

# St Matthias Newsletter



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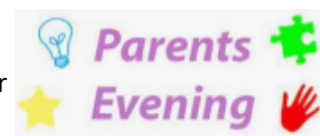


Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2022

## Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after the half term holiday. It was lovely to see so many of you yesterday evening for the first of our two parents' evenings. We were also joined by **Jasmine Jacks**, our **Speech and Language Therapist**, who was available for a drop in session or some advice. She will also be at our second parents' evening on Monday 7th November. If you would like to speak to her regarding advice on speech and language then please do go over to her. She will be in the hall with the teachers and is very approachable.

Also on Monday 7th November, during parents' evening (3.30-6pm) we have **Laura Cartwright from Action for Children** available to speak to. She will be there to offer advice on anything to do with children: sleep, routines, developmental needs, behaviour challenges and she can also signpost you to other services, if you need any advice. So please take advantage of this. If you have already seen your teacher and you would like to speak to Laura then please pop in after school and ask to speak to her.



## Parent Questionnaire

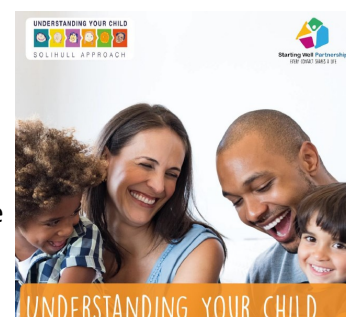
On Thursday, we sent out an online parent questionnaire. The governors and school staff appreciate feedback from parents in order to continue to make further improvements for the children of St Matthias. All views are confidential and taken seriously. We encourage you to click on this link <https://forms.office.com/r/mj0DwEB7Fy> if you haven't already completed the questionnaire to share your views. The closing date for the parent questionnaire is Friday 25th November 2022. If you would prefer a paper copy to complete please collect one from the office.

## Don't miss out... 'Understanding Your Child' FREE course.

I am very pleased to be able to share with you all an 'Understanding Your Child' course, being delivered at our school in January by Action for Children. This is a fantastic opportunity to build a network of support, gain and share advice and increase your knowledge of child development and ways to solve challenges. It will be held in our school hall, in a relaxed atmosphere with tea and coffee available (even a biscuit or two). You can explore developmental needs of your child, new ways to have fun, communication, sleep and behaviour difficulties. You can come along, if you have children any age between birth to 19 years! You are welcome to bring a friend or family member too if you wish. It is also suitable for parents and carers of children with additional needs.

If you are interested you can contact Laura Cartwright on 07971095661 or email [laura.cartwright@actionforchildren.org.uk](mailto:laura.cartwright@actionforchildren.org.uk) OR you can book onto the course by adding your name to the list in our school office or by sending a message to Mrs Beale via ClassDojo!

Start date: **Tuesday 10th January 9.15-11.15am for 10 weeks.**



## Polite parking reminder for our neighbours

Please make sure when you are dropping or collecting your child that you park respectfully. Do not park on **double yellow lines**; they mean no waiting at any time. A **dropped curb** means access is needed, therefore if you are parked across a driveway or on a dropped curb you could incur a Penalty Charge. Our neighbours need access to their property at all times of the day so please be respectful and park in a safe and non obstructive way. It is for the safety of your children too. 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.'



### Remembrance Day – November 11th



During November we always remember those who put themselves on the frontline during the war and the symbol for this is a red poppy. The Poppy Appeal was first launched in 1921 to help remember those who fought in the war. The poppy was chosen because they now grow in the fields of northern France and Belgium where some of World War 1 toughest battles took place. The Royal British Legion, which started the Poppy Appeal, give the money raised to the service men and women who are still alive and whose lives have been changed by war. We are selling Poppy Appeal items in school until Thursday 11th November. If your child wishes to purchase some items please send them in with the correct change or donation next week.



Suggested donations; Zip Pull 50p, Reflector poppy 50p, wristband £1.00, Snap band £1.50, Paper poppy a donation.

### Nursery and Reception trip to the Fire Station

Early Years had a very wet walk to Malvern Fire Station this week! It was a good job it was just up the road! The children have been learning about safety and this was a very informative and exciting morning linked to learning about Fire Safety and how Fire Fighters can keep us safe. The children listened to Fire Fighter Wayne telling them all about their fire engines, protective clothing and important equipment that they need. The children learned the phone number to ring in an emergency and were given a challenge to look for a fire alarm in their homes! The funniest part was when Mr Salmon tried on the Fire Fighter uniform and the most exciting parts were sitting in the fire engine and using the fire hose to spray water to knock over cones! It was a wonderful morning, albeit a bit wet!



