

St Matthias Newsletter



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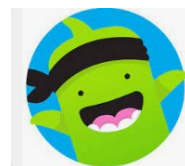


Friday 6th January 2023

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

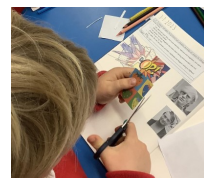
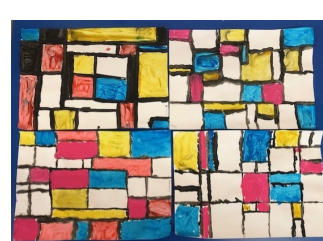
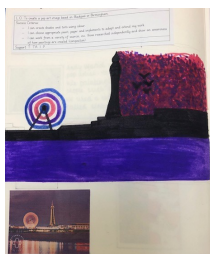
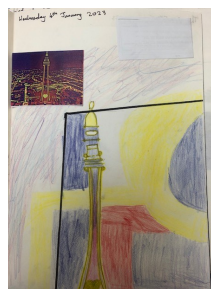
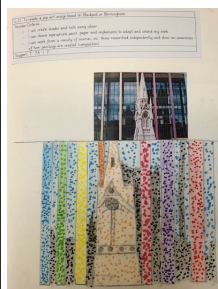
A very Happy New Year to everyone; we hope you had a peaceful Christmas holiday. It was lovely to see you all return and getting back into a school routine! Mr Thompson and I have visited all the classes this week and we were very proud of the children working so hard after the Christmas break.

We welcome lots of new children into our Nursery and also into other classes across the school. Please make sure you sign up to ClassDojo to access class information and whole school information. It is a great way to find out what is going on in your child's class. It is also a great way to contact the class teacher to inform and ask questions. If you need an invite resent to your email address please speak to Mrs Kazerooni and we can organise that for you.



Classroom Learning this week.

Lots of classes have started with an Arts week where they can be creative, learn about artists, their different styles and techniques of art to recreate their own over the next week or two. I have seen 'Pop Art, 'Mondrian Art,' 'Mask Designs ready for modroc' and 'Pointillism Technique!' Can you identify which one is which?



Spring Term Club signing up links –

Please click on the link below to sign your child up for a club this term.

Reception, Year One and Year Two children click on this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/rvbLd4YgVT>

Year Three and Year Four children click on this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/Kpi6YNJDTz>

Year Five and Year Six children click on this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/p4ZgPzEadk>

Mrs West will also be inviting some Year 6 pupils to after school booster classes on a Monday and Thursday to support in their SATs preparation.

Have a wonderful 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.'



Primary School Applications for children starting in Reception in September 2023 – closing date 15th January

Time is running out for parents and carers to submit their applications for children starting school in September 2023. Applications close at **midnight on the 15th of January 2023** and parents hoping to be offered a place for Primary, First, Infant, Junior and Middle school in September, should apply before the deadline. Applying online is the easiest and most efficient way to apply by visiting the Council's dedicated School Admissions website at: www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions.

Parents and carers are able to log on to the website at any time during the day or night, meaning last minute changes are possible up to 12 midnight on the closing day. If additional assistance is required, parents and carers can contact the School Admissions team on 01905 822700.



Understanding Your Child, Parent Workshop Group

Don't forget we have our 'Understanding Your Child' course starting on Tuesday 10th January at 9.15am for 10 weeks. Come and share ideas, network with other parents and enjoy a drink and biscuit while learning about children. This is a fantastic opportunity to ask those parenting questions we all want to ask in a safe environment to make our lives a little easier! If you have not signed up yet and would like to, please speak to Mrs Kazerooni in the office. If you have signed up we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday!



Year 1 Parents' Phonic Workshop

Year One parents are invited to a phonics information workshop with Mr Salmon, our Early Reading Lead, on **Monday 9th January at 2.30pm**. This will be held in the school hall so please come to the office for this time. This is an opportunity for Mr Salmon to talk to you about our phonics programme (Essential Letters and Sounds) and for him to model how it is taught in class. You will also have time to ask him questions before picking your children up at 3.15pm. We look forward to seeing you there.



Year 2 SATS information briefing

Year Two parents are invited to a KS1 Sats Briefing on **Wednesday 11th January at 2.30pm**. This will be held in the school hall so please come to the office for this time. Mrs Philgence, Mrs Joyce and Mr Thompson will present information regarding the KS1 Statutory Assessment Tests and how you can support your child during the assessment period. We look forward to seeing you there.



Year 6 SATS information briefing

Year Six parents are invited to a KS2 Sats Briefing on **Tuesday 17th January at 2.30pm**. This will be held in the school hall so please come to the office for this time. Mrs West and Mr Thompson will present information regarding the KS2 Statutory Assessment Tests and how you can support your child during the assessment period. We look forward to seeing you there.



Birthday Treats

We know some parents like to send in treats for their child's class when they celebrate a birthday. This is NOT compulsory at all, however could we just share some essential pointers when doing this so we don't upset your child or offend anyone. We have lots of children with allergies and dietary requirements, so please bear this in mind to ensure that we are fair to all. Eg Vegetarian, Vegan, gluten free, lactose intolerance, gelatine-free etc. We are not able to share the treats during the school day, they must be sent home so parents can give permission for their child to have the treat. Therefore, all treats must be individually wrapped in original packaging and not home-made so any ingredients can be looked up on the internet or read on the packaging. I am sure you can appreciate that some parents need to be strict when it comes to food consumption when allergies and dietary requirements are significant. We are also unable to share confidential information about individuals with other parents. Many thanks with your cooperation in this matter.



Outside Achievements

We have more outside achievements to celebrate this week. 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! Well done, we are very proud of you !



