

# St Matthias Newsletter



## St Matthias Church of England Primary School

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**Friday 3rd January 2023**

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

This week, we have heard the sad news of the death of a parent in our school community. He was a much loved man who was very brave until the end. We send our deepest sympathy and love to the family. Our thoughts and prayers go out to them at this very difficult time.

### **NSPCC Number Day**

Today we have celebrated Number Day in aid of the NSPCC. This is a great cause as the money raised goes to support the NSPCC services such as Speak Out and Stay Safe and Child line to support all children in need. We will let you know how much we raised next week.

Our staff and pupils designed and wore 'Number Hats.' We paraded them in the playground and congratulated the stunning and inventive designs linked to Maths! A big thank you to the huge effort that everyone put into this occasion. In the classrooms, children played number games, investigated number challenges and problem solved. The children and staff had lots of fun and made this day really special!



### **Parents' Evening 2023.**

We are holding a face to face Spring Term Parents' Evening on **Wednesday 1st March and Thursday 2nd March 2023**, from 3.30pm-6pm, which is during the week immediately after half term.

On Monday 6th February we will send a text and email link for parents to book a slot to see your child's class teacher.

Each appointment is 10 minutes long and we will need to keep to a tight schedule to get through all our families!

If you are unable to make those dates then after parents evening please contact your child's class teacher for an alternative time or request a telephone appointment. During Parents' Evening you will be able to see your child's books and you will receive a short written report. If you are unable to attend Parents' Evening the report will be sent home.

### **SEND appointments**

If your child is on the SEND register and you would like to see our SENCO, Mrs Joyce, you **MUST** book in via the office by telephoning or coming into the office in person. Mrs Kazerooni has the appointment slots and will organise a time for you. *Mrs Joyce is only available on Wednesday 1st March.*

### **Speech and Language Appointments**

If your child is under the speech and language team, Jasmin Jacks will be available on both Parents' Evenings from 3.30pm to 5pm. If you would like to book an appointment with her, please speak to Mrs Kazerooni in the office. She will also be taking drop in appointments and seeing anyone with a speech and language concern.

### **Whizz Kids**

We are emailing the booking form to you today for the next half term February to March. Please book asap.

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.'

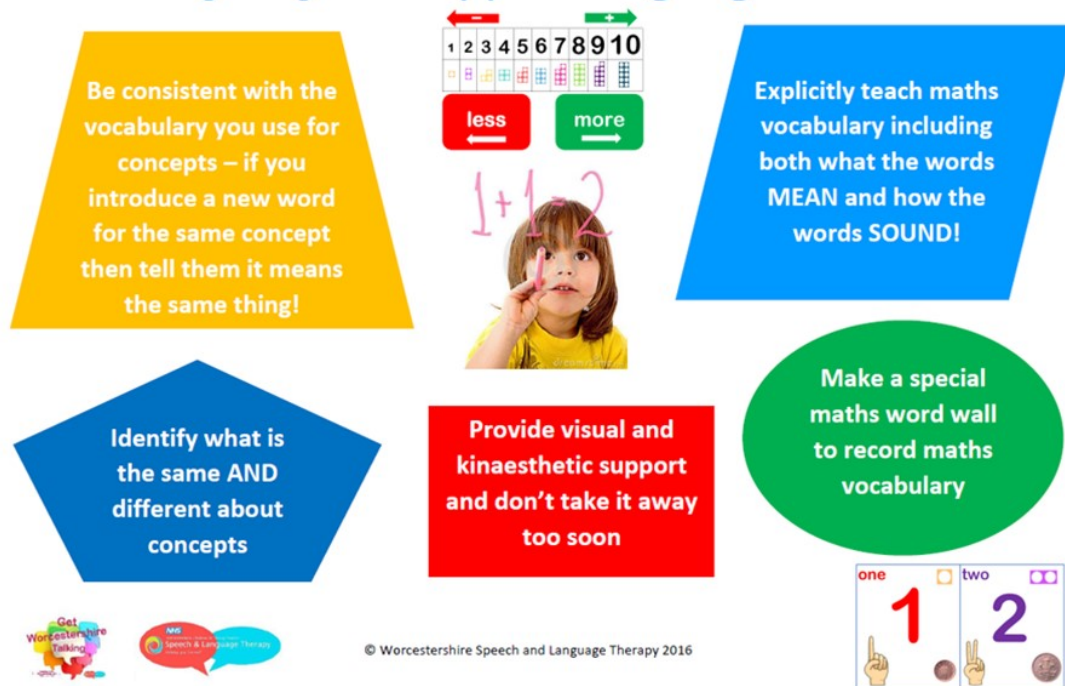


## Speech and Language Article

### Speech and Language – Maths Support

Today the children celebrated numbers as part of 'Numbers Day' on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February. There's a lot of vocabulary to learn in Maths. Here are some tips to support language in Maths activities:

### 5 Key ways to support language in maths



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.**



### 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 !

**Tyler Y4**, for another win with your football team, which puts you through to the semi –finals! Your team are growing in strength and determination, we can't wait to see how far you get! Well done!

