

St Matthias Newsletter



St Matthias Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The Funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

As you will have heard by now, Her Majesty's funeral is being held this coming Monday 19th September which has been made a bank holiday. Therefore, as a sign of respect, St Matthias CE Primary School will be closed on Monday and will reopen as normal on Tuesday 20th September at 8.45am. This week we have remembered the life of Queen Elizabeth II in some of our Worships and sung one of her favourite songs 'Sing' by Gary Barlow and the Commonwealth choir which was part of her Diamond Jubilee celebrations. We also shared prayers; this prayer I share with you all as it sums up some of her wonderful gifts, qualities and how she particularly thought of the younger generations.



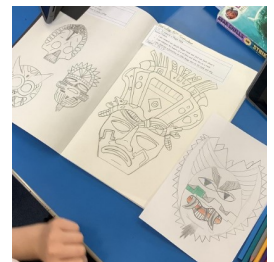
Dear God,

We thank you for your good and faithful servant, Queen Elizabeth II. She served you and this country faithfully during her many, many years on the throne and we will miss her. We give thanks for her great work in keeping the Commonwealth together, her desire to see children and young people flourish and lead, and her understanding that the Earth is a special place to be nurtured and preserved for future generations to continue in the years to come. We thank you for her life and all we have learned about being a good and faithful servant through remembering and celebrating her life.

Amen.

Classroom Learning

I have visited many classes this week and I am very proud to say that all children have a great attitude to their learning following their summer holidays. The expectations from the teachers have been set high and we are focusing on making sure that the children aspire, believe and achieve! There is such a buzz when we walk through the school; we see children working independently with partners and in groups. Early Years and Year 2 even had a special guest, Sarah, from St Matthias Church to share in a 'Godly Play' story on the Creation. Here are a few pictures to show some of the learning...



*Have a lovely 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.'



School Photographer

On **Monday 26th September** our school photographer will be in school. He will take photographs of every pupil and also every pupil with their brothers and sisters from within school. In addition, if you wish for your older and younger children to be in a photo with our pupils please bring them along to the main entrance at 8.20am.



Harvest Festival

This year, our Harvest Service will be held at St Matthias Church on **Wednesday 5th October**, with the pupils, staff, parents and Rev Phillip. We have been practising our harvest songs during worship and thinking about our theme for this year's celebration. We are linking our Harvest Service to our value (thankfulness) and also Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II celebrating her reign, life and her achievements.

Donations for our Harvest Service will be given to **Malvern Food Bank** who have supported so many local families in our Malvern community. We will collect the donations during the week of Monday 3rd October. Items which are warmly welcomed are- tinned food, packet food, toiletries, laundry detergent, tea, coffee, squash, baby wipes, nappies, toilet rolls etc



Circus Skills Week - Monday 10th October – Friday 14th October.

Last term, our Summer Fayre raised an enormous amount of money for the school. The money is always spent on the children to enhance their experiences at St Matthias. This year, we are delighted to tell you that we have booked 'Shooting Stars' for a Circus Skills week using some of the money you raised at the Fayre! In past years having a circus skills week has always been such a success that we couldn't wait to book it again. The children learn lots of skills during the week, not only balancing, juggling, walking with stilts or on the tightrope, for example, but life long skills such as persistence, collaboration, determination, independence, concentration, self-awareness and so much more. These skills learned and can be transferred into their classroom studies and social situations. But most of all the children will have fun without even realising they are learning! The children will have 3 sessions during the week and then perform in a show to parents at the end of the week, so keep Friday 14th October free in your diaries! The KS1 show will be in the morning and KS2 show will be in the afternoon. We will confirm timings for the classes nearer the time. Again a big thank you to the PTA group for organising the fayre and for the parents and members of the public for helping raise so much for our children!



High School Applications

Year 6 parents must apply for your child's High School place, online, by **Monday 31st October** which is at the end of half term. You must apply by creating a log in and then clicking 'Apply for a school place.' The portal is now open so you can make your application from now, however you can make any amendments up until the closing date if you wish.

https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20099/school_admissions

You might not be sure which high school you have preference for. Malvern has two high schools. The Chase High School and Dyson Perrins High School. St Matthias has strong links with both high schools so it is important that parents make an informed choice by visiting both if you are unfamiliar with them.

Both high schools have Open Events and you can book a slot for either or both following these links.

The Chase High School Open Event– Thursday 29th Sept <https://www.chase.worcs.sch.uk/tours/>

Dyson Perrins High School Open Event– Thursday 6th Oct <https://www.dysonperrins.worcs.sch.uk/openevening2022>



Parent Consultation Evening

Parents evenings' this year will be held after half term for Reception to Year 6 parents on **THURSDAY 3rd NOVEMBER** and **MONDAY 7th NOVEMBER** from 3.30pm.

Nursery parents will book in with the Nursery staff and dates will be available soon.

The parents' evenings will be face to face and will be held in the school hall. This will give parents an opportunity to meet the teacher, find out how your child is getting along and ask any questions you might have. If you have any worries or concerns it is important that you do not leave them until parents' evening. You can raise any worries you have or questions via ClassDojo or ask for a telephone appointment if you wish. We will send out a booking text nearer the time so parents can book in with the class teacher at a mutually convenient time.

