

St Matthias Newsletter



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Friday 27th January 2023

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

We're Going On a Bear Hunt!

This week, our very youngest children went on a 'Bear Hunt' on Malvern Link Common. I think we all know the famous and popular children's picture book by Michael Rosen! Well our Nursery turned the wonderful story into reality! They kitted themselves in our red, waterproof outdoor clothing and put their wellies on to go and find their lost bear! I wonder where they found him! They squelched through thick, oozy mud, swished through long, wavy grass and stumbled through a deep, dark forest! They found a narrow, gloomy cave (train tunnel) and listened to what happened to their voices when they made noises! They finally found their missing bear hiding in a tree in the forest and brought him safely back to school! Isn't it wonderful to have such an amazing resource right by our school to be able to re-enact 'The Bear Hunt' on our doorstep! Well done Nursery! What an adventure you had! I'm glad you found your bear and brought him safely home!



Our Future is Bright!

I have decided this week that our future is bright as our NHS and Veterinary practices will have plenty of staff to keep us going in the future! Our Early Years unit were very excited when their new role play set came out! It was a medical box for pets and people! The children loved dressing up, playing imaginatively and thoughtfully with one another, developing their language skills and working as a team to help those pretending to be injured or poorly! They even helped Mr Salmon feel better! We are all in safe hands with this caring class!



Teachers Strike Action – Wednesday 1st February. Currently **ALL** of our classes will be open as usual.

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.'



School Events coming up!

Number Day 2023– NEXT FRIDAY 3rd FEBRUARY

Across the UK Schools are joining in with the NSPCC Number Day next **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. Teachers are planning some exciting games and activities based on 'number'. During 'Number Day' Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS) are holding an NSPCC ROCKS competition from 7.30am to 7.30pm, for more information see the poster within this newsletter! KS2 teachers will promote this in class too!

We would also like each child to design and create a '**Maths Hat**' to bring or wear to school on Friday 3rd February. This can be as simple as a hat with a number on it or 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 (£1) which will go to the NSPCC.



Midlands Air Ambulance Day – Tuesday 14th February

Our School Council were contacted at the end of last week by 'The Midlands Air Ambulance' Charity who are running their fundraising event on Tuesday 14th February. They have written to ALL schools in Malvern to encourage a local event to raise as much money as possible as they rely on donations to keep their Air Ambulance Team going and saving lives every day! So far 19 other Malvern schools are taking part and our School Council have decided that we are going to be one of those schools! Fraser, Y6, wrote an email to Charley Burke, from the Midlands Air Ambulance team to inform her that we were excited to be taking part! She responded to his email almost immediately offering to come and visit St Matthias next week to talk about the Midlands Air Ambulance and the charity event!



The theme this year is '**WEAR IT RED**' so we can show our LOVE for the Air Ambulance service as the event is being held on Valentines Day! Tiffany, Y6, School Council Rep has designed a poster to promote the event which is on the next page! There are other posters, designed by class School Council Reps, advertising the fundraising event in school.

On **Tuesday 14th February** we would like children and staff to come to school wearing as much 'red' clothing as possible! We are lucky as our uniform is red so if you don't have anything and want to wear your uniform, it will match perfectly! Otherwise– anything red goes! Please bring in a donation (£1) to support this fantastic event! Thank you School Council for choosing to support this charity event!

Speech and Language Article



Speech and Language – Listening Games

Last week we looked at the four rules of good listening "listening to ALL the words" "looking at the person who is talking" "sitting still" and "staying quiet".

For children to develop listening skills they need to practise them. Playing games where children have to find a sound are a fun way of helping children learn to listen.

Here's an example of a listening game to play at home with younger children:

Outdoor listening game

This listening game that works best outdoors. Stand still and ask everyone to close their eyes. Listen to the sounds that you hear. One player names a sound that they can hear. Everyone points to the sound. Then on the count of 3 everyone opens their eyes. Are you all pointing in the same direction?

If you have any concerns about your child's communication skills please phone or email the school office (admin@stmatthias.worcs.sch.uk), and I will call you back on my next visit into school. You can also contact me directly on **01562 714700. Jasmin Jacks (Speech and Language Therapist)**

Jasmin will also be available during our Parents' Evenings in March.

Air Ambulance Day

Tuesday 14th February

What to wear on Air Ambulance day?

Since the 14th of February is Valentine's Day, we thought it would be great to do a 'WEAR IT RED DAY'. So, on the 14th of Feb, if your child would like to wear red that would be a great way to celebrate Air Ambulance Day.



To wear red clothes to school, you would need to bring in £1 to school and give it to your great teacher. This money will all go to the Air Ambulance charity.



Designed by Tiffany. Y6. [School Council Rep.](#)

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 !

Camden Y4 and Coby-James Y4. Both boys play for different football teams, they played a match against each other and both played with dignity for their teams. Camden scored his first goal of the season and was very proud! Well done boys!



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. Gabriel, 1. Esmae, 2. Ortensia, 3. Anna, 4. Fraiser, 5. Sam, 6. Ollie.

Value Leaf for showing Dignity: R. Cassius, 1. Mila, 2. Pippa, 3. Charlie, 4. Izabela, 5. Molly, 6. Connor.

Spotted (Improved Spelling & Editing): R. Daniela, 1. Miriam, 2. Marlee-Mae, 3. Ellis, 4. Esmae, 5. Anisia, 6. Arlo.

Book Prize Draw Winner (for children who have read five times this week): Lily-May Yr 6

Lunchtime Award (for children who have demonstrated our school values outside) Mila Yr 1

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

	Percentage	Sessions missed		Percentage	Sessions Missed
Nursery	59.2%	69	Year 3	94.1%	13
Reception	95.0%	10	Year 4	94.5%	17
Year 1	85.4%	38	Year 5	96.6%	7
Year 2	80.8%	25	Year 6	91.8%	24
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 96.6% .

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





FRIDAY 3 FEBRUARY

7:30AM GMT TO 7:30PM GMT

Winning class will have the highest
number of correct answers per pupil.



PLAY IN
ANY
GAME TYPE

1-HOUR
TIME LIMIT
PER PERSON



Ask your teacher for full details or visit:
[TTROCKSTARS.COM/ONLINE-EVENTS](https://www.ttrockstars.com/online-events)



MALVERN HAF (holiday and food) CAMP

Eligible families for this free camp are those who are in receipt of Free School Meals or Pupil Premium children. If your child has an EHCP you are also eligible and if you are a refugee family. Places will be limited so if you are interested please scan the code and book your sessions or speak to Mrs Beale.



FREE MULTI SPORT CAMP



FREE packed lunch
included each day

20TH - 24TH FEB

Multi Sports Including:



Cricket



Football



Soft Archery
& many more!



Great Malvern Primary School
Lydes Rd, Malvern WR14 2BY

SCAN ME

Booking link:
<https://bit.ly/3iKgi2hc>

Contact:
Elsa-Marie.Evans@wccc.co.uk



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NOTICEBOARD



REMINDERS

WHOLE SCHOOL EVENTS

The parents "Understanding Your Child" group 9.15am on Tuesday 31st January in school.

Number Day
Friday 3rd February
See details on newsletter 15

Internet Safety Day
7th February 2023

Children's Mental Health Week 6th to 12th February 2023

Air Ambulance Day
Tuesday 14th February

Parents' Evenings
Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd March 2023
SEND appointments on Wednesday 1st March only

World Book Day
Thursday 2nd March 2023

Easter Service
Wednesday 29th March 9am in church.

CLASS EVENTS

Year 5 Geography Trip
Tuesday 14th February.

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 of Newsletter 15