

# St Matthias Newsletter



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*Dear Parents, Carers and Children,*

**SATs Year 6**



We would all like to congratulate Year 6 on completing their Statutory Assessment Tests this week. They have worked hard, given it their all and respected the rules around the administration. We are really proud of you all. It is now time to enjoy the rest of your time in Year 6 and at Primary School before you make the big leap to High School.



## Jubilee Celebrations

On 6th February this year Her Majesty The Queen became the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee marking 70 years of service to the people of the United Kingdom, the Realms and Commonwealth. This is remarkable and a historical event which should not be missed! To celebrate this anniversary there is a four day bank holiday weekend from Thursday 2nd June to Sunday 5th June, however this is during half term. Therefore, we have decided to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee anniversary in school on **Friday 27th May**.

Every child has taken part in a competition in school to design a picture for a Jubilee mug. The competition was held in phases; Early Years, KS1, Lower KS2 and Upper KS2. Each child created a design for a mug. The designs were then displayed and each child voted for their favourite designs, every picture was anonymous. We are yet to reveal the winners, however the winning 4 designs have been sent off to be printed on the mugs. The special Jubilee mugs will be given to each child in the phase, along with some other special Jubilee gifts to mark the occasion and hopefully make some lovely keepsakes for this special event.

On **Friday 27th May**, in the afternoon, at 2pm, the Friends of St Matthias along with Mrs James are making & providing a delicious afternoon tea for the children to celebrate as a street party. The children and staff will gather on the top playground for the street party which will be decorated in lots of red, white and blue!

We would like to invite all parents to join us in the KS 2 playground **from 3.15pm**, after collecting your child/children. You will be able to buy drinks, cake or ice cream and join together in a small social event to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee. We hope this will be a momentous occasion for us all to remember.

As the bank holiday will be held during half term, schools have been given an extra bank holiday, which for St Matthias will be added to the end of the summer term on Friday 22nd July, therefore ending the term one day early on Thursday 21st July for both staff and children, as shown in the term dates on the back page.

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.'





Save the date

**Saturday 2nd July from 11am**

# St Matthias CE Primary School Summer Fayre



This year '**The Friends of St Matthias**' are planning an eventful Summer Fayre to help raise funds for the children of St Matthias. It will be open to everyone including members of the public.



There will be craft stalls, a bouncy castle, book stalls, toy stalls, lucky dips, cake stalls, raffles, drinks, BBQ and so much more!

**BUT we need your help!**

If any parents, grandparents, Governors, families or friends know of any businesses, or run any businesses who could offer some exciting donations to our raffle we would really appreciate it! If you do please contact Mrs James in the office or speak to one of 'The Friends.' If you need a letter from school then please ask!



Thank you in advance, your support is always appreciated!



### 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. Miriam, 1. Ralphee, 2. Evie 3. Ethan, 4. Rosie, 5. Connor, 6. All Year 6

**Value Leaf for showing Hope:** R. Sofia, 1. Edward-Noah, 2. Tianna, 3. Lily, 4. Michael, 5. Leo G-G, 6. All Year 6.

**Spotted (Improved Spelling & Editing):** R. All Yr R, 1. Shanti, 2. Kaya, 3. Peter, 4. Camille, 5. Fraser, 6. All Year 6.

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

**Lunchtime Award (for children who have demonstrated our school values outside)** Iustin Yr 5

### 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 in Yr 6** has achieved her 800 metres swimming certificate and badge.



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

	Percentage	Sessions missed		Percentage	Sessions Missed
Nursery	85.7%	21	<b>Year 3</b>	<b>99.0%</b>	<b>3</b>
Reception	95.8%	10	Year 4	87.7%	27
Year 1	82.5%	21	<b>Year 5</b>	<b>96.7%</b>	<b>9</b>
Year 2	84.0%	32	<b>Year 6</b>	<b>99.3%</b>	<b>2</b>

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 & for the least missing sessions and Year 3 for a close second  
 Congratulations to **Yrs 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

**Photographer in WHOLE school**  
photo & Yr 6 Leavers packs.

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June

**Summer Fair**

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

**Sports Day**

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July

**Leavers Service**

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 9.10am in church. Year 6 parents only.

### Class Events

**Young Voices Concert**

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May

**Years 5 & 6 Oakerwood Trip**

(For those who have paid)

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May.

**Yr6 Bikeability (optional)**

Week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> June  
(4 day course)

**Yr 5 Bikeability (Optional)**

Week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> June  
(1 day course)

**Yr 6 Lifepath**

20<sup>th</sup> June (Details to follow)

**Yr 6 Chase Induction Day**

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 8.40am to 2.45pm. For all Yr6 pupils who are going to Chase in September.

**Yr 3 Seeds for Life** (Details to follow)  
29<sup>th</sup> June

**Yr 6 Dysons Induction Day**

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June All Day  
For all Yr6 pupils who are going to Dysons in September.

**Yr 5 Dysons Transition Morning**  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July (to be confirmed)

**Yr 4 Seeds for Life** (Details to follow)  
13<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:admin@stmatthias.worcs.sch.uk) to ask for an appointment.

**MRS BEALE** Headteacher for:- urgent personal/private matters on [head@stmatthias.worcs.sch.uk](mailto: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

**HALF TERM BREAK**

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May to Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June

**SCHOOL CLOSURES for SUMMER**

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July at 3.15pm

**Extra Day off for Queens Jubilee**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July**

### AUTUMN TERM 2022

**Teacher Education Days**

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September**

**SCHOOL OPENS**

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 8.45am**