

# St Matthias Newsletter



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*Dear Parents and Carers,*

## Happy Retirement Mrs Taylor!!

I don't think you will believe me when I tell you that Mrs Taylor has decided to retire at the end of this term. She doesn't look old enough (she isn't!) Mrs Taylor arrived at our school 10 years ago after being at her previous school for a good many years as a Reception Teaching Assistant. Mrs Taylor was our THRIVE practitioner when she first arrived, supporting children with their mental health then about 5 years ago she became our Nursery Lead. She has been loved by many children, parents and staff and has been known for her high expectations, organisation, no-nonsense, art and craft days, glittery playdough and messy play! She has made a huge difference to each and every child she has nurtured, cared for and welcomed into our Nursery. Mrs Taylor has been trying to retire for a few years and we have kept convincing her to stay a bit longer each time she has mentioned it; but now the time has come. We are going to truly miss her! Mrs Taylor has gone above and beyond in her time at St Matthias and I know she will miss us as much as we are going to miss her. She is now going to put her own family first and enjoy some freedom. I know we will remain fondly in her memories, we might even convince her to return for special arty events like the Easter Bonnet making and Christmas decoration mornings! I know you will join me in wishing her a very happy and enjoyable retirement when it starts at the end of term! AND we say a huge THANK YOU!



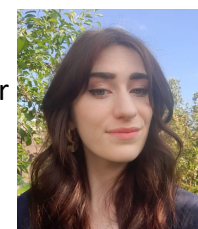
## Welcome to NEW Staff

I would also like to introduce you to two new members of staff from September:

**Miss Houlston** is a qualified Primary School Teacher with extra qualifications as an Intervention Tutor from the National Tutoring Programme. She is a Sports Coach and has a keen interest in wellbeing and physical and mental health. Miss Houlston has already met our staff and some of our children as she has been delivering some interventions as part of the School Led Tutoring programme. She is a warm and friendly person who is already complementing our dedicated, caring staff team. When you see her, please welcome her to the St Matthias family.



**Miss Hughes** is a qualified Primary School Teacher and is also a Music teacher at a local music school. She has tutored young people in bands and has organised shows, building confidence in young musicians. She is passionate about ensuring that all children reach their full potential and make progress. She is an enthusiastic and caring person who is looking forward to joining our team fully in September.



**We will inform you of your child's class teacher for next year in next week's newsletter.**

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.'



## **Sports Day Arrangements**



### **Early Years Sports Day Wednesday 13th July**

Children in Nursery and Reception will have their Sports Day morning on Wednesday 13th July at 11am. Early Years Parents are welcome to attend and share in a picnic lunch on the field following the events. You are welcome to bring your own rugs and chairs. If your child attends an afternoon session you can arrange with the staff to bring them for the morning sporting events so they can take part.

### **Year 1 – 6 Sports Day Friday 15th July**

You will have seen on the dates page, that we are holding a Sports Day for Years 1-6 on our school field this year and can now confirm the arrangements with you, as parents are welcome to attend this year if they wish.

As we cannot have the whole school on the field at one time, we have arranged a morning session and an afternoon session for the sporting events.

**Years 1, 2 and 3** will have their sporting events from **10.45am-12noon** so parents of children in these classes can attend this session.

**Years 4, 5 and 6** will have their sporting events from **1pm until 2.15pm** and parents of children in these classes can attend this session.

### **Picnic Lunch**

Parents of children in Years 1-6 can also attend a picnic lunch between 12-12.45pm. Therefore if your child/ren are taking part in the morning session, parents can stay in the field and the children can join you after their sporting events. Parents of children taking part in the afternoon session can arrive at 12 noon and take part in the picnic lunch prior to the afternoon session and the children will be brought across to the field to meet you. If you are unable to attend the picnic then your child will stay with staff in school and eat in the school grounds. ALL children who normally have a hot dinner will receive a **packed lunch on this day**.



Parents may bring their own rugs and chairs with them to sit on and their own picnic food. Following the picnic lunch there will be a break from 12.45 and 1pm where all children will return to school for the registers and toilet break before Years 4 - 6 return to the field for their events.

**PARENT toilets** – should any parent or non-St Matthias children need the toilet during Sports Day, St Matthias Church has kindly offered their facilities. Any St Matthias child will be escorted to toilets in school by a member of staff if they are on the field. Following Sports Day we will be selling ice-lollies!

**We look forward to seeing you at these events.**

### Year 6 Leavers Service

We are holding our Leavers Service on **Wednesday 20th July at 9.15am in St Matthias Church.**

During the service the children will share their memories of their time with us at St Matthias Primary School. Only Parents of Year 6 children are invited to attend. The service will last no longer than 1 hour.

