

St Matthias Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a wonderfully busy week and I have enjoyed visiting classes to share in their learning. I have seen some excellent art and design work in Year 5. They have been designing dragon eyes using clay linked to one of their class books called 'Dragonology.' I have been really impressed with our Reception class; every time I go into their classroom they are learning new phonemes in their phonics and showing off their knowledge through reading and writing. Year 1 have been completing their sewing of hand puppets. I was very impressed with their careful use of a needle and thread! In Year 2, I read some of their instructions for 'disgusting soup' following their work based on the book 'The Disgusting Sandwich' by Gareth Edwards. I was very pleased that they didn't make the 'disgusting soup!' You should have seen some of the ingredients!

Year 3 explored how magnetic force works by investigating magnets. I loved how you worked together and discussed what was happening! Year 4 have been developing their understanding of times tables and practicing 1-12 at speed! They have also been multiplying by 1 and 0 and playing with factors and products! Year 6 completed their Design Technology work linked to their Maya project by designing and making their own chocolate moulds and melting chocolate to create their new chocolate shape! Maybe we have a new Cadbury Chocolate designer in the making at St Matthias! Nursery were exploring their senses by making their own 'smelly' playdough by adding different spices; it smelled very Christmassy! Well done everyone, for having super learning behaviours and using the gifts God has given us to flourish in all that you do!



Children In Need update.

I am very pleased to share with you that the total raised for Children In Need was £135.90. This will go to very good causes to help children thrive, all over the UK. Children in Need raised £35,273,167 on the night and our contribution with others will increase this amazing amount. It is wonderful to be able to follow our school vision to make a positive contribution and help others to flourish in our ever changing world.



Christmas Events

Please see our attached Christmas calendar which is updated weekly. There are instructions on how to order a Christmas dinner too, if your child would like one and doesn't normally have a Christmas dinner.

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.'



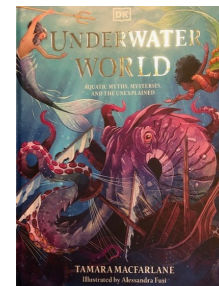
Christmas Movie Night

A big thank you to Mrs James and 'The Friends' for organising and running the first of two Christmas Movie Nights. We really appreciate the time and effort which went into setting this up for the children. The Key Stage One Movie night was held last night and it was loved by all! They cuddled up to teddies, pillows and blankets, turned the lights off, turned on the fairy lights and watched some Christmassy films. They were able to purchase pop corn, crisps, sweets and a drink. Key Stage Two are looking forward to their Christmas Movie Night next Thursday.



Lovely Surprise

We received a lovely surprise a few weeks ago when we were sent a free children's book called 'Underwater World' by Tamara Macfarlane. One of our parents, Ms Pichova entered a competition and she won it for our school. It has been a big hit with Year 5 who have been using it for inspiration! Thank you!



Great Malvern Lantern Parade.

Year 6 had great fun yesterday when Mrs Boffy came in to make lanterns ready for the Christmas light switch on, on Saturday. They made their lanterns out of willow and had to twist the willow carefully into shape. They then had to wrap Clingfilm around the shape before using paper mache to create a cover. They then decorated the outside layer so that when the light is switched on in the lantern, the shapes glow. Their lanterns will look stunning in the parade when it is dark and the lanterns light the way!

Year 6, with their accompanying adult need to meet at Iceland in Great Malvern at 5.30pm to join the parade to the top of Church Street where the Christmas Lights are officially turned on. Everyone is welcome to attend the Great Malvern light switch on as this is a public event and there is entertainment on throughout the day. Visit their website for more information <https://www.visitthemaalverns.org/blog/christmasfestival/>



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!

James, Y4 for achieving his level 8 gymnastics' medal, you are certainly 'aspiring' to do well in this sport!

Tiffany, Y6 for being 'player of the match' in her last football game and supporting her team to believe and achieve! Well done!

Mr Salmon, who came 3rd in the Worcestershire County Half Marathon Championships in Droitwich last weekend! A cracking result!

Well done, we are very proud of you !



Parent Questionnaire

We gathered 43 responses to our Parent Questionnaire. We will carefully look at the results and share them with you very soon. We thank you for taking the time to complete it and give us feedback from a parent perspective.



We need 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), several 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. Bertie, 1. Eva, 2. Amelia, 3. Tia, 4. Brae, 5. Alumie, 6. Olivia.

Value Leaf for showing Community: R. Imogen, 1. Libby, 2. Logan, 3. Sienna, 4. Jamie, 5. Lexie, 6. Lily-May.

Spotted (Improved Vocabulary): R. Harrison, 1. Mia-Rose, 2. Ella, 3. Jacob, 4. Tyler, 5. Shiv, 6. Mayzee.

Book Prize Draw Winner (for children who have read five times this week): Rosie Yr 5

Lunchtime Award (for children who have demonstrated our school values outside): Adam 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 6 for 96.1% attendance this week! Congratulations to Year 2 for just 7 missing sessions.

Only Class 6 reached our target of above 96% attendance this week.

	Percentage	MISSED Sessions		Percentage	MISSED Sessions
Nursery	83.1%	24	Year 3	81.6%	39
Reception	92.0%	16	Year 4	94.8%	16
Year 1	93.0%	18	Year 5	94.6%	13
Year 2	94.6%	7	Year 6	96.1%	11

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



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

Year 6 Lantern Parade Gt Malvern

Saturday 26th November

Starts approx. 5.25pm by Iceland

KS2 Cinema Night (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6)

Thursday 1st December 4pm to 5.20.

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 1 Commandery Trip

Wednesday 30th November.

Year 5 DT trip at Dysons

Thursday 8th December.

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>

Worcestershire Virtual Family Hub

Scan this QR code to access support for you and your family. There are a range of resources that are available online, on the phone or face to face that you can access directly yourself.



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 16th December at 3.15pm

Spring 2023

SCHOOL & NURSERY OPEN Tuesday 3rd January 2023 at 8.45am

SCHOOL & NURSERY CLOSE for Half term on Friday 17th February at 3.15pm

SCHOOL & NURSERY OPEN Monday 27th February at 8.45am

SCHOOL & NURSERY CLOSE for Easter on Friday 31st March at 3.15pm

SCHOOL & NURSERY OPEN Monday 17th April at 8.45am

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