

# St Matthias Newsletter



Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2022

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## Dear Parents and Carers,

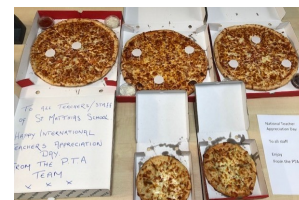
It was lovely to see so many parents at our Harvest Service this week; thank you for attending. We celebrated our Value of Thankfulness during the service, reflecting on our families, school and community. Each class took a different focus within the service and prepared all the work themselves. Our Year 6 pupils wrote about all of our Values linking them to the work they completed when remembering and thanking our Late Queen Elizabeth II as part of a class newspaper. Year 5 shared their thankfulness for the Commonwealth, Year 4 wrote prayers of thanks, Year 3 focused on what the Queen was thankful for in her life, Year 2 read their work on what they remembered Queen Elizabeth II for and Year 1 reflected on what they are thankful for in their own lives. The Early Years sang 'Dingle Dangle Scarecrow', paraded their Harvest Hats and shared their thanks for local produce. There was also singing, paintings and reflection.

I also wanted to thank all parents for the generous amount of food donated to the Food Bank. We were overwhelmed as usual and will deliver it to the Malvern Food Bank next week.



## Teacher Appreciation Day

All staff had the most amazing surprise on Wednesday lunchtime when a delivery of pizza arrived at school. There was a message inside to all St Matthias staff wishing us a Happy International Teacher Appreciation Day from the PTA. Thank you so much to our St Matthias PTA, this surprise was so very warmly welcomed and appreciated by us all; the smiles on staff faces were a picture! Thank you!



## Circus Skills Week

Next week is our Circus Skills Week, as mentioned in our week 2 newsletter.

Each class will experience a number of sessions during the week, learning lots of new skills and trialling lots of equipment. At the end of the week we would like to put on a little show to demonstrate the skills that have been learned through the week and talents that we have perfected!



Parents are invited to come and watch but due to space in the hall, a maximum of 2 parents per child will be allowed.

**On Friday 14th October, for the shows, children are invited to wear 'colourful clothing,' please make sure your child wears sensible footwear for the demonstrations eg trainers.** Those children who have Cross Country in the morning of the 14th, please bring your colourful clothing in a bag to change into.

**Nursery Circus Skills Parent stay and play session Thursday 13th October 11.00 - 11.30am.**

**Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Circus show- Friday 14th October 10.30 - 11.25am**

**Year 3 & Year 4 Circus show – Friday 14th October 1.15pm - 2.10pm**

**Year 5 & Year 6 Circus show – Friday 14th October 2.15pm - 3.10pm**

*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.'



### 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 !



**Jessica Y6**– For raising £700 AND donating a huge length of hair to the Little Princess Trust. Congratulations for making a difference to so many people!

**Oliver Y4**, For being awarded a 'Man of the Match' trophy in a recent football match where he played superbly as part of a team! Well done Oliver!

**Tyler Y4**, has recently joined a local football team, he wants to encourage lots of others to take part in sport as he is loving being a team player. It's a bonus when they win! In his third ever game he was goalkeeper and he saved every goal! Well done Tyler!

**Lily Y4**, has recently joined a local 'Brownie' group, she has been cooking and trying lots of new foods! Masterchef here we come!

**Elise Y4**, for gaining her 5 metre badge in swimming and her 'secondar' badge in Brownies for supporting the leader in her group. Super achievements Elise.



### A BIG thank you to WMYDMYB

We had another lovely surprise this week when we received the most amazing donation from 'What Makes You Different Makes You Beautiful.' They arrived with lots of lovely equipment for our Early Years! A table and bench set, basket ball set, a ball pit and some seesaws. The children were very excited to have a go at using them all! THANK YOU!



### Nursery trip to the Bakery

Yesterday, Nursery had a lovely walk to Colstons bakery in Malvern Link. As part of their learning they have been sharing the story of 'The Little Red Hen' and discovering how wheat is turned into flour and then the flour into bread. They looked at the different shapes and colours of the different loaves then bought a white and a wholemeal to bring back to school to eat during snack time. All the children were impeccably well behaved and loved visiting the bakery.



### Reminder- St Matthias Church FAMILY FUN DAY!

St Matthias Church exciting Family Fun Day tomorrow, **Saturday 8th October from 10am—4pm**. There will be free food and activities to enjoy for all the family including a bouncy castle, drumming workshops and lots of games.

**The food will be served between 12noon & 2pm.**

### Reminder- Parent Teacher Association Meeting

We are holding a PTA meeting this **Tuesday 11th October at 3.15pm**. All parents are invited to come along and discuss future events to help raise lots of funds from which the children will benefit. The money raised at the Summer Fair has been used to partially fund 'Circus Skills Week' ! So from parents who have been part of St Matthias for years to brand new parents, we welcome you all to this meeting! Together we can make a difference!

**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. Hunter, 1. Theo, 2. Ralphee, 3. Ellis, 4. Poppee, 5. Lily, 6. Elizabeth.

**Value Leaf for showing Community:** R. Kyra, 1. Enzo, 2. Logan, 3. Addison, 4. Oliver, 5. Poppy, 6. Glyn.

**Spotted (Improved Vocabulary):** R. Ella, 1. Ryan, 2. Ella, 3. Jasmine, 4. Logan H, 5. Sam, 6. Connor.

**Book Prize Draw Winner (for children who have read five times this week):** Lily-Ann Yr 5

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

Thank you to our parents for joining us this morning!

**Monthly Attendance Award for September**

An amazing 103 children had 100% attendance in September; The draw for the September prize winner will take place in our Award Worship on 4th November.

**Attendance**

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

	Percentage	MISSED Sessions		Percentage	MISSED Sessions
Nursery	74.5%	36	Year 3	84.3%	32
Reception	82.5%	37	Year 4	99.35%	2
Year 1	90.7%	24	Year 5	95.8%	14
Year 2	89.1%	13	Year 6	95.0%	15
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 4 for 99.35% attendance this week! Congratulations to Year 4 for only 2 missing sessions. Year 4 are the only class which had above 96% attendance this week. ( Year 5 were close! )**



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

**Family Fun Day at Church**

**Saturday 8th October 10<sub>am</sub> - 4<sub>pm</sub>**

**PTA Meeting**

**Tuesday 11th October at 3.15<sub>pm</sub>**

**Circus Skills Week**

**10th to 14th October**

**Nasal Flu Vaccine**

**Monday 31st October**

**Parents Evenings**

**3rd and 7th November**

### CLASS EVENTS

**Years 6/5 Cross Country Run**

**Friday 14th October**

**Yr 4 Dance Festival**

**Wednesday 19th October**

**Year 6 Deadline for High School**  
**All Applications must be made**  
**Online by Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> 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](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, purchasing 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.

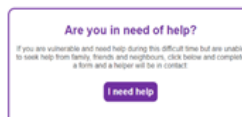
**MRS BEALE Headteacher for:-** urgent personal/private matters on [head@stmatthias.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:head@stmatthias.worcs.sch.uk)

**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 web-site 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 20<sup>th</sup> October at 3.15pm**

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October**

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> to Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October**

**Monday 31st October at 8.45am**

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 3.15pm**

**Tuesday 3rd January 2023 at 8.45am**

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