this humanitarian crisis.



Sponsored Read

This week we collected and counted the last of the sponsored money from our half term sponsored reading event linked with World Book Day and Usborne Books. Well done to everyone who took part in this event you have raised a staggering £755.80. We will be able to choose books from Usborne Books to enhance our collections in school and inspire reading in school.

Have a lovely 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.'*



Trust Art Day

On Tuesday this week 6 children were selected from KS2 to attend a collaborative Art Day as part of our Spire Trust at St Johns Middle School in Bromsgrove along with St Johns Primary School and Witton Middle School. Here is a report from Evelyn who attended the day...

'Our trip was a great opportunity to learn about the art of photography. We learned about different angles and styles to take amazing photographs. After, we took different photographs of products and shifted them into position to make them look fancy. Then we took a photograph and edited it with filters to make it look professional.'

These skills are used when companies create adverts to persuade others to purchase their products; often it is the photography and graphics which persuade us to buy something, or maybe to create something to trick the eye! Maybe we might inspire some of our pupils to become graphic designers and photographers in the future!



Century Cup Spring Challenge

The children in Years 3-6 have been working hard on their Century Cup Spring Challenge this week. They have added to their personal scores as well as extending their learning and knowledge. Don't forget to keep making a huge effort at home too, to complete homework on Century as this will help your child learn more and retain more!

Week 2 top scorers

Year 3— Esmae— 177 questions

Year 4— Sam— 289 questions

Year 5— Iustin— 416 questions

Year 6— Martha 645 questions

You have all received a certificate in worship today. Well done! Keep working hard and we will see who completes the most questions next week! We will also be adding to our whole school score against other schools internationally!

Whole class results

Year 3— 1487 questions

Year 4— 1188 questions

Year 5— 2678 questions

Year 6— 5254 questions WELL DONE Y6!

Well done to all the winners from week 2



Hello from Malvern Library

This Saturday, Malvern Library are launching a brand-new reader's group for children aged 7-11. 'BookNics' is an exciting new venture for Malvern Library where they hope to promote reading for pleasure and well-being in a fun way with a range of reading-based activities every month.

This Saturday, 19th March from 2 p.m.-3 p.m., they will be hosting a World Book Day 2022 Book Oscars where they will be discovering, sharing and reviewing this year's World Book Day £1 books! With refreshments included, this new reader's group is for all reading abilities and we hope you might like to go along and investigate the new 'BookNics' group. See poster on the next page for more information.



Ready Steady Easter For Families

Free School Meal-eligible families will be offered 4 club passes to use at any HAF holiday club during Easter. Parents can sign up here to be updated when club places are released. If you are eligible and you are interested in clubs during the Easter Holidays then please complete the online form by clicking on this link, you will then receive email updated on the activities available for your children.

https://hafworcestershire.formstack.com/forms/easter_school_holiday_updates

Malvern Library 'BookNics'!



Do you love reading?

Aged between 7 and 11 years old?

**Then why not join our readers group
for young people!**

**Discover new and award-winning titles by authors
old and new.**

Share your favourite reads and authors.

Launches Saturday, 19th March, 2 p.m.

Ask a member of Library Staff for more details.

Malvern Library

Graham Road, Great Malvern, WR14 2HU.

Tel: (01905) 822722

Email: Malib@worcestershire.gov.uk

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/MalvernLib>

For latest updates visit **Worcestershire Libraries** at:
www.worcestershire.gov.uk/libraries

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county council**

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. Daisy, 1. Ella, 2. Jasmine, 3. Poppy F, 4. Sam, 5. Macie-Leigh 6. Ibrahim.

Value Leaf for showing Hope: R. Mila, 1. Ralpheee, 2. William, 3. Ledjana, 4. Owen, 5. Leo M, 6. Oliver.

Spotted (Improved Spelling & Editing): R. Mason, 1. Shanti, 2. Logan, 3. Oakley, 4. Anisia, 5. Chase, 6. Lily.

Book Prize Draw Winner (for children who have read five times this week): Kendra Yr 5

Lunchtime Award (for children who have demonstrated our school values outside) Logan Yr 1

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!

Lily, Y6 for joining a local gym and she has already smashed a 5K on the bike. Top work!

Camille, Y6 for achieving his Level 7 Gymnastic award. We are proud of you!

James, Y3 for achieving his level 5 medal for gymnastics. Well done!

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

	Percentage	Sessions missed		Percentage	Sessions Missed
Nursery	86.8%	17	Year 3	91.3%	26
Reception	95.2%	11	Year 4	92.1%	17
Year 1	95.0%	6	Year 5	87.4%	34
Year 2	90.4%	20	Year 6	96.2%	11
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 6** for the best attendance this week & to Year 1 for the least missing sessions.

Hope

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 "Hope"

Isaiah 40:31 "Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint"

Christians see their hope in God's promise, "that love and goodness have and will ultimately overcome all evil"

Dalai Lama "When faced with problems don't lose hope. Keep up your self confidence and don't be too impatient to achieve quick results."

Gandhi "Only he can be a leader who never loses hope"

Teachers will be on the look out this half term for children who are really trying hard to show hope in their learning and around school. We pray and hope for the people in Ukraine and for the war to end.

Hope



NOTICEBOARD



Reminders

Whole School Events

Return Media Forms to School

Monday 18th March

Easter Experiences

22nd to 25th March 2022

Science Enrichment Day

5th April 2022

Easter Service

Wednesday 6th April (school only)

School Closes for Easter

Thursday 7th April at 3.15pm

School opens for Summer Term

Monday 25th April at 8.45am

Young Voices Concert

17th May 2022

Class Events

Year 6 Parents SATs Meeting

Monday 21st March at 3.30pm

Year 5 English Workshop at Dyson Perrins

Wednesday 23rd March

Years 1 and 2 Multiskills at Dyson Perrins

Wednesday 30th March

HELPFUL INFORMATION

Who to contact in school

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 or 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>

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](#))

TERM DATES & HOLIDAYS

SPRING TERM 2022

SCHOOL CLOSSES for EASTER at 3.15pm on Thursday 7th April 2022

STAFF ONLY - Training Day

Friday 8th April 2022.

SUMMER TERM 2022

SCHOOL OPENS

Monday 25th April at 8.45am

MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY

Monday 2nd May

HALF TERM BREAK

Saturday 28th May to Sunday 5th June

SCHOOL CLOSSES for SUMMER

Thursday 21st July at 3.15pm

Extra Day off for Queens Jubilee

Friday 22nd July