Kaede Y5 & Miriam Y1– for visiting Malvern Community Hospital prior to Christmas and giving some lovely treats! We received a thank you email from them on behalf of your generosity!

PE Uniform

Please can we make sure that all children wear their school PE kit rather than home clothes for their Physical Education lessons as we have noticed a number of children not in their correct PE uniform this week.

Children must wear PLAIN black joggers, leggings or shorts with NO motif or colour on them (readily available cheaply at Primark, Matalan and some supermarkets) or red PE shorts (which we sell in school).



Their PE t-shirt must be plain white or white with our school badge; we sell these in school.



Children need a Black School Hoodie with our logo on it preferably, please do not send your child in with a home hoodie. If your child has not yet got a school hoodie they can wear their red school jumper as an alternative until you purchase one.



Our footwear for PE is plain black or white trainers or black pumps, nothing brightly coloured.



All our school uniform, including our PE kit is available at KitzUk <https://kitzuk.co.uk/shop/> which is situated in Malvern Link or we have some sizes in school. Please let us know if you need help purchasing one.

The children look smart and feel part of their class or team when they wear the same school uniform and this goes for our PE kit too!

Many thanks for your support.

ACADEMIC TERM DATES for St Matthias of The Spire Learning Trust 2022 - 2023

SPRING TERM

SCHOOL & NURSERY BEGIN

Tuesday 3rd January 2023

HALF TERM

Saturday 18th to Sunday 26th February 2023

SCHOOL & NURSERY END

Friday 31st March 2023

SUMMER TERM

SCHOOL & NURSERY BEGIN

Monday 17th April 2023

MAY DAY

Monday 1st May 2023 - School Closed

King Charles Coronation Bank Holiday

Monday 8th May 2023 - School Closed

HALF TERM

Saturday 27th May to Sunday 4th June 2023

SCHOOL & NURSERY END

Friday 21st July 2023

Staff Professional Development

Monday 24th July 2023

Staff Professional Development

Tuesday 25th July 2023

Celebration Worship Awards

Every Friday we hold a 'Celebration Worship' to give out awards to our children to celebrate their achievements. Currently these are held virtually from the classroom using either Teams or Zoom.

Certificates (Effort in their work): R. Albie, 1. Leo, 2. Kai, 3. Evie, 4. Lily P, 5. Sophie, 6. Tiffany.

Value Leaf for showing Dignity: R. Ella D, 1. Leonardo, 2. Amelia, 3. Ellis, 4. Poppy F, 5. Michael, 6. Hashim.

Spotted (Improved Spelling & Editing): R. Hunter, 1. Nicolas, 2. Edward-Noah, 3. Tommy, 4. Tyler, 5. Lily-Ann, 6. Leo G

Book Prize Draw Winner (for children who have read five times this week): Taylor Yr 4

Lunchtime Award (for children who have demonstrated our school values outside) Justin Yr6

Monthly Attendance Award for December 2022

Congratulations to the amazing 87 children who had 100% attendance in December. The December prize winner was Sienna Yr 3.

Termly Attendance Award Huge congratulations to the 24 super-fit pupils who had 100% attendance for the Autumn term. Scarlett Yr 6 won the Autumn term prize for 100% attendance.

Attendance The table below shows class attendance statistics for **this week**.

	Percentage	Sessions missed		Percentage	Sessions Missed
Nursery	75.9%	32	Year 3	94.0%	10
Reception	75.0%	40	Year 4	100%	0
Year 1	96.6%	7	Year 5	94.5%	21
Year 2	81.7%	19	Year 6	94.2%	13
There are two sessions in every day, am and pm. All children from Yrs R - 6 attend 10 sessions per week.					

Well done to **Year 4** for the best attendance this week at 100% .

Well done to Years **1 and 4** for above 96% attendance this week.

Dignity

As a church school, every half term we concentrate on an important value for life.

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.

Our Value this half term is DIGNITY "Dignity — to behave in a composed or serious manner."

Matthew 19:14 "Let the children come to me for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

Peter 2:17 "Treat everyone you meet with dignity."

Dalai Lama "Love for others and respect for their rights and **dignity**, no matter who or what they are: ultimately these are all we need. "

Gandhi "The truest test of civilization, culture and **dignity** is character and not clothing."

Teachers will be on the look out this half term for children who are really trying hard to show dignity in lessons and around school.

Let's all be dignified in our lives especially in these challenging times.

Dignity



NOTICEBOARD



REMINDERS

WHOLE SCHOOL EVENTS

The parents "Understanding Your Child" group starts at 9.15am on Tuesday 10th January in school.

Young Voices Concert
13th January for those who have booked.

Clubs for this Spring Term will be sent out soon.

Number Day
Friday 3rd February .
More info to come.

Parents' Evenings
1st and 2nd March 2023

World Book Day
Thursday 2nd March 2023
More info to come

Easter Service
Wednesday 29th March

CLASS EVENTS

Year 1 Parent Phonic Meeting
Monday 9th January 2.30pm

Yr 5/6 Swimming lessons continue from Wednesday 11th January for those who were going least term.

Year 2 Parents' SATS meeting
Tuesday 11th January at 2.30pm.

Reception Sight Tests
Thursday 12th January
Please return the form if you DO NOT want your child's sight tested.

Year 6 Parents' SATS meeting
Tuesday 17th January at 2.30pm.

Reception Hearing Tests
Monday 18th January
Please go onto the "School Screener Parent Portal" to make your choices online for the hearing test.

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

Male Domestic Abuse 24 hour Helpline 0800 014 9082

Women's Aid 24hr Helpline 0800 980 3331

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

Spring 2023

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

Refreshed dates for the rest of this year are on page 3

WE RETURN ON 6th SEPTEMBER 2023 after the summer holiday