



St Matthias Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy week at St Matthias, starting on Saturday with our Christmas Fayre. The Friends of St Matthias, with Mrs James, worked very hard to organise and prepare the Fayre and were working for months to get it ready! It was a real success and we were thrilled to see so many of you attending! A big thank you to everyone involved, those who donated lots of items, helped set up, run stalls, clear away and also take part in purchasing lots of items! Santa loved meeting lots of St Matthias children and giving them top tips for Christmas Eve! I am pleased to say that everyone was on the 'good' list! The pork rolls were a real success and a big thank you to the Morrison's Champion Antony for supporting our school again and donating all the bread rolls and to Mrs Bessant for cooking it all!!

The Christmas Fayre has raised over £1200 so far but we have not finished yet as we have our 'Elfridges present room' to go!

Elfridges- Present Room

On Monday and Tuesday next week your child can bring in £2 per present and buy a gift for a family member. We have lots of male and female gifts. We are limited to 2 presents per child, however if we have lots left over they can buy extras. This is always very popular as it means your child can choose something, wrap it and pop it under the tree at home for a loved one! The money **MUST** be sent in, in a clearly **NAMED** envelope!

Early Years Nativity

We had two performances of the Early Years Nativity this week. It was lovely to see so many parents, family members and friends watch the performance. The children told the Christmas story through Nursery Rhymes and acted out the Nativity beautifully! It definitely had the 'ahhhh' factor! I was very impressed with how the children remembered all their words and where they needed to go. The dances were beautiful! A big well done to the children and staff for all their hard work!



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.'



Christingle Service

The Christingle Service was magical as usual! It was even more special this year as we were able to invite our parents to join us in the church for our first Christingle service with parents since before COVID!

The children remembered our safety rules beautifully by holding their Christingles still and watching the flame when they were lit!

A big thank you to Mrs O'Connor and our Worship Warriors for leading our service and explaining the meaning of the Christingle, sharing readings and writing their own prayers. The singing was passionate and heartfelt. Well done St Matthias!



School Outings this week!

Nursery walked to the local post office to send a special letter home!

ALL classes have visited St Matthias Church for their 'Advent Experience.'

Year 6 have been Carol Singing at Morrisons and in some Care homes.

We have had this message from Morrisons, "We would like to thank you for coming in on Monday & Tuesday to sing Christmas carols. Between St Matthias school & Mandy, who played the saxophone, you raised £308.50 which will go to our company charity "Together for short lives" and to Acorns Hospice, Worcester.

Thank you again and we look forward to seeing you again next Christmas. Happy Christmas from Morrisons Malvern".

Year 5 completed a Design and Technology Workshop at Dyson Perrins.

Christmas Jumper Day was loved by everyone.



Christmas Diary

Don't forget to read our Christmas diary for events happening every day this week! If your child has their party day then they can wear warm home clothes and sensible footwear or their Christmas jumpers again for the whole day!

Santa is visiting again on Wednesday morning and will visit each class with presents!





Our School Family Christmas Trees

I love reading the prayers from our Christmas Tree in the hall! They are so very special! Our trees outside are also looking very Christmassy with all the donated decorations! Thank you!



A prayer by Tia, Y3

Dear Lord, Please help us in our ever changing world, also help us to be peaceful and aspire to be the best version of ourselves and achieve our dreams to believe. Amen

A prayer by Anisia, Y5

Please help to give peace and joy to all this Christmas and help the families with no money and no home. So please help this Christmas to make a change in others. Amen

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!

Whizz Kids Booking

The Whizz Kids Booking form is now available for bookings after Christmas! Please pick up a paper copy in the main entrance or you can download a copy which has been sent with this newsletter.



Free School Meal Christmas Vouchers

Families eligible for Free School Meals will be sent food vouchers to use over the Christmas period. The vouchers should come to you by Tuesday 13th December next week. Please make sure you check your 'Junk or Spam' folders, they will come from the Edenred scheme.

If you are not eligible for Free School Meals but need some support, please speak to Mrs Beale as we can help.

Mrs Beale is also looking for Platform Housing Customers so if you are one, please speak to Mrs Beale by Wednesday.



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!

Lily P, Y4 for achieving three Brownie Badges; one for taking part in Remembrance Day, another for the Queen's long reign and being head of the Brownie and Guiding Groups and also an extra Christmas Badge too! We are very proud of you! Keep up the good work!

Oliver, Y4 for getting a 2-1 win for his team and being 'Player of the Match!' Well done Ollie I can see how pleased and proud you are!

Coby, Y4 for helping his team win and being "player of the match". Well done; thank you for sharing this in assembly.

Whole School – for raising £292.37 for the Poppy Appeal! Thank you so much!

Well done, we are very proud of you all !



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. Kyra, 1. Miriam, 2. Kai, 3. Sienna, 4. Megan, 5. Jayla, 6. Lily-May.

Value Leaf for showing Community: R. Zoya, 1. Sofia, 2. Charlie, 3. William, 4. Fraiser, 5. Lily P, 6. Jess.

Spotted (Improved Vocabulary): R. Mia, 1. Oakley, 2. Logan H, 3. Evie, 4. Izabela, 5. Athena, 6. Leighton.

Book Prize Draw Winner (for children who have read five times this week): Ella Yr R & Fraser Yr 6

Lunchtime Award (for children who have demonstrated our school values outside): Daisy 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 6 for 93.9% attendance this week! Due to a lot of illness no class reached our target of above 96% attendance this week.

	Percentage	MISSED Sessions		Percentage	MISSED Sessions
Nursery	58.2%		Year 3	86.2%	29
Reception	80.5%	39	Year 4	91.0%	28
Year 1	90.0%	26	Year 5	92.5%	18
Year 2	75.4%	32	Year 6	93.9%	17

There are two sessions 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



For all our 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.