

St Matthias Newsletter



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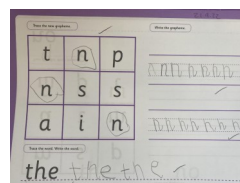
Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to think that it was only this week that we all had an extra bank holiday to pay our last respects to Queen Elizabeth II as we said goodbye and watched her state funeral. I am sure lots of you watched it on the television and some of you might have been in the crowds in London to pay your Respects. The sad occasion was certainly an huge historical and special event which will be remembered by many for years to come.



We have had a very busy week and on Tuesday my School Improvement Advisor visited us to discuss our priorities on the School Development Plan for this year and also have a tour of the classrooms. It was wonderful to see busy children right from Nursery to Year 6. I love showing visitors around the school as your children make our school the most special and wonderful place to be. They have super learning behaviours, are eager to share in their learning and are always happy to talk to us as we walk around. Some of our main priorities this year are to develop, deepen and broaden pupils vocabulary, improve editing skills in writing, continue to have high expectations of attitudes to writing and pride in work, publish quality pieces of written work and develop resilience and understanding when applying arithmetic skills to problem solving and reasoning in Maths. This will be achieved by learning a new word a day, thinking about its meaning, word class (noun, adjective, verb) and using the word in their work, by teachers modelling editing skills and expectations in shared writing sessions prior to independent writing sessions where pupils improve their own writing using learned editing techniques. Problem solving and reasoning skills in Maths are very challenging, deciding which Mathematical operation to use and working out what steps are needed to find the answer can often cause confusion, therefore teachers are focusing on high quality modelling of problem solving and reasoning skills, using accurate mathematical language so pupils are able to understand which operations (+, -, x, /) and steps are needed to solve the problem.

Alongside these priorities we still have high expectations of pupil's learning behaviours and attendance. Missing even one day of school can leave a child with gaps in their learning; it is very challenging to catch up when the curriculum moves so quickly. So please avoid holidays and absences in term time.



DON'T FORGET School Photographer on MONDAY!

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 who are normally in school together. In addition, if you wish for an older or younger sibling who does not attend St Matthias to be in a photo with your children who attend St Matthias, please bring them along to the main entrance at 8.20am and our Photographer will be happy to take their pictures. These family photographs make a lovely Christmas present!

Please remember your child must wear a full, smart, clean school uniform with tie and school jumper. Thank you!

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.'



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 the reign, life and achievements of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.

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



IMPORTANT—NASAL FLU IMMUNISATIONS – All pupils from Reception to Year 6.

We have booked the Nasal Flu Immunisations for **Monday 31st October**, the day we return after half term. This is NOT a COVID vaccine, this is for protection against flu.

Children are able to receive a FREE flu immunisation from Reception to Year 6, this is free, painless, quick and side effects are uncommon and generally mild. Now that winter is looming and the children are together in warm classrooms there is always a risk of children catching colds but we want to prevent them passing on flu. Children who have the Flu vaccine are less likely to pass the virus on to friends and family. You will receive a letter next week with some frequently asked questions about the vaccine, which is given in school by trained nurses.

In previous years we have given a pack to parents with a form for consent. This year the consent for your children is ONLINE! This means for your child to receive the flu immunisation or for it to be declined **EVERYONE MUST** click on the link and complete the form even if you do NOT want your child to have the vaccine. You can complete the form now if you wish by clicking [here](#)

More information is available on the letter which will be sent out next week explaining what to do if you are unsure, if you need a vaccine which does NOT contain porcine gelatine or if you require the information in a different language.

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 !

Mr Salmon took part in a hilly trail last weekend which was 20km long and he came 4th in the race! He enjoyed the challenge and took in the beautiful scenery on the Worcestershire Way while he was running! We are very proud of you! This weekend he is off to Snowdon to compete in a 15 mile mountain race to the top of Mount Snowdon and then around Snowdonia! What an experience! Good Luck!

Tyler Y4, for supporting his football team last weekend when they played a match and won!

Lily-Ann Y5, whilst helping her Step-dad get to work and keeping him company found a 'Take Heart' stone. She was thrilled to have found it and is keeping it safe as it makes her smile! She has also joined a Drama class at Malvern Theatre which she loves; she even gave us a demonstration in Worship this morning!



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. Cassius, 1. Leonardo, 2. Jake, 3. Harlem, 4. Lily, 5. Archie, 6. Hashim.

Value Leaf for showing Community: R. Bertie, 1. Elsie, 2. Shanti, 3. William, 4. Tyler, 5. Michael, 6. Kendra.

Spotted (Improved Vocabulary): R. Heidi, 1. Eva, 2. Marlee-Mae, 3. Adam, 4. Esmae, 5. Lily-Ann, 6. Fraser.

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

Lunchtime Award (for children who have demonstrated our school values outside): Pippa Yr 2

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.**

Well done to Year 5 for 99.4% attendance this week! Congratulations to Year 5 for only 1 missing session and for being the ONLY class with above 96% attendance this week. Well Done!

| | Percentage | MISSED Sessions | | Percentage | MISSED Sessions |
|-----------|------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Nursery | 71.7% | 28 | Year 3 | 92.8% | 12 |
| Reception | 89.3% | 18 | Year 4 | 84.5% | 37 |
| Year 1 | 95.8% | 8 | Year 5 | 99.45% | 1 |
| Year 2 | 93.7% | 6 | Year 6 | 95.7% | 10 |

There are two sessions in every day, am and pm. All children from Yrs R - 6 attend 10 sessions per week.



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.**

Nasal Flu Vaccine

Monday 31st October

Circus Skills Week

10th to 14th October

Parents Evenings

3rd and 7th November

CLASS EVENTS

**Year 6 Deadline for High School
All Applications must be made
Online by Sunday 30th October**

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.

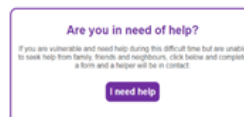
MRS BEALE Headteacher for:- urgent personal/private matters on head@stmatthias.worcs.sch.uk

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

SCHOOL & NURSERY CLOSE

Staff Professional Development

HALF TERM BREAK

SCHOOL & NURSERY OPEN

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Spring 2023

SCHOOL & NURSERY OPEN

Thursday 20th October at 3.15pm

Friday 21st October

Friday 21st to Sunday 30th October

Monday 31st October at 8.45am

Friday 16th December at 3.15pm

Tuesday 3rd January 2023 at 8.45am

Dates for the whole year are on Newsletter 2 - September 16th 2022.