

St Matthias Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

This is my last newsletter for this academic year as we break up for the summer holidays next Thursday 21st July. I want to express my heartfelt thanks to everyone: staff, children, parents and governors for all your support during the year. We all work incredibly hard to ensure your children make progress in their learning, follow our school vision, enjoy their work and have a range of opportunities throughout the year to enhance the curriculum. We have not been without COVID and I have to say I have the most amazing team of staff who step in, often at the last moment, to ensure that the school continues to run smoothly even when someone is absent. This is because we care and know that a familiar face is always the best option. I also want to wish Mrs Taylor a very happy retirement, she has promised to visit us regularly and come back for some 'messy play' events! We will truly miss her and wish her a wonderful time, enjoying family and travelling!



Transition Day

This Monday we are holding our 'Meet the Teacher' Day where your children will experience a whole day in their new year group. The children will arrive as normal, they will go to their current classrooms, then following Worship the new class teacher will lead them to their new classroom. They will spend the day building relationships, finding out about their teacher, routines, curriculum and having lots of opportunities to ask questions. At the end of the day they will return to their normal classrooms so they can be dismissed by their current teachers.



School Reports 2022

Your children should have come home with their school reports this week. We are very proud of all the children for their efforts and hard work. Each child has made progress and flourished academically and socially. They are now ready for the next part of their journey, be that in the next class or next school. In with our school reports you will find information about their next class and attendance. I want to say a huge thank you for the lovely comments and praise for our staff written in the feedback following the ClassDojo message sent out on Wednesday. We really appreciate the time you have taken to read the reports and give feedback.

We always welcome comments and feedback so if you have not had the opportunity to make your comments about the school report you have read please click on this link and let us know <https://forms.office.com/r/yjH6RuZNts>

If you would like to discuss your child's school report please request a telephone appointment via ClassDojo directly to the teacher, or phone the school office.

If your child has not come home with a school report or they have been absent please contact the office and we will be able to get the report to you.

September

We are looking forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Wednesday 7th September at 8.45am**. The staff have two Teacher Education Days on Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th September.

May I take this opportunity to wish you a wonderful, safe and relaxing summer holiday.

School closes at **3.15pm on Thursday 21st July**.

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.'



A tribute to Year 6...

We all want to wish Year 6 a fond farewell as they embark on their new journey to High School. Many of you started your school journey at St Matthias Nursery and some of you joined part way through your Primary School years. At whatever point you started with us, we have been very proud of what you have achieved. We have enjoyed watching you grow and flourish along the way, making progress in your learning, developing your independence, forming lasting friendships, creating memories and joining in your fun and laughter. Please remember to stop and talk to us when we see you in the street we love hearing about past pupil achievements. We will hold you dear in our memories. Remember to **Aspire** to be what you want to be, **Believe** in yourself and you will **Achieve** what you want. Remember to **AIM HIGH!** Here are some of your best times...

GOOD LUCK YEAR 6!







School Uniform

Please ensure that you purchase the correct uniform for September. A reminder that our new Year 3 class next year will need a white shirt, tie and V-neck jumper as they move into KS2. Please visit our website to see our uniform list [click here](#). Socks should be dark grey, black or white and PE kit must be worn on PE days not home clothes. Our uniform is sold at Kitz Uk in Malvern and School Togs in Worcester.



Summer Holiday Activities and Food Programme

The Summer Holidays are fast approaching. This programme has secured holiday activities at over 60 locations across Worcestershire. Families are able to search for Summer Clubs through an interactive booking map and pack out their summer holidays with a whole range of activities and clubs suitable for 5-15 year olds. The booking system is now live to parents. Please go to www.worcestershire.gov.uk/rsw to book. They are still updating some final bookings so please check back regularly. Book early to avoid disappointment.



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. Nicolas, 1. Amelia, 2. Evie, 3. Poppy , 4. Anisia, 5. Year 5, 6. Oliver.

Value Leaf for showing Community: R. Kyle, 1. Charlie, 2. Charlie, 3. Harvey, 4. Rosie + Molly, 5. Year 5, 6. Maisie.

Spotted (Improved Spelling & Editing): R. Reception, 1. Pippa, 2. Tianna, 3. Ellie, 4. Grace, 5. Year 5, 6. Lydia.

Book Prize Draw Winner (for children who have read five times this week): Camden Y3 & Sam Y4

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!



Mrs Joyce For completing a 10K last weekend with her friend. They raised money for cancer research.

Mrs O’Connor for gaining a ‘Distinction’ in her Trauma Informed Schools diploma this week.



Jessica Y5, for raising money for the Little Princess Trust she is also growing her hair ready to be donated to make wigs for those people who have lost their hair due to illness. She will have at least 40 centimetres cut from her hair in September! If you would like to make a donation here is the link.

[Http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jessica-rabin-hair-donation](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jessica-rabin-hair-donation)



Attendance The table below shows class attendance statistics for **the whole year so far** .

	Percentage	Sessions missed		Percentage	Sessions Missed
Nursery	86.1%		Year 3	95.3%	
Reception	91.9%		Year 4	90.0%	
Year 1	90.2%		Year 5	92.5%	
Year 2	92.9%		Year 6	93.8%	

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 year!

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.

Reminders

Whole School Events

NO activity CLUBS next week.
Please collect the children at 3.15pm EVERY day.

Thank you.

Class Events

Yr 6 Leavers Service

Wednesday 20th 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 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.

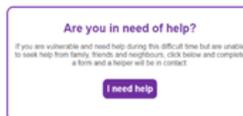
MRS BEALE Headteacher for:- urgent personal/private matters on head@stmatthias.worcs.sch.uk

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

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 Platinum 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