

St Matthias Newsletter



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Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

There has been a lot of excitement recently at St Matthias, particularly for KS2 children. It started last Friday with the wonderful History Man for Years 3 and 4. It continued into this week with a trip to the NEC with our Young Voices choir which finally took place after being cancelled in January and has finished with a residential trip for Years 5 & 6 to Oaker Wood! I think there will be a lot of sleep needed this weekend; oh and maybe a little bit of washing!

History Man

It is always lovely to welcome the History Man to St Matthias; he has so much energy, enthusiasm and knowledge which complements the learning in the classrooms and brings topics to life! I'm not sure where he stores all his artefacts as he always brings so many resources to look at, touch, wear and role play with.

Year 3 started the day learning all about the Greeks. They dressed as warriors, played Greek Games and more excitingly got to hold some weapons! Safely of course! They had a wonderful morning and I could hear the buzz from the hall and saw their intense faces learn as the learning was brought to life!



Year 4 finished the day learning about the Romans. They explored Roman battles, weapons and settlements and learned about the history, artefacts and treasures. They had an exciting afternoon and didn't want it to end!



Jubilee Celebrations - Friday 27th May

Don't forget to join us at 3.15pm on Friday 27th May for a small gathering where you can buy a drink, cake and some Jubilee memorabilia. Black Pepper Lunches have updated their menu next Friday for the Jubilee and are now supplying hot dogs, wedge potatoes and a jubilee sponge pudding.



Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Beale.

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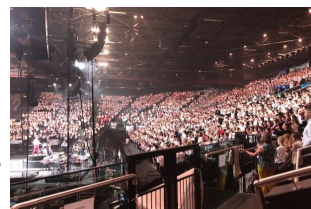
'Our school family values us all as unique individuals and children of God.

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.'



Young Voices 25th Anniversary 2022

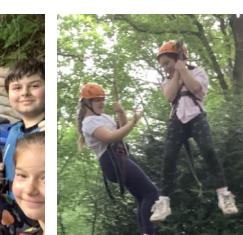
The Young Voices experience is not just a children's choir concert but is the largest children's choir concert in the world! Our St Matthias pupils performed alongside over 5000 other children as a single choir to an audience of family and friends at the Resorts World Arena in Birmingham. It was absolutely amazing and an unforgettable experience for the children; they even got to sing alongside BGT Connie Talbot who got to the final in 2007 at only 6 years old!



Oaker Wood Residential

Another unforgettable experience making memories at Primary School with friends. I think every single child who attended the residential trip overcame some nerves, built their confidence and achieved more than one thing they have never done before! I know how proud you must all be of yourselves and I know we will be proud as parents. You Aspired, Believed and Achieved!

I also want to say a huge thank you to Mr Thompson, Mr Salmon, Mrs James, Mrs Staniforth and Mrs Taylor for looking after the children, taking part in the activities and giving up their own time with their families so that St Matthias children could have this wonderful experience! I would also like to thank all the staff at school who covered and stepped in to look after the children at school while their teachers and teaching assistants were on this trip! We have an amazing staff and this couldn't happen without their dedication and support! Here are some of the highlights!



Free School Meal Food vouchers

The FSM voucher scheme which has provided meals for children during the holidays will not be providing vouchers for this half term. The scheme is only able to provide two more weeks of vouchers for the holidays before September 2022 and they have chosen to give those vouchers in the summer holidays. Therefore, when the portal for this opens in July we will be able to order the vouchers covering two weeks in the summer holidays. Worcester-shire Local Authority know this will come as a huge disappointment to some families, therefore I would like to draw your attention to ways you can access support including food from other schemes for the half term.

Here2Help

Click here for the [Here2Help website](#) On this website scroll down to the 'I need help' purple button and click on it. Complete a referral form and at the bottom there is a selection for 'Food and Supplies'; they will then be able to get in contact with you.

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](#)

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. Mason, 1. Ella, 2. Logan 3. Lily Pk, 4. Lexie, 5. Arlo, 6. Lacey.

Value Leaf for showing Wisdom: R. Eva, 1. Marlee-Mae, 2. Loki, 3. Susie, 4. Sam, 5. - 6. Daniel.

Spotted (Improved Spelling & Editing): R. Ryan, 1. Isabella, 2. Jasmine, 3. Camden, 4. Owen, 5. - 6. Finley.

Book Prize Draw Winner (for children who have read five times this week): Poppy L Yr 4

Lunchtime Award (for children who have demonstrated our school values outside) William Yr 2

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 !

REMINDER

All children need a bottle of fresh water in school every day.

Thank you.



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

	Percentage	Sessions missed		Percentage	Sessions Missed
Nursery	88.9%	16	Year 3	94.7%	16
Reception	94.2%	14	Year 4	87.3%	28
Year 1	91.7%	10	Year 5	99.3%	2
Year 2	92.5%	15	Year 6	98.6%	4

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 5** for the best attendance this week & for the least missing sessions and Year 3 for a close second
Congratulations to **Yrs 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 - WHOLE school photo (All pupils & staff) AND Yr 6 Leavers pack photos.
Wednesday 15th June

Summer Fair
Saturday 2nd July 11am-2pm

Sports Day
Friday 15th July

Leavers Service
Wednesday 20th July at 9.10am in church. Year 6 parents only.

Class Events

Yr 6 Bikeability (Optional)
Week commencing 13th June
(4 day course)

Yr 5 Bikeability (Optional)
Week commencing 13th June
(1 day course)

Yr 6 Lifepath
20th June (Details to follow)

Yr 6 Chase Induction Day
Wednesday 22nd 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)
29th June

Yr 6 Dysons Induction Day
Thursday 30th June All Day
For all Yr6 pupils who are going to Dysons in September.

Yr 5 Dysons Transition Morning
Monday 4th July (to be confirmed)

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

HALF TERM BREAK

Saturday 28th May to Sunday 5th June

SCHOOL CLOSSES for SUMMER **Thursday 21st July at 3.15pm**

Extra Day 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