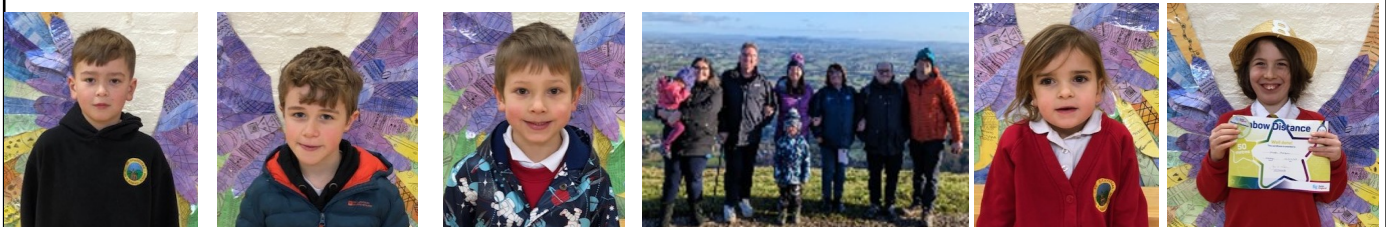
**Adam Y3**, for trying ice-skating for the first time, you were brave and determined and even managed to be independent for a while! Congratulations, this is a great outside achievement; we are proud of you!

**Bertie YR**, for walking all the way to the Malvern Hills Beacon; this is a big hill to climb for little legs! We are really proud of you! What a lovely outside achievement!

**Elliana YR**, for achieving a gymnastic medal, we are really proud of you! Keep up the good work.

**Chase Y6**- Completing his 50 metre swim certificate and badge, Chase has worked incredibly hard to perfect his stroke and ability. His motto for everyone is 'rushing and racing doesn't matter, it's about learning the right things and having fun!'

**Valters Y6**, for playing his first football match with his new team and they won 2-1. Congratulations, great team spirit! We are proud of you all!



## Friends of St Matthias Valentine Disco – poster on the next page for more details! Thursday 16th February

I am very excited to tell you that our school PTA Friends group have been organising a 'Valentine' disco during the last week of this half term! This is a **TICKET ONLY** event and you can purchase tickets from members of the PTA, Mrs James or Mrs Rodway outside the front of school before and after school from next week.

Unfortunately if you do not purchase a ticket prior to the event your child will not be able to attend.

Tickets cost **£2.00** and this will include a drink, a bag of crisps and a glow stick on the night.

Sweet cones will be available to buy on the night for an extra £1.00 each.

**KS1** (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) disco 3.20pm - 4.20pm Children who have purchased a ticket can bring their disco clothes to school with them on that day to change into.

**KS2** (Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6) disco 4.30pm - 5.50pm, children will arrive in their disco clothes (NO pointy/high heels please!)



### 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. Alice, 1. Libby, 2. Charlie, 3. David, 4. Camden, 5. Darcey, 6. Mayzee.

Value Leaf for showing Dignity: R. Imogen, 1. Theo, 2. Pippa, 3. William D, 4. Ethan, 5. Kayleigh, 6. Holly.

Spotted (Improved Spelling & Editing): R. Harrison, 1. Dexter, 2. Kai, 3. Evie, 4. Logan C, 5. Lexie, 6. Glyn.

Book Prize Draw Winner (for children who have read five times this week): Molly Yr 5

Lunchtime Award (for children who have demonstrated our school values outside) Charlotte Yr 3

Thank you to the parents who were able to join us this morning !

### Monthly Attendance Award for January 2023

Congratulations to the amazing 65 children who had 100% attendance in January 2023.

The January prize winner is Jacob M in Yr 3.

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

	Percentage	Sessions missed		Percentage	Sessions Missed
Nursery	79.8%	34	Year 3	85.4%	32
Reception	94.5%	11	Year 4	98.4%	5
Year 1	85.4%	38	Year 5	94.0%	15
Year 2	96.9%	4	Year 6	94.1%	16
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 **98.4%**. Congratulations to **Year 2** for only having **4** absences this week. Well done to **Year 2 and Year 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 challenging times.**

Dignity





*St Matthias*

**VALENTINE'S**



**Disco**



**Thursday 16th February**

KS1 - 3.20pm - 4.20pm

KS2 - 4.30pm - 5.50pm

**TICKETS ONLY AND CAN BE  
PURCHASED BEFORE AND AFTER  
SCHOOL**

Tickets £2.00 - Includes a drink, a  
packet of crisps & a glow stick.

Sweet cones will be available to buy  
for £1



# NOTICEBOARD



## REMINDERS

### WHOLE SCHOOL EVENTS

The parents' "Understanding Your Child" group 9.15am on Tuesday 7th February in school.

Internet Safety Day  
7<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Children's Mental Health Week 6th to 12<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Air Ambulance Day  
Tuesday 14th February

St Valentine's Discos  
Thursday 16th February

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

World Book Day  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023

Easter Service  
Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 9am in church.

### CLASS EVENTS

Year 5 Geography Trip  
Tuesday 14th February.

Reception - Worcester Woods Trip  
Thursday 16th 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](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 17<sup>th</sup> February at 3.15pm

SCHOOL & NURSERY OPEN Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 8.45am

SCHOOL & NURSERY CLOSE for Easter on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 3.15pm

SCHOOL & NURSERY OPEN Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April at 8.45am

Refreshed dates for the rest of this year are on Page 3 of Newsletter 15

# Air Ambulance Day

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February**

**What to wear on Air Ambulance day?**

**Since the 14<sup>th</sup> of February is Valentine's Day, we thought it would be great to do a 'WEAR IT RED DAY'. So, on the 14<sup>th</sup> 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.](#)**