

St Matthias Newsletter



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Friday 10th February 2023

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

It was lovely to meet Charley from the Air Ambulance charity this week. As you will have read in Newsletter 17, a couple of weeks ago, our School Council Representative Fraser emailed Charley to invite her to tell us about the Air Ambulance service and why raising money is so important for them. Kayleigh introduced her to the school and Charley then told us all about the charity. They rely totally on money raised through donations to keep the charity going. Last year 16 schools across Worcestershire took part and raised enough money for one rescue mission. This year 31 schools have signed up for **'Wear it Red'** day on **Tuesday 14th February** and we are one of those schools!

Here are some of the interesting facts she shared...



- ◆ They have 3 air ambulance helicopters and 3 critical care cars across 6 Midlands counties (Worcestershire, West Midlands, Gloucestershire, Herefordshire, Shropshire and Staffordshire.)
- ◆ Helicopters can fly with a top speed of 160mph (2 miles every minute)!
- ◆ They can reach 90% of their patients in the 6 counties in around 10 minutes.
- ◆ Each air ambulance and each critical care car carries full medical equipment and medicines worth over £150,000 inside each one; it is like flying a mini hospital!
- ◆ Each air ambulance mission costs £2,950 and each critical care car mission costs £288!
- ◆ Since launching the air ambulance charity they have attended over 69,000 missions averaging 12-13 a day.
- ◆ On average they attend 4,500 missions per year.
- ◆ Top 3 mission call outs– cardiac arrest, road traffic accidents, falls and collapses
- ◆ 75% of the missions are to males and 25% are to females
- ◆ 77% of missions are to adults and 23% of missions are to children

Therefore, we are looking forward to taking part in the **'Wear it Red'** day on Valentines Day to show our love for the Air Ambulance Charity and all their amazing life saving skills to help people who need them urgently. All we ask is for a small **donation of £1, or more**, to wear anything with red on it. Red socks, jumpers, T shirts, trousers etc. The item can have a small amount of red or a lot of red on it, if you don't have anything at home with red on it, then you can wear your uniform as we celebrate red every day!



Half term Food Vouchers. Eligible families for Free School Meals will be receiving food vouchers for half term. These will be sent via email from 'Edenred' on Thursday 16th February. Please check your 'junk' box!

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.'



Internet Safety & Children's Mental Health Week (6th February to 10th February.)

This week the teachers planned a number of activities linked to Internet Safety and Children's Mental Health Week.

Safer Internet Day 2023 was on Tuesday 7th February, the theme for this year was 'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversation about life online.' During this week we invited our Community Support Officers in to school to talk about Internet Safety, to promote the safe, responsible and positive use of digital technology for children and young people. The Community Support Officer also discussed safety in the community and being respectful young citizens. They are all really important messages especially as most communication these days between young people is via technology.

As part of Mental Health week and Internet Safety Week, our youngest children shared a story called 'Hanni's Magic Window' that showed that although technology can show us amazing things, sometimes we may see things that could make us feel sad, scared or worried. The children discussed how they should always tell an adult if they see something they don't like or something that makes them worried or upset; sharing this can make us feel better. They also had a visit from PC Freeman who talked about staying safe in the community and online and his role as a Police Officer. They even got to try on some police uniform!

Children's Mental Health Week theme is 'Let's Connect.' It focuses on meaningful connections as people thrive in communities and a feeling of connection is vital for our wellbeing. When we have healthy connections– to family, friends and others– this can support our mental health and our sense of wellbeing. 'The Invisible String' by Patrice Karst shares perfectly how people are connected together by love, even when those people are not together in the same place. Year One thought about and drew pictures of people or pets who they have a connection of love with and they showed a visible connection in their pictures through connecting with wool. Year 5 played a 'Let's Connect Bingo' and Year 6 have created paper chains to show how they connect with people and value their own and others' talents.



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!

Tyler Y4, for being a mascot for the adult Malvern Town football team prior to their match. It was a great honour to have taken part and Tyler completed this task with real dignity. His football team also won a fun penalty shoot out! What an exciting day!

Molly Y5 & Athena Y5, for raising a total of £151 for Cancer Research which will help so many people get the treatment they need to help them fight cancer. You are truly inspirational! Well done girls!

Coby Yr4, for being Man of the match.

Well done, we are very proud of you all !



Thank you, Athena molly



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 you received a text to enable you to book an appointment. If you have been unable to book an appointment then please contact Mrs Kazerooni in our school office as she can manually book one for you. The Parents' evening booking system will close on Monday 27th February two days prior to Parents' evening.

