

# St Matthias Newsletter



Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022

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**Dear Parents and Carers,**

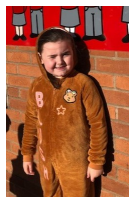
## **Anti-Bullying Week**

This week started off with Odd Socks Day introducing Anti-Bullying Week and has ended with raising money for Children In Need. The children have been talking about relationships, friendships and the message for this year which was 'Reach Out.' We have discussed the difference between falling out with our friends and 'bullying'. Falling out can be when you have a disagreement, you misinterpret a comment, or there is a misunderstanding; these are often talked about and can quickly be overcome. Bullying is the repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group where the relationship involves an imbalance of power. This can happen face to face or online. We watched a video delivered by children to help demonstrate what to do if you experience bullying or if you see someone else being bullied. We also identified a number of people who we could 'reach out' to should we need to; this included friends, teachers and school staff, parents and carers and each other. Like our school vision describes, we are all unique individuals and we can aspire to be the best versions of ourselves but together we can make a difference especially when we need to 'reach out.'



## **Children In Need**

Today we have raised money for Children In Need by either wearing something linked to Pudsey Bear or swapping our school jumper for our own home jumper. Children in Need is the official charity of the BBC. It raises money for disadvantaged children and young people across the UK. The charity's aim is to improve the lives of thousands of children by ensuring that their childhood is safe, happy and secure.



## **Remembrance Day**

Remembrance Day was celebrated at the end of last week on Friday 11th November. I was really impressed with the way the children respected the 2 minute silence in the hall. We watched the fire fighters create a poppy out of fire hoses and then salute to complete the 2 minute silence. During the day some children took part in activities linked to Remembrance Day.



Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Beale

## **ASPIRE, BELIEVE, ACHIEVE**

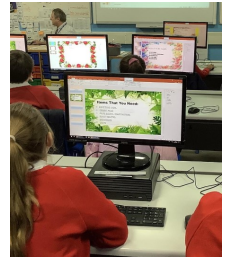
'Our school family values us all as unique individuals and children of God.

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.'



### High School Visit for Year 5

This week Year 5 met the teachers at Dyson Perrins High School for a computing lesson workshop. They had a fantastic time and learned a lot, not only about computing but what it is like at High School too. These experiences really help our Y5 children start their transition to High School in a safe and secure way in the company of their current teachers. They can't wait for their next workshop at Dyson Perrins in December!



### 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!



**Coby-James** Y4 for scoring his first goal in a football match which helped his team to win. Well done, we are proud of you!

**Noah**, for achieving even more self-care skills and completing a home sticker chart! We are very proud of you for your huge achievement!

**Kayleigh** Y5 for achieving a Gold award in gymnastics for 10/10 flics in a row! That is an amazing achievement!

Well done, we are very proud of you !



### Parent Questionnaire – last chance

**We have now had 30 responses** to our **online parent questionnaire** so far and we would really like to increase this as we have 150 families! Thank you to those families who have completed it. If you have not completed the online parent questionnaire, this is the last week it will be available. 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 porch.

### Christmas Activities and Events

I know some of you might be thinking that it is too early to start talking about Christmas but I have been asked a few questions and our school staff and our Friends PTA have been organising some events. Our Christmas activities and events start next week, from 24th November. Today we are sending you the first version of our Christmas Diary with the newsletter. Please read it carefully to ensure that your child and yourselves don't miss out on anything. We will add extra things each week so please read it on a weekly basis.





### **Help on the day...**

If you are able to help on Saturday 3rd December please let Mrs James or the Friends PTA know. Help will be needed to set up the stalls, man the stalls and clear away afterwards. So ANY help for ANY amount of time would be greatly appreciated. Remember all funds raised go back to supporting the children and provide wonderful experiences like our Circus Skills week!

### **Christmas Raffle Tickets**

You have been sent home some raffle ticket books this week. The tickets are £1 each or £5 for the book. If you would like more books, please ask at the office. If you do not want your tickets please send them back to school.

***Raffle ticket prizes include – a family portrait experience, one month free tuition at Footlights (theatre), luxury hampers, driving lesson, soft toys, bottle items and much, much more!***

**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. Daniela, 1. Hope, 2. Pippa, 3. Charlotte, 4. Summer, 5. Molly, 6. James.

Value Leaf for showing Community: R. Lyla, 1. Lexi, 2. Edward-Noah, 3. Evie, 4. Lily, 5. Kaede, 6. Leo M.

Spotted (Improved Vocabulary): R. Cassius, 1. Harry, 2. Isabella, 3. Kaya, 4. Susie, 5. Darcey, 6. Ollie.

Book Prize Draw Winner (for children who have read five times this week): Abbie Yr 6

Lunchtime Award (for children who have demonstrated our school values outside): Jacob Yr 3

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 96.0% attendance this week! Congratulations to Year 2 for just 8 missing sessions.

Only class 5 reached our target of above 96% attendance this week. But most classes have improved. 😊

|                  | Percentage   | MISSED Sessions |               | Percentage   | MISSED Sessions |
|------------------|--------------|-----------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|
| <b>Nursery</b>   | <b>91.4%</b> | <b>12</b>       | <b>Year 3</b> | <b>90.5%</b> | <b>20</b>       |
| <b>Reception</b> | <b>90.9%</b> | <b>19</b>       | <b>Year 4</b> | <b>94.8%</b> | <b>16</b>       |
| <b>Year 1</b>    | <b>92.2%</b> | <b>20</b>       | <b>Year 5</b> | <b>96.0%</b> | <b>10</b>       |
| <b>Year 2</b>    | <b>93.8%</b> | <b>8</b>        | <b>Year 6</b> | <b>94.5%</b> | <b>16</b>       |

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

**Christmas activities start from 24th November. Please check our Christmas Diary sheet every week for updates as more events may be added each week.**

**Nursery & KS1 Cinema night**  
**Thursday 24th November 4pm**

**KS2 Cinema Night**  
**Thursday 1st December 4pm**

**All Clubs end in the week ending 2nd December**

**Christmas Fair**  
**Saturday 3rd December 11am.**

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

**"Understanding Your Child" Course**  
**Tuesday 10th January 9.15am**

### CLASS EVENTS

**Year 5 Oaker Wood Meeting for Parents & Pupils.**  
**3.20pm Tues 22nd November**

**Year 1 Commandery Trip**  
**Wednesday 30th November.**

**Year 5 DT Workshop at Dyson Perrins ( Letter to follow)**  
**Thursday 8th December am**

## 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.

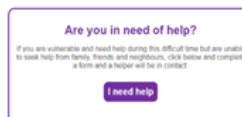
**MRS BEALE Headteacher for:-** urgent personal/private matters on [head@stmatthias.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:head@stmatthias.worcs.sch.uk)

**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.**