



# St Matthias Newsletter



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## ***Dear Parents and Carers,***

Thank you to everyone who managed to attend our parents' evenings and afternoons over the last two weeks. It was lovely to see everyone in person this time. This was a great opportunity for you to talk to the teachers, find out about how your child is doing in school and see their books. Our next formal parents' evening will be in the Spring Term. However, please don't think this is the only opportunity to speak to the teachers. If you have a worry or concern or just need to inform the teachers of something, then please don't hesitate to contact them. There are a few ways to contact your child's class teacher: via a ClassDojo message, making an appointment via the office, requesting a telephone appointment or simply catching them after school when they are on the playground.

Our extra guests at parents' evening, Laura Cartwright from Action for Children and our Speech and Language Therapist, Jasmin Jacks were also pleased that many of you stopped to talk to them. Please remember that if you would like to speak to Jasmin, you can make an appointment via the office as she is in our school regularly.

Laura has a wealth of knowledge and has many contacts who can give advice about the development of children. At each stage of a child's life there are often challenges or questions or little worries that we might have. If you would like to join the 'Understanding Your Child' course which she is running with her colleagues in January, please let us know as this is a great opportunity to ask those questions and share experiences with others.

## **Anti-bullying Week**

We start our Anti-bullying Week by wearing **ODD SOCKS on Monday 14th November**. During the week we will celebrate what makes us all unique and spread kindness! Odd Socks Day is supported by cBeebies presenter and ABA patron Andy Day and his band 'Andy and the Odd Socks.' Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It is an opportunity to encourage people to be themselves, celebrate individuality and demonstrates what makes us all unique. Being unique individuals is part of our school vision where our school family values each and every one of us. This week helps raise awareness of bullying and sends the message that we need to think about our actions in what we say and do to ensure that words and actions do not offend or upset our friends. Remembering our school rules 'To be ready, respectful and safe' helps us to look after each other and be the best versions of ourselves. Everyone in our school community should be good role models in promoting anti-bullying through being respectful of each other, celebrating difference and being accepting of one another. There will be an Anti-Bullying Parent Pack sent out with this newsletter containing top tips for supporting your children. Page 7 gives some wonderful advice to give to your child. Listening and giving your child time will help them if they have worries about friendships. Always talk to the class teacher if you have concerns.



## **Children In Need**

We are also looking forward to Children In Need day on **Friday 18th November**. We are raising money to support this children's charity by paying £1 and swapping our school jumper for a favourite jumper from home. If you have a Children In Need top or headband or other Children in Need merchandise, you can wear it on Friday. But there is no need to go out and buy anything special you can just wear your school uniform and swap your jumper if you bring in a small donation.



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

Throughout the academic year we like to celebrate, with you, all the outside achievements of our pupils. 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!

Tyler Munn - For being part of his football team.

Peter Tsankov - for swimming certificates.

Well done, we are very proud of you !



### Sporting Achievements

On Thursday Mr Salmon took some of the Year 5/6 boys and Year 5/6 girls to a football tournament at Dyson Perrins High School. The boys had their matches in the morning and the girls in the afternoon. Both teams looked very smart in their St Matthias kits; they played superbly as a team and both teams did incredibly well within their leagues.

Mr Salmon reported that you all had an amazing fun filled attitude throughout the games and represented our school brilliantly! We are very proud of you all!



### Learning being captured!



### Parent Questionnaire

We have had 24 responses to our **online parent questionnaire** so far and we would really like to increase this as we have 150 families! Thank you to the 24 families who have completed it. If you have not completed the online parent questionnaire, please can I encourage you to complete it this weekend.

We value your feedback and the questionnaire shouldn't take more than

5-10 minutes to complete. All views are confidential and taken seriously. Please click on this link

<https://forms.office.com/r/mj0DwEB7Fy> 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.

### We're celebrating **Maths Week England 2022** with an **England Rocks** competition!



How does it work? From next Monday 14th November to Wednesday 16th November, students can compete against others on TTRS across England in answering as many multiplication and division questions correctly as they can. The children just need to log in to their Rockstars account. The winning school and class will be based on the highest average number of correct answers per student.

1. Every correct answer that a student gives, in any game type, between the hours of 07:30 GMT to 19:30 GMT each day within the competition period will contribute to their class and school score.
2. There is a 60-minute limit playtime per player, per day. Those 60-minutes do not need to be played in one block - they can be spread throughout each day.

**Let's see if St Matthias can make first place!**







# Anti-violence bee is coming to Malvern

**Priory Park, Malvern**

**Sunday 13 November | 9.30am-12.30pm**

Following the success of their Knife Angel, the British Ironwork Centre have created another fantastic monument. The Anti-violence Bee is the first UK sculpture to be made entirely from knives and firearms taken off the streets.

Join us to show your support for getting knives off the street and keeping our communities safe.

[www.westmercia.police.uk](http://www.westmercia.police.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. Ella, 1. Dexter, 2. Jake, 3. Charlie, 4. Zach, 5. Kayleigh, 6. Arlo.

Value Leaf for showing Community: R. Albie, 1. Libby, 2. Marlee-Mae, 3. Damian, 4. Evie-May, 5. Rosie, 6. Scarlett.

Spotted (Improved Vocabulary): R. Kendall, 1. Mila, 2. Shanti, 3. Jacob, 4. Oliver, 5. Owen, 6. Iustin.

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

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

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 2 for 96.1% attendance this week! Congratulations to Year 2 for just 5 missing sessions.

Only class 2 reached our target of above 96% attendance this week.

	Percentage	MISSED Sessions		Percentage	MISSED Sessions
Nursery	85.6%	20	Year 3	86.7%	28
Reception	82.1%	39	Year 4	95.5%	14
Year 1	92.7%	19	Year 5	88.8%	26
Year 2	96.1%	5	Year 6	92.6%	22

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 Peace*



**John 14:27** "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."

**Hebrews 12:14** "Make every effort to live in peace with everyone"

**Dalai Lama** "Do not let the behaviour of others destroy your inner peace"

**Gandhi** "The day the power of love overrules the love of power, the world will have peace".

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 will focus on what they mean in our lives and in our relationships with each other.

Teachers will be on the look out this half term for children who are really trying hard to be peaceful and to make peace with the children and adults in their lives.

Heavenly Father, We lift up all those who are facing various illnesses. Give them the hope and courage they need today and every day. Comfort their pain, calm their fears, and surround them with Your peace. Amen.



# NOTICEBOARD



## REMINDERS

### WHOLE SCHOOL EVENTS

**Anti-bullying week - wear Silly/Odd Socks on**

**Monday 14th November**

**KS2 Rockstars Maths Competition**

**Monday 14th to Wednesday 16th November**

**"Children in Need" pay £1 to wear your 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

**Year 5 Computing Workshop at Dyson Perrins**

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November**

**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.

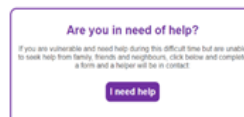
**MRS BEALE Headteacher for:-** urgent personal/private matters on [head@stmatthias.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:head@stmatthias.worcs.sch.uk)

**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 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 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.**