

St Matthias Newsletter



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Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Welcome back after the lovely Easter break and following this week of hard work, we can enjoy a long weekend with a Bank Holiday Monday!

Well Dressing

This week has not only been packed with our normal high expectations of learning but all the classes have been working on their Well-Dressing creations. Every year, St Matthias take part in the Malvern Well Dressing Festival which is a great community event and involves our children in a Malvern tradition during the first May Bank holiday. This year the theme is 'Literature,' so we have based the design of our 'Lord Sandy's Spout' Well around books/stories with doors.

Year 5 focused on the 'Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe' by C.S. Lewis and have created a large wardrobe ready for the well, Year 6 have created pieces linked to 'Journey' by Aaron Becker with a photo booth! Year 4 chose 'The Magic Faraway Tree' by Enid Blyton and Year 3 'Alice in Wonderland' by Lewis Carroll. Year 2 chose 'A Squash and a Squeeze' by Julia Donaldson. Year 1 enjoyed creating an interactive game linked to their book 'The Jolly Pocket Postman' by Allan and Janet Ahlberg, (we hope you get time to go and complete their activity!) and our Early Years Team focused on 'The Three Little Pigs.'

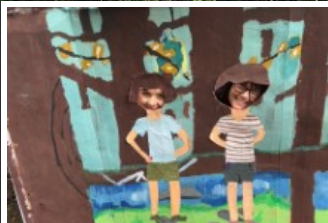
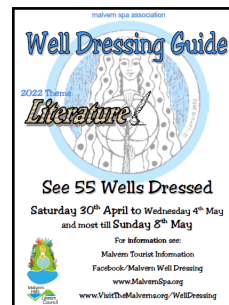
I would encourage as many of you as possible to take some time during the Bank Holiday to visit some of the wonderful wells in Malvern and its surrounding areas. **A guide and map has been emailed with this newsletter.** There are 55 wells dressed across Malvern and the Hills and the information can be found by clicking on these websites.

<https://www.visitthemalverns.org/event/malvern-well-dressing-and-water-festival/> www.MalvernSpa.org

www.VisitTheMalverns.org/WellDressing, Facebook/Malvern Well Dressing or visiting Malvern Tourist Information office.

On Monday 2nd May there is a Water Festival from 10am-5pm in Priory Park which includes an 'official' opening of the new play-area and a prize giving ceremony for the Well-Dressing. On the last pages of the guide, emailed with the newsletter, is a timetable of events over the weekend, so please have a look.

Thank you to Miss Tomlin from St Matthias Church, Mrs West, Mrs Blundell and some of the Year 6 children for helping dress our well today!



Have a lovely long weekend, see you all on the 3rd May.

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.'



Goodbye & Good Luck – Mrs Davies

After 4 years at St Matthias, Mrs Davies has decided to take early retirement from teaching and alongside her retirement she has taken on a role with Worcestershire Children First as a Family Support Worker. Mrs Davies has been teaching for 32 years and with all her skills in teaching, building relationships and working with parents they knew that she would enhance their team of support workers. She is very much looking forward to a new path before fully retiring, however, she will really miss being in the classroom and especially being at St Matthias. We will truly miss Mrs Davies for her laughter, music and vibrant personality. She has led our church services with her piano playing, taught our Year 2 classes and supported them through their SATs, led our Art and Design curriculum and has always played a huge part in the life of St Matthias. Thank you Mrs Davies and we wish you all the best for the future.



Mrs Davies will be leaving at May half term. In order for the children to have a smooth transition and familiar face, Ms Pearman, who is a qualified teacher, will be teaching the Year 2 children until the end of term. Ms Pearman has already taught Year 2 when Mrs Davies has been on training courses and as part of the teacher entitlement of PPA. We will also ensure a smooth handover where the children will be able to say goodbye to Mrs Davies and welcome Ms Pearman as their teacher. I am sure you will all join me in wishing Mrs Davies the very best of luck for her future.

Fundraiser—Thank you!

During February and as part of World Book Day, lots of children joined in a sponsored read and raised a huge amount of money for the school. This event was supported and run by Verity Smith, a parent and Usborne Book Rep. Together with the sponsored money and extras from Usborne Books we managed to purchase a huge amount of books from Usborne. So we want to say a huge THANK YOU to the children who took part, a huge THANK YOU to the people who sponsored the children and donated the money and a huge THANK YOU to Verity and Usborne Books for organising and sourcing all the books! They have really enhanced our reading scheme and topic library across the whole school.



