

# St Matthias Newsletter



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## ***Deputy Headteacher has more than 240 wet sponges thrown at him while in the stocks & raises over £80 !!***

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

It has been an eventful week which started on Saturday 2nd July with our Summer Fayre! We want to say a **HUGE THANK YOU** to everyone who helped on the day, parents, children, grandparents and staff; setting up, manning a stall, serving BBQ food, teas and coffees and tidying away. Unfortunately, I could only hear about the amazing event and was very sad not to experience it due to COVID. I also missed seeing Mr Thompson in the stocks!

There is a special thanks to Aladdin's Cave who generously donated a freezer to keep all the ice-lollies nice and frozen which will be used for many events now.

You will need to be sitting down when you read how much you all raised at this event as we have never raised anything as much as this in recent years!

The total to date is **£2237.70** this is a spectacular amount of money which will go back to the children to benefit their curriculum, learning and development. A massive thank you and congratulations to everyone!

A special newsletter, written by Claire Bird, will come out next week thanking and listing all the companies who supported and donated to our fayre which made it such a success!



### **NEW PTA (Parent, Teacher Association)**

We are delighted to announce that we are setting up a PTA group in the new academic year. We have many parents who work incredibly hard behind the scenes organising special events for the children and raising money for the school, so setting up a PTA is wonderful news! ANYONE is welcome to be a member, in fact, if you are a parent or teacher of the school you are automatically part of the PTA, it would just be amazing if you would consider being an official member and attending meetings to offer your ideas along with everyone else; the more the merrier! If you would like to hear about the new PTA group and feel that you could offer any support, suggestions or your skills then please come along to the first meeting on **Monday 19th September at 3.30pm.**

Have a wonderful weekend and enjoy the sunshine!

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.'





## Languages Day– Thank you Mrs Maidens!

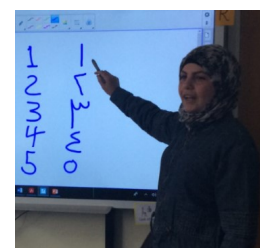
We held a special Languages Day on Thursday 7th July to celebrate different cultures and learn to speak a few words in different languages. We welcomed visitors in person and via zoom; Romanian, Spanish and Arabic speakers and we even had a Deaf guest with his interpreter to teach us British Sign Language! Children took part in a range of activities; from research tasks, songs, games, art, playing boules, board games and all children learned how to order croissants (and eat them) in our French cafe! During the day we tried speaking in Japanese, Mandarin, German, French, Spanish and Italian. We welcomed visitors from The Chase High School during the afternoon; languages teacher Mrs Bennison taught some of our KS2 children a Spanish lesson and some of the Chase High School language students read stories to our children.

Our Deaf guest was: David Ellington, a film, theatre and TV actor and presenter. His interpreter was Pascale. They taught us signs for hello, goodbye, thank you, elephant, giraffe, lion/lioness, squirrel, yellow, white, black and tree.

This link <https://www.ndcs.org.uk/information-and-support/language-and-communication/sign-language/family-sign-language/find-a-sign/> is the NDCS fingerspelling postcard if your children would like to challenge themselves to learning their fingerspell alphabet. The NDCS also offer some fun online resources for free too!

Thank you to everyone who visited us, especially our parents who shared their home languages either in person or via zoom.

It was a magnifico day!



### School reports

Your child's school report will be coming home next week, the report will give you information about your child's progress during this academic year. Following the report there will be an online feedback form for you to complete. If you wish to discuss the report with your child's current teacher you can request a telephone appointment via ClassDojo directly with your class teacher, after the reports have been sent out. In the reports we will send a transition leaflet, attendance information and any Statutory Assessment information your child might have taken part in.

### Meet the teacher Day– Monday 18th July

We have our 'Meet the teacher' day on Monday 18th July. So your child can experience a day in their new classroom before the summer holidays. We are aware that some children become anxious about their new class. We are lucky being in a small school as most children will have already met their new teacher and have already started to build a relationship with them. This 'Meet the Teacher' day will enable both your child and the class teacher to get to know each other a little more, know which room and door they need in September and ask any questions they might have. If your child has SEND needs we are also making a conscious effort to give them the opportunity to meet their class teacher on more than just the transition day, this might be touching base with them over the next few weeks, sending them to show work to their new teacher and the new teacher visiting the class in their current room.



### 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 watch and to 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.



#### 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.

#### 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.

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

**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!



**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. Levi, 1. Marlee-Mae, 2. Jacob, 3. Year 3, 4. Sophie, 5. Iustin + Leo G, 6. Addison.

**Value Leaf for showing Community:** R. Daisy, 1. Shanti, 2. Adam, 3. Megan, 4. Owen, 5. Leighton, 6. Dominic

**Spotted (Improved Spelling & Editing):** R. Rihanna, 1. Ralphee, 2. Loki, 3. Jamie B, 4. Lexie, 5. Ollie, 6. Ibrahim.

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

**Lunchtime Award (for children who have demonstrated our school values outside)** Sienna 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 to you all!



**Poppy Y3** for winning an Art Competition

**Rosie Y4, Lily Y4, Molly Y4, Charlie YR, Daisy YR, & Dylan** for demonstrating brilliantly our school value, **Community**, by litter picking around our school area and St Matthias Church after they saw litter in the churchyard and asking if they could 'clear it up!' What a team! THANK YOU!

**Monthly Attendance Award**

An amazing 86 children had 100% attendance in June; Harry in Yr 6 has won the prize draw for 100% for June.

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

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

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

**Yrs 1-6 Sports Days + Picnic**  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July. See page 3 for times. Parents invited.

### Class Events

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

**Yrs 5 & 6 International Cricket**  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July

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

**Yr 6 Leavers Party**  
Thursday 21st July 4.30pm

## 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** (We have an answer phone for your messages prior to 8.45am)

**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.

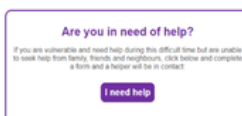
**MRS BEALE** Headteacher for:- urgent personal/private matters on [head@stmatthias.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:head@stmatthias.worcs.sch.uk)

**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>

### 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**

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

**SCHOOL OPENS**

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