



St Matthias Newsletter



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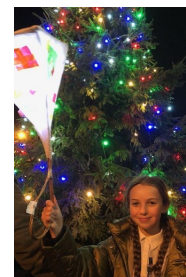
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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a very busy week and it started on Saturday with the Great Malvern Lights switch on and Lantern Parade. We were thrilled to see so many Year 6 pupils and also lots of other pupils from St Matthias at the light switch on. The lanterns looked amazing as we walked up to the top of Church Street, where the Christmas tree stood. We were lucky enough to follow the large lanterns all the way to where the tree was lit with a perfect view! It was incredibly busy and I was very proud of us all staying together!

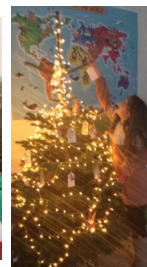


Maths Focus Governor Review

On Tuesday we had a Governor Review with a Maths focus. Two Governors from our Education and Standards Sub-Committee completed a learning walk with our Maths Lead, Mrs West and I also joined them. The children were enthusiastic to show off their mathematical skills and we saw lots of application of the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and subtraction) to problem solving and reasoning. We observed good learning behaviours and children who are proud of their work. We are also very proud of our staff who are dedicated and always strive to get the best learning out of their classes!

Our School Family Christmas Trees

On Thursday our Christmas trees arrived. We have a beautiful tree in our hall which is beginning to be decorated with 'peace' prayers for Christmas. We also have a lovely tree outside our Early Years area covered in bright blue lights! Our third tree is outside the main entrance of school. Both outside Christmas Trees are starting to have some beautiful decorations on them donated by the children. We have done this for a couple of years now and with the children decorating the trees with their own decoration and prayers it gives the school a wonderful family and community feel at Christmas! You can add a decoration up until the end of the term, so no rush if you haven't had a chance to find a decoration!



If you know of any family who would benefit from one of our trees being donated to them at the end of term, please let Mrs Beale know!

We look forward to seeing you all tomorrow at our very exciting Christmas Fayre starting at 11am!

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 'The Friends' and Mrs James for organising and running the second Christmas Movie Night. We really appreciate the time and effort which went into setting this up for the children. The Key Stage Two children enjoyed watching 'Arthur Christmas,' eating lots of sweets, crisps and popcorn! During both Movie Nights we have raised £183 for the school fund. We now know how popular these nights were and not everyone was able to get a space so we will be organising more next year.



Year One History Trip

On Wednesday, Year One had an action-packed day at The Commandery in Worcester. They travelled back in time and experienced what it would have been like to be a soldier during the Civil War. Children were invited to hold the weapons which Musketeers and Cavaliers would have used (they were extremely heavy), look at the clothing that they would have worn during battle and also tested out the helmets!! One of the helmets had a dual purpose for the soldiers and if they turned it upside down, they could use it as a cooking pot!! They also walked up the spiral pathway to the top of Fort Royal which was a battlefield during the Civil War. From the top of the hill they could see Worcester Cathedral, which was where King Charles II positioned himself to see the enemy approaching. When the Roundheads surrounded the Fort Royal hill and won the battle, King Charles II ran away to London; we thought we saw the Oak tree that he hid in on our way back to school! A busy and exciting day was had by all. It was also lovely to invite Mrs Taylor back to St Matthias as a volunteer helper!



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!

Elise, Y4 for achieving two new Brownie badges; one for taking part in the Remembrance Day Parade in November and the other one was award as part of the Queen's reign and being head of the Brownie and Guiding groups. We are very proud of your achievements and how you respected those who have fallen.

Elise, Y4 for achieving her level 2 swimming award! You have been busy Elise!

Charlotte, Y3 for being extremely brave when she went into hospital for an MRI brain scan. Those machines are very noisy and can be a bit daunting but the Radiographer told her she was the best patient that week for staying so still for a whole half hour! You are a true champion Charlotte!



Well done, we are very proud of you all !





Help on the day...

If you are able to help TOMORROW Saturday 3rd December please let Mrs James or the Friends PTA know. Help is still needed to set up the stalls, run 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 such as Circus Skills week!

Christmas Raffle Tickets

Please return your stubs & money first thing tomorrow to be entered in the raffle. There will be more raffle tickets on sale tomorrow. The tickets are £1 each or £5 for a book. If you do not want your tickets please bring them back to school for us to sell on. Thank you.

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. Heidi, 1. Albie, 2. Kai, 3. David, 4. Ethan, 5. Grace, 6. Lola.

Value Leaf for showing Community: R. Hunter, 1. Esmae, 2. Shanti, 3. Adam, 4. Lilly, 5. Archie, 6. Caitlyn.

Spotted (Improved Vocabulary): R. Gabriel, 1. Leo, 2. Ralphee, 3. Stanley, 4. Ellie, 5. Camille, 6. Orkida.

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

Lunchtime Award (for children who have demonstrated our school values outside): Kendall Yr R

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 1 for 97.7% attendance this week! Congratulations to Year 1 for just 6 missing sessions.

We are pleased that Years 1, 4 and 6 reached our target of above 96% attendance this week.

	Percentage	MISSED Sessions		Percentage	MISSED Sessions
Nursery	93.4%	9	Year 3	89.0%	22
Reception	95.5%	9	Year 4	97.4%	8
Year 1	97.7%	6	Year 5	92.5%	18
Year 2	93.8%	8	Year 6	96.1%	11

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

Monthly Attendance Award for November

An amazing 76 children had 100% attendance in November. The November prize winner is Abbie Yr 6.



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 Fair
Tomorrow
Saturday
3rd December
11_{am} – 2_{pm}

For all other Christmas
Events please see the
Christmas Diary sent by
email with this
Newsletter.



“Understanding Your Child” Course
Tuesday 10th January 9.15am

CLASS EVENTS

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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.