Summer Term Clubs

Clubs start on 3rd May + end 15th July.

Mondays

Years 1 and 2 Athletics

Yr 6 Maths Booster (Up to SATs)

Tuesdays

Cooking Yr 4

Yr 1 Homework **ends 4pm**

Yr 6 English Booster (Up to SATs)

Thursdays

Years 3 and 4 Cricket

Yr 2 Booster/Homework Club

Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Homework

Fridays

Years 5 and 6 Tag Rugby

Clubs end at 4.15pm (except Yr1 Homework)

There are a few spaces left in some clubs please phone or email Mrs Kazerooni.

Uniform News

We now have **school ties with elastic** instead of metal fastener in school. £4.00

We have summer hats on order and will let you know when they have arrived.

Beanie Hats £5.00

Baseball Caps £5.00

Legionnaire Caps £6.00

PE Hoodies are now available from Kitz Uk at £13.00

PE Shorts available in school £6.00

PE tee-shirt available in school £4.00

Please phone or email Mrs James to purchase;
finance@stmatthias.worcs.sch.uk

Celebration Worship Awards

Every Friday we hold a 'Celebration Worship' to give out awards to our children to celebrate their achievements.

Certificates (Effort in their work): R. Esmae, 1. Kai, 2. Ellis, 3. Peter, 4. Rosie, 5. Arlo 6. Abigail

Value Leaf for showing Hope: R. Harry, 1. Pippa, 2. Loki, 3. Logan Ch, 4. Anisia, 5. Elizabeth, 6. Niamh.

Spotted (Improved Spelling & Editing): R. Lexi, 1. Charlie, 2. Adam, 3. Brooke, 4. Bonnie, 5. Valters, 6. Finley.

Book Prize Draw Winner (for children who have read five times this week): Amelia Yr 1

Lunchtime Award (for children who have demonstrated our school values outside) Owen Yr 4

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 !

Scarlett, Y5 has achieved her Level 5 swimming certificate and badge and 'Go For Bronze' through Malvern Link Youth Choir at St Matthias. Well done we are proud of you!



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

	Percentage	Sessions missed		Percentage	Sessions Missed
Nursery	89.2%	15	Year 3	96.3%	11
Reception	90.8%	22	Year 4	89.0%	14
Year 1	95.0%	6	Year 5	97.5%	7
Year 2	99.0%	2	Year 6	98.3%	5

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 & for the least missing sessions & **Yrs 2, 3, 5 & 6** for above 96% attendance - well done!



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 "Wisdom"

Matthew 7:24–27 Everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practise is like the wise man who built his house upon the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practise is like the foolish man who built his house on the sand.

Proverbs 4:6-7, "Do not forsake wisdom, and she will protect you; love her, and she will watch over you. Wisdom is supreme; therefore get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding."

Dalai Lama "A spoon cannot taste of the food it carries. Likewise, a foolish person cannot understand the wise man's wisdom even if he associates with a sage."

Gandhi "Even as wisdom often comes from the mouths of babes, so does it often come from the mouths of old people. The golden rule is to test everything in the light of reason and experience, no matter from where it comes."



NOTICEBOARD



Reminders

Whole School Events

Sports Day (to be confirmed)

Leavers Service (to be confirmed)

Class Events

Height + Weight Check Yrs R & 6
Thursday 5th May See letter which came by email on 30th March.

Yr 6 SATs Week
9th to 12th May

History Man Yrs 3 & 4
Friday 13th May

Young Voices Concert
Tuesday 17th May

Years 5 & 6 Oakerwood Trip
(For those who have paid)
Wednesday 18th - Friday 20th May.

Yrs 5 & 6 Bikeability
13th to 17th June (Details to follow)

Yr 6 Lifepath
20th June (Details to follow)

Yr 3 Seeds for Life (Details to follow)
29th June

Yr 4 Seeds for Life (Details to follow)
13th July

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** 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 (so 6 times per year)**, 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

SUMMER TERM 2022

MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY

Monday 2nd May

HALF TERM BREAK

Saturday 28th May to Sunday 5th June

SCHOOL CLOSURES for SUMMER

Thursday 21st July at 3.15pm

Extra Day off for Queens Jubilee

Friday 22nd July

AUTUMN TERM 2022

Teacher Education Days

Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th September

SCHOOL OPENS

Wednesday 7th September at 8.45am