If any parent is unable to make either of those dates, we will send home a short update report and if you need to discuss any part of it you may make a separate appointment with the class teacher after the event.



Outside Achievements

We have started our academic year with lots of outside achievements to celebrate. 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 each Friday!

Well done, we are very proud of you !

Scarlett, Y6 achieved her Stage 6 swimming certificate and badge during the summer holidays. We are proud of you!

Bertie, YR learned to ride his bike without stabilizers during the summer! This is a super achievement! Well done!

Oakley, Y4 achieved his Level 1 swimming certificate and badge during a summer crash course of swimming!

Albie, Y1 took part in a summer crash course of swimming and achieved his Level 1 swimming certificate and badge. Well done boys!

Pippa, Y2 learned to swim without any floats and armbands and built her water confidence during her summer holidays, which is an amazing achievement!



ACADEMIC TERM DATES for St Matthias of The Spire Learning Trust 2022 - 2023

AUTUMN TERM

Staff Professional Development

Monday 5th September 2022

Staff Professional Development

Tuesday 6th September 2022

SCHOOL & NURSERY OPEN

Wednesday 7th September 2022

Funeral of Queen Elizabeth - School Closed **Monday 19th September 2022**

SCHOOL & NURSERY END

Thursday 20th October at 3.15pm

Staff Professional Development

Friday 21st October 2022

HALF TERM BREAK

Friday 21st October to Sunday 30th October 2022

SCHOOL & NURSERY END

Friday 16th December 2022

70 days inc 3 SPD

SPRING TERM

SCHOOL & NURSERY BEGIN

Tuesday 3rd January 2023 at 8.45am

HALF TERM

Saturday 18th to Sunday 26th February 2023

SCHOOL & NURSERY END

Friday 31st March 2023 at 3.15pm

59 days

SUMMER TERM

SCHOOL & NURSERY BEGIN

Monday 17th April 2023 at 8.45am

MAY DAY (School Closed)

Monday 1st May 2023

HALF TERM

Saturday 27th May to Sunday 4th June 2023

SCHOOL & NURSERY END

Friday 21st July 2023 at 3.15pm

Staff Professional Development

Monday 24th July 2023

66 days inc 2 SPD

Staff Professional Development

Tuesday 25th July 2023

The children attend school each year for 190 days. The staff work for 195 days per year.

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. Harrison, 1. Mason, 2. Pippa, 3. Stanley, 4. Lily, 5. Athena, 6. Chase.

Value Leaf for showing Community: R. Imogen, 1. Mia, 2. Ella, 3. Logan, 4. Oakley, 5. Jayla, 6. Abbie.

Spotted (Improved Vocabulary): R. Anastasia, 1. Rihanna, 2. Logan, 3. Sienna, 4. Peter, 5. Alumie, 6. Valters.

Book Prize Draw Winner (for children who have read five times this week): Dexter Yr 1

Lunchtime Award (for children who have demonstrated our school values outside): Kyra Yr R

Thank you to our parents for joining us this morning!



Attendance The table below shows class attendance statistics for **this week**. Our target is 96% or more.

	Percentage	Sessions missed		Percentage	Sessions Missed
Nursery			Year 3	93.8%	13
Reception	94.7%	11	Year 4	89.3%	32
Year 1	94.1%	14	Year 5	100%	0
Year 2	100%	0	Year 6	100%	0
There are two sessions in every day, am and pm. All children from Yrs R - 6 attend 10 sessions per week.					

Well done to Years 2, 5 and 6 for 100% attendance this week! Congratulations to those three classes for NO missing sessions and for being the only classes 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 "Thankfulness"

Colossians 2:7 Let your roots grow down into him and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught and you will overflow with thankfulness."

Psalms 118:2 "This is the day that the Lord has made: let us rejoice and be glad in it."

Dalai Lama "When you practise gratefulness, there is a sense of respect towards others"

Charles Shwab "The way to develop the best that is in a person is by appreciation and thanks. Be **thankful** for what you have; you'll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don't have, you will never, ever have enough. He is a wise man who does not grieve for the things which he has not, but rejoices for those which he has."

Adults in school will be on the look out this half term for children who are really trying hard to be thankful and grateful for the good things in their lives.

We are thankful for the gifts God has given each & every one of us to enable us to be unique individuals & make a difference in our own ways.



NOTICEBOARD



Reminders

Whole School Events

School Photographer

Monday 26th September

Every individual child and every sibling group. All siblings who come to our school will automatically be photographed together during the school morning.

Also, if you wish for your older and younger children to be in a photo with our pupils please come along to the main entrance at 8.20am.

Harvest Festival in Church

Wednesday 5th October 9.15am.

Class Events

Year 6 Swimming starts

Wednesday 21st September

(See letter emailed on 15th Sept)

HELPFUL INFORMATION

Who to contact in school

MRS KAZEROONI for:- Attendance issues, (reasons for absences if possible contact us before 9.15am), to request forms, changes 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, purchasing 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.

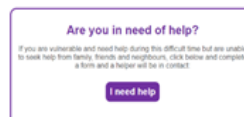
MRS BEALE Headteacher for:- urgent personal/private matters on head@stmatthias.worcs.sch.uk

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

Autumn 2022

Queen Elizabeth Funeral School Closed Monday 19th September 2022

SCHOOL & NURSERY CLOSE

Staff Professional Development

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Spring 2023

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