

# St Matthias Newsletter



Friday 1st July 2022

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## Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all looking forward to our Summer Fayre tomorrow which starts at 11am!

Mrs James and the 'Friends group' have organised an amazing selection of stalls including food, drink, bouncy castles, tombola's and so much more! Please see the poster emailed to you on Wednesday for more information. Unfortunately, I am unwell at the moment and have contracted COVID and I have to say it is really unpleasant!

So I am so very sorry to not be able to help on Saturday due to following the guidance and actually not being well at all. I do hope you bring your friends and family along to help support our school.



## First Aid Course.

The Years 5 & 6 children had a very important lesson this week on First Aid which was delivered by the company who train all our first aiders in school. These are very important life skills and it is good to know that our oldest children have had some training for their future should they ever need these skills!

It was also lovely to see that six parents took up the opportunity to also have some First Aid Training. We don't often get the opportunity for some free training especially in this field so thank you for attending; I hope you took away some great information and have built some confidence should you ever need it in the future!



## ClassDojo

ClassDojo is a wonderful way for teachers to share information about the curriculum and photographs of your children learning at school. It has also been a super way to contact your class teachers to update them with a quick message without needing to make a call or speak on the playground. However, recently some staff have had complaints and rather rude and aggressive messages sent to them which is not what ClassDojo is for. Our staff always have your children's best interests at heart, we follow our vision and care about each child. We also have to follow up with behavioural choices which might have gone wrong for some children and our job is also to help children to understand what has happened in a restorative way. So, before sending a message to your class teacher, I ask you to read your message and ensure that it is worded in a polite and respectful manner so as not to offend; this does happen but it is in the minority. I want to thank parents who do send polite messages and keep teachers informed about their children and I thank parents for being respectful. Please remember that children do follow examples from adults so we should all model polite and respectful behaviours.



Have a wonderful weekend and enjoy the fayre!

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.'



**Online Safety – parents please read this carefully.**

I have been informed about some rather disturbing games that are coming through on the internet via Tik Tok and You Tube. I strongly urge you, as parents to monitor what your children are watching on the internet and also ensure that the apps and games that your children have are AGE APPROPRIATE. If they are not age appropriate and your children are allowed age 12+ apps then the algorithms within those apps allow inappropriate content to filter through to your children's web browsers and they may then be subjected to disturbing games and adverts. I do not want to highlight on this newsletter what I have been informed about as if your children read the newsletter and they have not come across this information then it could encourage them to google search.



Therefore, a separate private ClassDojo message will be sent to parents with more information. Please monitor carefully and use these websites to support you in keeping your children safe on the internet.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-games/>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/esafety-leaflets-resources/>

**Class Teachers: Autumn Term 2021**

During the rest of this term current class teachers will be assessing the children, completing the teaching and learning and writing their school reports ready to hand to you later in July. The teachers will also be liaising with the next class teachers and making time for them to meet and build relationships so that your children know who their teacher will be in September. On Monday 18th July each class will move up to meet their new class teachers so they can experience their new classrooms, build relationships and have a day of wellbeing and team building. During the summer holidays, you can talk to your children about their new teachers.

In the school reports we will also include a transition leaflet so your children can see their new class teachers and classrooms and become familiar with their new environments. I am sure you will help your children feel positive about the moves and encourage them to talk about their feelings and any worries so they are prepared for September.

I am also thrilled to welcome Mrs Page to the Early Years Team following Mrs Taylor's retirement in the summer. Mrs Page is passionate about the first years of education, comes with a lot of experience and I know she is excited to be working with the Early Years Team. I know she has big shoes to fill as Mrs Taylor has been a wonderful Nursery Teacher, but I know she will absolutely complement and complete the wonderful team! Mr Salmon is also pleased as she is a great organiser and will keep him in check! Like Mrs Taylor did!

**Nursery:** Mrs Page      **Reception:** Mr Salmon.      **Year 1:** Mrs O'Connor.      **Year 2:** Mrs Joyce & Mrs Philgence



**Year 3:** Miss Houlston



**Year 4:** Miss Hughes



**Year 5:** Mrs Maidens.



**Year 6:** Mrs West



**Mr Thompson will be the PPA teacher for Years 3 and 4.**

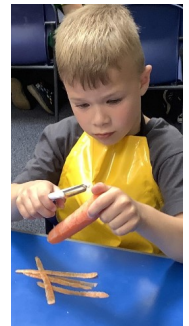
### Year 3 trip to Seeds For Life

On Wednesday 29th June Year 3 visited The Church of the Ascension in Somers Park Avenue to take part in 'Seeds for Life.' Seeds for Life supports the delivery of Religious Education in KS2 focusing on Christianity. The children took part in workshops inside and outside the church which included craft, drama, storytelling and quiet reflection. The children made prayer boxes which they took home to keep in a special place and keep safe any special prayers they have written or heard. They also made their own 'prayer' bracelet which they can touch and hold when saying a quiet prayer. They had a wonderful time and were a credit to the school.



