

# St Matthias Newsletter



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**Friday 13th January 2023**

### ***Dear Parents, Carers and Children,***

We are ending this week wishing our 'Young Voices' choir all the best for the concert tonight where they will join thousands of other children in the largest school choir in the world! There could be up to 8000 other children! Like all the other schools, who we will join at the NEC in Birmingham, we have been learning all the songs and actions over the past few months. This afternoon we will travel to the NEC and during the afternoon all the children will practise singing together in harmony, following the actions from the conductor and singing with professional guest singers. The bonus will be watching the Urban Dancers perform their amazing routines and entertain us with beatboxing! I have heard that Heather Small is appearing during the 'Young Voices' week. For those of you young enough to remember her, she was the British Soul singer and former lead vocalist from the band 'M People' and their most recognisable songs were 'Moving on Up, Search for the Hero and Proud.'

### **Parent information sessions**

Thank you to all the parents who came to the Year One Phonics workshop and the Year Two SATs preparation meeting this week. We hope that the information you received and the opportunity to ask questions was really beneficial to you and your child. If you were unable to attend the sessions Mrs O'Connor added the "Y1 Phonics Screening Guide" to her ClassDojo story page on 9th January and the "KS1 SATs PowerPoint" was shared on the Year Two ClassDojo story page on 12th January. If you would prefer a paper copy of the information please contact the class teachers.



### **Understanding Your Child, Parent Workshop Group**

I have heard that the 'Understanding Your Child' course started really well this week. The parents who attended really enjoyed the friendly atmosphere. If you were unable to make the first session, you are more than welcome to join the group next week, Tuesday 17th January at 9.15am.



It was a super opportunity to share ideas, network with other parents and enjoy a drink and biscuit while learning about children and their development. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday!

### **Young Leaders**

We welcomed Nick, our Cricket Coach last week, as he presented an assembly about cricket and also information about Young Leaders. Over the next few weeks he is not only teaching cricket skills to a number of classes and running after school clubs but he is developing and training a number of Young Leaders in Upper Key Stage Two. I can't wait to find out what they have planned!



### **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. Mrs West is also be inviting all of Year 6 to after school booster classes to support in their SATs preparation; these sessions will start next Tuesday 17th and will run every Monday and Tuesday after that.

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 – the closing date is 15th January 2023**

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 way to apply, by visiting the Council's dedicated School Admissions website at: [www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://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.



## **Number Day 2023**

Across the UK, Schools are joining in with the NSPCC Number Day on **Friday 3rd February**. St Matthias will be joining in with this event to celebrate numbers, maths activities and raise money for the important charity the NSPCC. We would like each child to design and create a '**Maths Hat**' to bring or wear to school. This can be as simple as a hat with a number on it or as creative as you wish! We look forward to seeing your 'Maths Hats,' there will be prizes awarded in each class! We know that some children will worry about wearing a hat, so they can just bring one with them on the day. We will be also asking for a small donation which will go to the NSPCC. More information will follow soon.



## **World Book Day 2023**



World Book Day is one of our favourite days of the year and the theme this year is, 'You Are a Reader'. We are planning lots of fun activities in school to encourage all children, and their families, to develop a love of reading and to celebrate authors, illustrators, and wonderful books!

*Dress as a word!*

To align with our whole school focus on learning new vocabulary, we are inviting all pupils to **dress as a word** on World Book Day, **Thursday 2nd March**. We will show off our new words and definitions in a **vocabulary parade** in school.



Details of all our World Book Day events will be confirmed before half term.

### 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 !

**Tommy** Y3, For achieving his level 2 swimming award. We are very proud of you!

**Tyler** Y4, For being selected to be a Mascot for the adult Newtown Football team! Well done!



### Parent Consultation Evening

Parents' evening this term will be held after half term on **WEDNESDAY 1st MARCH** and **THURSDAY 2nd MARCH from 3.30pm**. The Parents' consultations will be face to face and will be held in the school hall. This will give you an opportunity to speak to the class teacher, find out how your child is getting along and ask any questions you might have. If you have any worries or concerns in the mean time, it is important that you do not leave them until Parents' evening. You can raise any worries you have or questions via ClassDojo or ask for a telephone appointment if you wish.



We will send out a booking text for Parents' evening nearer the time so that you can book in with the class teacher at a mutually convenient time.

If any parent is unable to make either of those dates, we will send home a short update report and if you need to discuss any part of it you may make a separate appointment with the class teacher after the event.

### SEND consultations

For parents with children on the SEND register, appointments will be available only on **WEDNESDAY 1st MARCH**, however, Mrs Joyce is always willing to make alternative appointments during her SENCO time, please contact her via the school office or via ClassDojo.

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

### SPRING TERM

#### **HALF TERM**

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

#### **SCHOOL & NURSERY END**

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023**

### SUMMER TERM

#### **SCHOOL & NURSERY BEGIN**

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

#### **MAY DAY**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023 - School Closed**

#### **King Charles Coronation Bank Holiday**

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023 - School Closed**

#### **HALF TERM**

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May to Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

#### **SCHOOL & NURSERY END**

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023**

#### **Staff Professional Development**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

#### **Staff Professional Development**

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

**The Academic Year 2023 to 2024 will start on Wednesday 6th September 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)** Iustin Yr6

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

	Percentage	Sessions missed		Percentage	Sessions Missed
Nursery	79.0%	35	Year 3	93.5%	14
Reception	92.0%	16	Year 4	95.8%	13
Year 1	90.1%	24	Year 5	99.2%	2
Year 2	80.8%	25	Year 6	91.8%	23
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 5** for the best attendance this week at 99.2% .

Well done to Year 5 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 9.15am on Tuesday 17th January in school.

Number Day  
Friday 3rd February  
See details on page 2.

Children's Mental Health Week 6th to 12th February 2023– more information to follow.

Internet Safety Day 7th February 2023– more information to follow.

Parents' Evenings  
Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd March 2023

World Book Day  
Thursday 2nd March 2023

Easter Service  
Wednesday 29th March.

### CLASS EVENTS

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](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>

### 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 of Newsletter 15