

St Matthias Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after the special May half term and I hope you all got to enjoy some of the Jubilee celebrations which went on in the community last week.

External Review

This week we had our Summer Term external review and received another very positive report reflecting the progress we are continuing to make as a school. Since joining our Trust in March 2020 a National Leader of Education (NLE) has visited our school to complete a termly external review. The NLE speaks to the Senior Leadership Team, reviews the progress which has been made within the term and completes a learning walk visiting all classrooms. This prepares our school for when Ofsted visit and we receive our first Ofsted rating as a school, since joining The Spire Learning Trust.

The review focused on some key Ofsted current criteria which included attendance, Early Reading, Governance and writing. The NLE noted the excellent learning behaviours of the children who were focused and engaged in their lessons, contributing fully to the activities presented to them and particularly some of the improvements in writing.

Early Reading is always an important focus of the visits as Phonics and being able to decode words for reading is an important life skill for children's development of knowledge and love of reading. As you know we have invested this year in a new Systematic Synthetic Phonics programme called Essential Letters and Sounds (ELS) which was introduced in March and the NLE was impressed as we showed him the huge impact of this new DfE approved scheme in the children's writing and reading in the Early Years and KS1.

Our Governors have continued to monitor the progress of the school through Sub-Committee meetings and Full Governing Body meetings. The Governors also complete their own reviews of the school and have a learning walk in the diary for the end of June. The Governors form a large part of our school and ensure that we are making progress for the good of the children at St Matthias. They monitor, challenge and meet regularly to review the schools targets and progress. If anyone would like to be part of the Governing Body or knows anyone in the community who would like to become a Governor, our Chair of Governors, Mrs Liz Bessant, is always willing to discuss what it entails.

We were very pleased with our positive feedback from the review and I wanted to share a big thank you to the children for sharing their learning with our visitor and the staff for their dedication to making a difference and supporting your children to Aspire, Believe and Achieve. You make me so proud!

Bell Boating (photographs on the next page!)

Years 5 and 6 took part in a NEW activity for St Matthias, this week, hopefully this will become a regular event! They went off to Fladbury village, where the River Avon flows through, to have a great day on the water! Designed by Olympic Canoe Coach, David Train, the Bell Boat is a totally unique design in watercraft, its purpose is to remove the fear of taking part in paddle sport and to help with team work and cooperation. Bell Boats are 9 metres long and 1.4 metres wide. Its twin hull design with central non-slip deck seats up to 8 adults or 12 children with a helm. The benefit of the stable design removed the fear from having a go. The Year 5's and 6's each had an adult with them on the Bell Boat and they worked in a team to steer and paddle the boat along the River Avon and even negotiated the locks. They had an amazing experience and the groups were led by Andy Train who commented on how well behaved and polite our children were!

Have a wonderful 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.'



Bell Boating



Second hand and new uniform sale – Tuesday 14th June 3pm

We have lots of wonderful second-hand uniform in school, which has been kindly donated to us. The uniform is clean and ready to have a new owner. On **Tuesday 14th June at 3pm** parents are able to purchase the second-hand uniform from the main entrance at school for a small charge.

We have coats, jumpers, dresses, trousers, shirts and a few ties. We have a variety of sizes. So please help us raise some funds for school by coming along and seeing what we have on offer.



We also have a selection of NEW PE hoodies, PE shorts, PE t-shirts and NEW ties with elastic available to purchase ready for the new term in September. Our summer hats have arrived; we have beanies, legionnaires & baseball caps.



Any questions please email Mrs James—finance@stmatthias.worcs.sch.uk



Saturday 2nd July from 11am

St Matthias CE Primary School

Summer Fayre



This year **'The Friends of St Matthias'** are planning a 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!



Items needed for our fayre...

Please donate items for the Children's Tombola, Adult Tombola, Brick-a-Brac and bottles for the bottle stall.

Help on the day...

We really need more help on the day. If you are able to help on Saturday 2nd July, please let Mrs James know! Help will be needed to set up the stalls, man the stalls and clear away afterwards. So ANY help for ANY amount of time would be greatly appreciated.

There is a Summer Fayre planning meeting on Thursday 16th June, 2pm in school, please come along if you are able to donate any of your time and you would like to help.



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. Isaac, 1. Isabella, 2. Lottie, 3. James, 4. Max, 5. Holly, 6. Martha.

Value Leaf for showing Community: R. Rihanna, 1. Ella, 2. Ellis, 3. Poppy F, 4. Poppy, 5. Lola, 6. Tristan.

Spotted (Improved Spelling & Editing): R. Daisy, 1. Amelia, 2. Tommy, 3. Zach, 4. Alumie, 5. Kendra, 6. Niamh.

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

Lunchtime Award (for children who have demonstrated our school values outside) Evie 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!



William Y2, for taking part in some bell-ringing at Kempsey Church, how amazing, I hope you didn't get lifted into the bell tower!

Lily P Y4, for completing a Rookie Life Guard course whilst on holiday. What an amazing life skill and opportunity!



Monthly Attendance Awards

An amazing 116 children had 100% attendance in April; Ollie in Yr 5 has won the prize draw for 100% in April.

A fantastic 93 children had 100% attendance in May; Ethan in Yr 3 has won the prize draw for 100% in May.

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

	Percentage	Sessions missed		Percentage	Sessions Missed
Nursery	85.7%	20	Year 3	98.0%	6
Reception	97.5%	6	Year 4	89.1%	14
Year 1	87.5%	15	Year 5	94.6%	15
Year 2	96.0%	8	Year 6	97.9%	6
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 3** for the best attendance this week! Congratulations to Yrs R, 3 & 6 for the least missing sessions and to Years R, 2, 3 and 6 for above 96% attendance as a class this week.



As a church school, 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 focus on what they mean in our lives and in our relationships with each other.



Our Value this half term is "Community"

Romans 12:16 Live in harmony with one another

Colossians 3:13-14 "Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity"

Romans 12:4-5 "Community is life-giving– and essential to following Christ. Scripture says that's because we're better together than we are alone"

Eisenhower "This world of ours... must avoid becoming a community of dreadful fear and hate, and be, instead, a proud confederation of mutual trust and respect."

Ours is a wonderful school, nurturing and flourishing; showing great depths of community throughout the pandemic.



NOTICEBOARD



Reminders

Whole School Events

Photographer - WHOLE school photo (All pupils & staff) AND Yr 6 Leavers pack photos.
Wednesday 15th June

Summer Fayre
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 5 Bikeability (for those who have booked) is on Monday 13th June (1 day course)

Yr 6 Bikeability (for those who have booked) Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, 14th, 16th & 17th June

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 5 Chase Athletics Day
Friday 24th June 8.45am to 3.15pm

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.

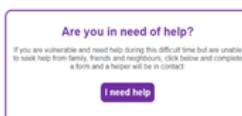
MRS BEALE Headteacher for:- urgent personal/private matters on head@stmatthias.worcs.sch.uk

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>

Support for Food and resources during half term/ Summer

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.



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

SCHOOL CLOSURES for SUMMER Thursday 21st July at 3.15pm

Extra day off for Queens Jubilee Friday 22nd July 2022

AUTUMN TERM 2022

Teacher Education Days

SCHOOL OPENS

Monday 5th & Tuesday 6th September

Wednesday 7th September 2022 at 8.45am