### Anti Bullying Week: Monday 14th November—Friday 18th November

Monday 14th November sees the start of Anti Bullying Week. We would like to start our Anti-Bullying Week, with the rest of the nation, by wearing **ODD SOCKS on Monday 14th November**. Wearing odd socks is a great way to celebrate what makes us all unique in Anti-Bullying Week! The Anti-Bullying Alliance has lots of well know patrons and we will watch their assembly and complete lots of activities through the week.



### Friends of St Matthias Events:

Get the dates in the diary! Please see their newsletter attached to our school newsletter for the up and coming known events.

### Children in Need: Friday 18th November

We will raise some funds for Children in Need on Friday 18th November. If you would like to take part then your child can **swap their school jumper for their favourite jumper** from home and bring in a donation of £1.



### Christmas Jumper Donations.

We are collecting Christmas Jumpers again this year in preparation for our Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday 8th December. So seek out your old Christmas jumpers and donate them to us and we can raise some funds for school by selling them before the 8th December.



### Cinema Night

This is something new for St Matthias. We are holding a KS1 and KS2 Cinema night. Booking is essential as there is a maximum number of spaces. Key stage 1 Cinema night is on Thursday 24th November. Key Stage 2 Cinema Night is on Thursday 1st December; they both start at 4pm. This means the children can go home, get into their PJs and bring a pillow and blanket to make themselves snuggly for the film! There will be refreshments on sale during the evening!

**Save the dates Christmas Fayre:** Saturday 3rd December 11am.

**Christmas Jumper Day:** Thursday 8th December



We are setting up a Friends Association to raise funds for our school.

We have various roles to fill  
Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer

We are going to be called

## **THE FRIENDS OF ST MATTHIAS**

If you would like to be part of the Friends of St Matthias or would like to be considered for a committee role please email Mrs James

before Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022  
[finance@stmatthias.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:finance@stmatthias.worcs.sch.uk)





### 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. Zara, 1. Levi, 2. Ortensia, 3. Lottie, 4. Brooke, 5. Anisia, 6. Gino.

Value Leaf for showing Community: R. Elliana, 1. Kyle, 2. Kai, 3. William, 4. Taylor, 5. Camille, 6. Tiffany.

Spotted (Improved Vocabulary): R. Millicent, 1. Nicolas, 2. Charlie, 3. Loki, 4. James, 5. Bonnie, 6. Holly.

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

Lunchtime Award (for children who have demonstrated our school values outside): Daisy Yr 1

Thank you to our parents for joining us this morning!

### **Monthly Attendance Award for October**

An amazing 77 children had 100% attendance in October; The October prize winner is Ledjana.

### Attendance

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

	Percentage	MISSED Sessions		Percentage	MISSED Sessions
<b>Nursery</b>	<b>85.8%</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>Year 3</b>	<b>91.2%</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Reception</b>	<b>83.3%</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>Year 4</b>	<b>93.9%</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>85.8%</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>Year 5</b>	<b>93.3%</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>95.3%</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Year 6</b>	<b>87.7%</b>	<b>37</b>
There are two sessions in every day, am and pm. <u>All children</u> from Yrs R - 6 attend 10 sessions per					

Well done to Year 2 for 95.3% attendance this week! Congratulations to Year 2 for only 6 missing sessions. No classes reached our target of above 96% attendance this 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

SENCo Afternoon Parent Meetings

Monday 7th November

Parents' Evening

7th November

Nursery Parent Afternoon

9th November

Children in Need £1 Own Jumper

Friday 18th November

KS1 Cinema night

Thursday 24th November 4pm

KS2 Cinema Night

Thursday 1st December 4pm

Christmas Fayre

Saturday 3rd December 11am.

Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 8th December

"Understanding Your Child" Course

Tuesday 10th January 9.15am

### CLASS EVENTS

U11 Boy's Football Team

10th November 9.30am

Letters out soon.

U11 Girl's Football Team

10th November 2.30pm

Letters out soon.

Year 1 Commandery Trip

Wednesday 30th November.

## 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.

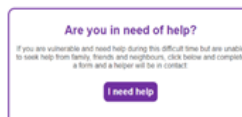
**MRS BEALE** Headteacher for:- urgent personal/private matters on [head@stmatthias.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:head@stmatthias.worcs.sch.uk)

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

### Spring 2023

SCHOOL & NURSERY OPEN Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023 at 8.45am

SCHOOL & NURSERY CLOSE for Half term on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February at 3.15pm

SCHOOL & NURSERY OPEN Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 8.45am

SCHOOL & NURSERY CLOSE for Easter on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 3.15pm

SCHOOL & NURSERY OPEN Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April at 8.45am

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