### Year 3 Cooking!

Year 3 have been busy this week designing, making, presenting and tasting a balanced meal as part of their Design and Technology curriculum. They made falafels as a source of protein. They put those into wraps as a source of carbohydrates and added a variety of salads for different texture and flavours. We were very impressed with the children for tasting some ingredients that they might not have come across before and they learned lots of skills when using the equipment. Cooking is so exciting as not only is this a life skill but it is fun and there is a bonus element of being able to eat it at the end!



### School Photographs

The proofs for your children's photos came home yesterday (Year 6 today). The company are only taking online orders again this time. The link for their new online ordering site and your Personal access code are on each proof. Please order by following the link and enter your access code <https://dsp-academy.gotphoto.co.uk/login>. There is only one option for the class photos but for the whole school photo there is a formal photo or the option to buy the funny photo, in which we pulled funny faces!

**The order deadline is Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm.** If your order by the deadline your photos will be delivered free to school and we will distribute them to you. If you miss the deadline they will send the photo direct to your home and you will have to pay postage as well as the cost of the photo.

If you have any trouble ordering please contact DSP directly via their email [enquiries@dsp-academy.com](mailto:enquiries@dsp-academy.com)

### Sports Day Reminder

*Please see last week's newsletter for more information.*

**Early Years Sports Day** Wednesday 13th July 11am with a picnic on the field after the event.

### Sports Day for Years 1-6 Friday 15th July

**Years 1-3** Friday 15th July from 10.45am with a picnic on the field at 12 noon for any child with a parent attending.



**Years 4-6** Friday 15th July from 1pm BUT with a picnic on the field prior to the sporting event from **12 noon** for any child with a parent attending.

Parents and non-school children can use the church toilet facilities on Friday 15th July during the sporting event.



# Saturday 2nd July from 11am

## St Matthias CE Primary School

### Summer Fayre

This year '**The Friends of St Matthias**' have planned 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 :-

adult tombola, children's tombola, craft stalls, a bouncy castle, book stalls, toy stalls, children's clothing stall, lucky dips, cake stalls, bottle stall, sweet cones, bric-a-brac stall, raffles, painted stones activity, face glitter, sponge the teacher in the stocks (Mr T from 11.30am for 1 hour) penalty shoot out with WBA coach, 2nd hand uniform, adopt a cuddly toy, balloon stall, nail, tattoo and hair accessories stall, wax melts & bath bombs, keepsakes, charms stall and a dog accessories stall .

Drinks plus BBQs for meat eaters & vegetarians.

***We still need extra help on the day.** If you are able to help at all on Saturday 2nd July, please let Mrs James know! Help will be needed to set up the stalls from 9am, help to run the stalls from 11am and help to clear away afterwards. ANY help for ANY amount of time would be greatly appreciated.*

**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. Leonardo, 1. Jake, 2. William, 3. All Year 3, 4. Camille, 5. Holly, 6. Freya.

**Value Leaf for showing Community:** R. Hope, 1. Ralphee, 2. Logan, 3. Jamie, 4. Molly, 5. Chase, 6. Evelyn Bi.

**Spotted (Improved Spelling & Editing):** R. Kyle, 1. Kai, 2. Jasmine, 3. Logan H, 4. Bonnie, 5. Gracie, 6. Lydia.

**Book Prize Draw Winner (for children who have read five times this week):** Evie-May Yr 3

**Lunchtime Award (for children who have demonstrated our school values outside)** Ledjana Yr 3

### 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 to you all!



**Elise Y3**, for being part of the Armed Forces Day in Priory Park last Sunday and running a Brownie stall.

**Gracie Y5**, for achieving level 7 in swimming.



**Adam Y3**, for having his Covid vaccine.

**Oliver Y3**, for competing in a football tournament

**Iustin, Casey and Olivia Y5** for winning awards at The Chase Yr 5 Taster Day.



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

	Percentage	Sessions missed		Percentage	Sessions Missed
Nursery	82.4%	25	<b>Year 3</b>	<b>96.7%</b>	<b>10</b>
Reception	85.6%	36	Year 4	93.6%	14
Year 1	83.3%	20	<b>Year 5</b>	86.0%	39
Year 2	92.0%	16	<b>Year 6</b>	91.7%	24

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** again 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

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

**Languages Day**  
Thursday 7th July

**Deadline for photo orders.**  
Thursday 7th July at 12 noon.

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

**Yrs 1-6 Sports Days + Picnic**  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July Parents invited  
**PLEASE READ PAGE 2 on last weeks newsletter.**

### Class Events

**Yr 5 Dysons Transition Morning**  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July

**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.

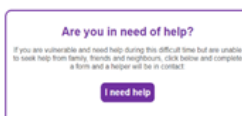
**MRS BEALE** Headteacher for:- urgent personal/private matters on [head@stmatthias.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:head@stmatthias.worcs.sch.uk)

**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**