

St Matthias Newsletter



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Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

You might have noticed a large banner on our school gate with the slogan 'Fill your street with friendliness.' This week launches the Worcestershire 'As One' project which is promoting to continue the community spirit we saw in the first lockdown to see if it could be recaptured for the long term. Well it is happening and if you would like to help the "As One" vision take root where you live please click on this link. <https://as-one.uk/> The idea is to

recreate a sense of connection, kindness, friendliness and belonging between people who live on the same street will be a huge boost for elderly, young families, single people, EVERYONE! Many schools, churches, faith groups and community centres are preparing to host events for their own neighbourhood, so look out in your locality. If you would like to take part in your neighbourhood then please click on the link above and sign up. As a school we are in a wonderful position to take the message of friendliness and its importance to so many people and to help introduce it to a new generation. We will be sharing in assemblies to bring this to life. Being friendly can be as simple as passing on a smile, saying hello to a neighbour or just being polite. You might even bake a cake for a neighbour but please make sure your child is with an adult. It would be good to spread friendliness instead of loneliness; I wonder what ideas you have?



KS1 Multi-skills event

On Wednesday, Years 1 and 2 walked to Dyson Perrins High School for a multi-skills event run by their Young Leaders. We took part with three other schools and each school was put into groups. Each group completed a number of challenges involving aiming, catching, throwing, jumping and agility. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and it was really good to see their skills of persistence, resilience, and collaboration developing through the morning. It was also lovely to see our children working with children from other schools remembering to turn take, share, encourage and socialise with people they did not know. Parents, you would have been really proud, I know we were! The children definitely aspired to do their very best, believed in themselves and achieved personal goals!



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.'



Century Cup Spring Challenge

The children in Years 3-6 have been working hard on their Century Cup Spring Challenge again this week. They have added to their personal scores as well as extending their learning and knowledge.

Week 4 top scorers

Year 3– Lilly W, 180 questions

Year 4– Max 824 questions **Great work!**

Year 5– Iustin 784 questions

Year 6– Seren 646 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– 981 questions

Year 4– 1500 questions

Year 5– 5263 questions **Well done Year 5!**

Year 6– 4271 questions !

Thanks again for all the efforts in the Spring Cup Challenge.

Last week, we got up to third place in our category; I will let you know where we ended up when the final results are in!

Well done to all the winners from week 4

Easter Fund Raiser – last few days!

For our Easter Fund Raiser we are holding an **Easter Egg raffle** where you can buy a 'brick' to be put into a draw to win an Easter Egg. Every brick bought will be put into a box and during our last Worship the named bricks will be pulled out and that person will win an egg. The more bricks you buy the more chance you have of winning Easter Eggs; you could win more than one!



We also need some Easter Eggs to be donated to school for the competition. The more eggs that are donated the more names we can pull out of the box.

Ready Steady Worcestershire

Don't forget to use this website for Easter activities and information



https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20818/worcestershire_school_holiday_food_and_activities

This website contains information about Easter holiday activity clubs and if you are eligible for Free School Meals you will be credited for **4 free sessions**. BUT you must sign up!

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

Accessing Food Support

The website above also will support families who may be struggling for food during the holidays. We have not heard about any Edenred food vouchers for this holiday, despite asking the Local Authority. Therefore, if you find you need help with accessing food in the school holidays you can complete the 'I need help' request on the Here2Help website

https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20758/here2help_coronavirus_covid-19 and complete the form ticking the 'food and supplies box in section 2.'

Are you in need of help?

If you are vulnerable and need help during this difficult time but are unable to seek help from family, friends and neighbours, click below and complete a form and a helper will be in contact.

I need help

Both Ready Steady Worcestershire and Here2Help websites have access to a range of support from activities to do with the family, financial and mental health support, healthy living and so much more! Just click on the links and start exploring!

**HERE 2 HELP
WORCESTERSHIRE**

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. Harry, 1. Logan, 2. Adam, 3. Logan, 4. Alumie, 5. Leighton 6. Daniel.

Value Leaf for showing Hope: R. Levi, 1. Pippa, 2. Kaya, 3. Evie-May, 4. Grace, 5. Lola-Anne, 6. Sam.

Spotted (Improved Spelling & Editing): R. Leo, 1. Edward-Noah, 2. Jacob B, 3. Poppee, 4. Kaede, 5. Justin, 6. Eveline.

Book Prize Draw Winner (for children who have read five times this week): Evelyn Bd Yr 6

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

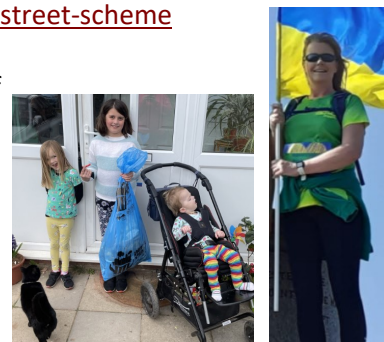
Outside Achievements

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 !

Daisy YR, Rosie Y4 and Dylan have signed up to the 'Adopt a Street Malvern Hills' litter picking scheme to help keep their area clean and tidy! Well done you are really making a difference to the environment in your area. If you would like to sign up in your area click on this link <https://www.malvern hills.gov.uk/join-the-adopt-a-street-scheme>

Mrs Taylor, completed a half marathon challenge last weekend and was very proud of achieving her 'personal best' after completing a dedicated training programme with Malvern Joggers! We are very proud of you!! Aspire, Believe, Achieve in its true form Mrs T!!

Mr Salmon is off to Manchester this weekend to compete in the Manchester Marathon after a 4 month training programme... he is aiming to run it in under 3 hours! Remember to ask him how he did next week!

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

	Percentage	Sessions missed		Percentage	Sessions Missed
Nursery	91.7%	11	Year 3	92.4%	22
Reception	93.5%	14	Year 4	83.1%	37
Year 1	96.7%	4	Year 5	81.4%	49
Year 2	90.0%	20	Year 6	76.2%	65

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 1** for the best attendance this week & 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

Science Enrichment Day

Tuesday 5th April 2022

Easter Service

Wednesday 6th April (school only)

Easter Bonnet Parade

Thursday 7th April at 9am

Easter Egg Raffle

Thursday 7th April in worship.

School Closes for Easter Holiday

Thursday 7th April at 3.15pm

School Opens for Summer Term

Monday 25th April at 8.45am

Class Events

Easter Bonnet Making in school

For Early Years and KS1 in school on Wednesday 6th April

Height + Weight Check Yrs R & 6

Thursday 5th May
See letter which came by email on 30th March.

Young Voices Concert

Tuesday 17th May 2022

Years 5 & 6 Oakerwood

Residential Trip (For those who have booked and paid) Wednesday 18th to Friday 20th May

HELPFUL INFORMATION

Who to contact in school

MRS KAZEROONI for:- Attendance issues, reasons for absences, request forms, change of address, email or phone numbers, general enquires, urgent contact, to 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 finance issues ie:- Whizz Kids or nursery bookings, paying any bills or invoices, 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 request help or to report a concern about a child.

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

STAFF ONLY - Training Day

at 3.15pm on Thursday 7th April 2022

Friday 8th April 2022.

SUMMER TERM 2022

SCHOOL OPENS

MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY

HALF TERM BREAK

SCHOOL CLOSSES for SUMMER

Extra Day off for Queens Jubilee

Monday 25th April at 8.45am

Monday 2nd May

Saturday 28th May to Sunday 5th June

Thursday 21st July at 3.15pm

Friday 22nd July