### **Jubilee Book – A Platinum Jubilee Celebration**

St Matthias has received the Queen Elizabeth Platinum Jubilee Celebration Books which have been gifted to state funded Primary Schools. This book takes children on a journey through Her Majesty The Queen's life, with chapters on her family and friends, achievements, work with charities, Jubilee celebrations and finally on Commonwealth innovations that have changed the world over the last century. Each family at St Matthias will receive a copy of the book next week.



### **FREE First Aid Training for Parents – Don't miss out!!**

**WE STILL HAVE A FEW SPACES.** On **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June at 1.15pm**, we are offering parents **free** First Aid Training here in school. See last weeks letter for details.

If you would like to sign up for this training **please contact Mrs Kazerooni and she will put you on the course list.**

### **Price Increases from September 2022**

We would like to make you aware of the small price increases for any extra Nursery hours (extra to the 15hr/30hr funding) and our Whizz Kids Wraparound care. Please see below.

#### **Nursery**

Morning session 9am-12 noon £15.00

Lunch session 12 noon– 1pm £5.00

Afternoon session 12 noon-3pm £15.00

All Day 9am-3pm £30.00



#### **Whizz Kids (Wraparound care)**

Breakfast club 1 hour £4.50

Breakfast club 30 mins £2.25

After school club

1 hour £4.50

2 hours £9.00

Until 6pm £13.00





**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!



**NON-SCHOOL UNIFORM DAY– Tuesday 28th June**

*Please bring in items for the Children's Tombola, Adult Tombola, Brick-a-Brac, bottles, any good quality soft toys for our 'Adoption' Stall.*

***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.

**Fair Items  
Needed**

Thank you in advance, your support is always appreciated!

**Fair Items  
Needed**



### 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. Leo, 1. Shanti, 2. Charlotte, 3. Tyler, 4. Lily P, 5. , 6. Lily.

**Value Leaf for showing Community:** R. Harry, 1. Isabella, 2. Damian, 3. Evie-May, 4. Alumie, 5. , 6. Whole class.

**Spotted (Improved Spelling & Editing):** R. Lexi, 1. Logan, 2. Addison, 3. Ethan, 4. Anisia, 5. , 6. Seren.

**Book Prize Draw Winner (for children who have read five times this week):** Lola Yr 5

**Lunchtime Award (for children who have demonstrated our school values outside)** Mia-Rose Yr R

### 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!

Elise in Yr 3 went to PGL with Brownies and won an Achievement Certificate she has also completed Stage 1 and a Drowning Prevention certificate at swimming.



James in Yr 3 has been awarded a Stage 6 Gymnastics medal.



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

	Percentage	Sessions missed		Percentage	Sessions Missed
Nursery	84.3%	23	Year 3	98.3%	5
Reception	84.1%	39	Year 4	90.4%	21
Year 1	84.1%	19	Year 5	86.4%	38
Year 2	92.0%	16	Year 6	91.3%	25

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 Yr3, for the least missing sessions and to Year 3 for being the only class with above 96% attendance this week. Excellent!



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.**



# NOTICEBOARD



## Reminders

### Whole School Events

**First Aid Course for Parents**  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June 1.15pm.

**St Matthias Summer Fayre**  
Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 11am

**Languages Day**  
Thursday 7th July

**Early Years Sports Day + Picnic**  
Wednesday 13th July at 11am

**Yrs 1-6 Sports Day + Picnic**  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July Parents invited  
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### Class Events

**Yr 3 Seeds for Life**  
Wednesday 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. Children to be dropped there and picked up from there by parents.

**Yr 5 Dysons Transition Morning**  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July (letter today)

**Yr 4 Seeds for Life**  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July.

**Yr 6 Leavers Service**  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 9.15am in church. Year 6 parents only.

## HELPFUL INFORMATION

### Who to contact in school

**MRS KAZEROONI** for:- Attendance issues, (reasons for absences if possible contact us before 9.15am), 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.

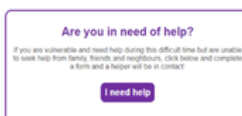
**MRS BEALE** Headteacher for:- urgent personal/private matters on [head@stmatthias.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:head@stmatthias.worcs.sch.uk)

**Black Pepper Lunches** for:- booking your child's meals **every half term (so 6 times per year)**,

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

**Extra day off for Queens Jubilee** Friday 22nd July 2022

### AUTUMN TERM 2022

**Teacher Education Days**

**Monday 5th & Tuesday 6th September.**

**SCHOOL OPENS**

**Wednesday 7th September 2022 at 8.45am**