Please make a note of your appointment time and date as if you miss your time slot it is unlikely that we would be able to fit you in at another point, as our 10 minute sessions are back to back. You will receive an email reminder about your appointment as another reminder.

SEND appointments

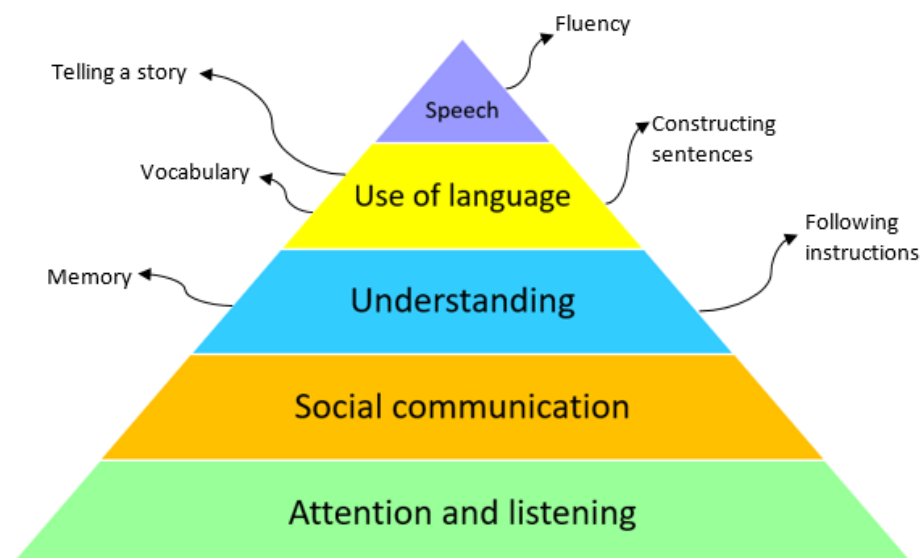
If your child is on the SEND register and you would like to see our SENCO, Mrs Joyce, you **MUST** book in via the office by telephoning or coming into the office in person. Mrs Kazerooni has the appointment slots and will organise a time for you; there are only a few left so please book promptly. *Mrs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

Speech and Language - Parents Evening Appointments

A message from our Speech and Language Therapist Jasmin Jacks:

I will be attending both Parent's evenings on the 1st and 2nd March. This will be a drop-in so please don't be afraid to come and have a chat!

Your child **does not** need to be known to the Speech and Language Therapy Service to have a discussion – if you have any concerns about any of the following areas, I will be happy to provide advice.



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)



Friends of St Matthias Valentine Disco – poster on page 7 for more details! Thursday 16th February

I am very excited to tell you that our school PTA Friends group have organised 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 or Mrs James outside the front of school before and after school next week. (Not from the school office.)

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 the ticket 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. Please collect them promptly.

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. Bertie, 1. Elsie, 2. Shanti, 3. Damian, 4. James, 5. Camille, 6. Holly.

Value Leaf for showing Dignity: R. Kyra, 1. Hope, 2. Isabella, 3. Loki, 4. Ledjana, 5. Jake, 6. Justin.

Spotted (Improved Spelling & Editing): R. Ella N, 1. Eva, 2. Ortensia, 3. Charlotte, 4. Coby, 5. Sophie, 6. Lola.

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

Lunchtime Award (for children who have demonstrated our school values outside) Kayleigh Yr 5

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

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

| | Percentage | Sessions missed | | Percentage | Sessions Missed |
|-----------|------------|-----------------|--------|------------|-----------------|
| Nursery | 74.7% | 43 | Year 3 | 87.7% | 27 |
| Reception | 96.5% | 7 | Year 4 | 92.2% | 24 |
| Year 1 | 91.1% | 23 | Year 5 | 93.4% | 17 |
| Year 2 | 90.0% | 13 | Year 6 | 91.1% | 24 |

There are two sessions in every day, am and pm. All children from Yrs R - 6 attend 10 sessions per week.

We are delighted that **Year R** had the best attendance this week at **96.5%**. Well done to **Year R** for only having **7** absences this week. Congratulations to **Year R** 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





NOTICEBOARD



REMINDERS

WHOLE SCHOOL EVENTS

The parents' "Understanding Your Child" group 9.15am on Tuesday 14th February in school.

Air Ambulance Day – **Wear Red** £1
Tuesday 14th February (See Page 1)

St Valentine's Discos (See Page 4)
Thursday 16th February

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

Parents' Evenings Speech & language  
Therapist Drop-In chats.  
Wednesday 1st & Thursday 2nd  
March

Parents' Evening 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.

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Year 4 (Small Football Team) at
Downs Tournament.
Tuesday 28th 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](#)

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.

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