

St Matthias Newsletter



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Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Mothering Sunday

I want to start this newsletter by wishing everyone a lovely Mothering Sunday weekend. I want us all to remember and thank those people around us who 'mother, care for and love' us no matter who they are or where they are. I am sure we all have people in our lives for whom we are grateful and we will make a special effort, this weekend, to appreciate and share our thanks and love. Saying 'thank you' is just one way to show appreciation and it doesn't cost anything. So 'thank you' to everyone in our St Matthias school family for the love and care you show to us every day!

Please don't forget you are ALL welcome to attend the 'Mothering Sunday' church service at 10.30am on Sunday 19th March at St Matthias Church. Please come to support some of our children who are reading and bring your family and friends along too. If you haven't returned the slip, it doesn't matter, everyone is welcome to come along!



Mothering Sunday 'Pop Up Shop'

A huge thank you to our members of the 'Friends of St Matthias', for preparing all the items for the 'Pop Up Shop' and to Mrs James, Mrs Rodway and Mrs Lancett for running it to coincide with Mothering Sunday. Thank you, also, to everyone who sent in money to purchase the items. The children really enjoyed choosing some beautiful items for their loved ones, at the same time as raising funds for the school! It was another great success!



Easter Fund Raiser

For our Easter Fund Raiser we are going to be holding our usual **Easter Egg raffle** where you can buy a 'brick' to be put into a draw to win an Easter Egg. Every brick bought will be put into a box and during our last Worship the named bricks will be pulled out and that person will win an egg. The more bricks you buy the more chance you have of winning Easter Eggs; you could win more than one!



We are also looking for Easter Eggs to be donated to school for the competition. The more eggs that are donated the more names we can pull out of the box. Please be as generous as you can! Thank you!



Look out for the Easter Wall bricks which can be purchased outside school during the mornings. **Each brick will cost £1.**

Easter Food Vouchers.

We have been notified by the Local Authority that families who are eligible for Free School Meals (not universal FSM) will receive food vouchers this Easter holiday. These are issued to families via email from 'Edenred.' It is essential that we have your correct email address on our system, otherwise you will not receive them. If you have changed your email address or any contact details please inform our office immediately. Your vouchers will be issued on Wednesday 29th March.



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 - Emotions

It can be tricky for children to understand and process their emotions. Here are five ways you can teach emotions:

5 ways to teach emotions 😊



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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)

Easter Bonnet Parade – Friday 31st March 9.00am

It is a bit of a tradition to hold an Easter Bonnet Parade on the last day of the Spring Term. This year we will be helping the children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to make or decorate an Easter Bonnet in school on Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th March so they can wear and parade them for all parents and KS2 children to see on Friday 31st.

We are providing lots of the items needed to make their bonnet, but if you would like to provide the actual bonnet and any decorations for them to decorate it please send them in to school in a named bag on Wednesday 29th March ready for decorating. If any KS2 children would like to make a bonnet at home they are more than welcome. Any KS2 child who brings an Easter bonnet into school can walk with the parade too!

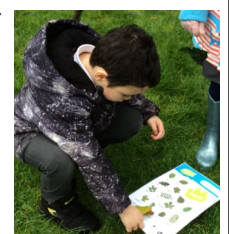
Parents are welcome to stay in the playground on Friday 31st March, to clap and cheer the children as they parade in their Easter bonnets. We aim to parade through the Nursery and KS1 playground to the KS2 playground and then back again and in through the Nursery doors. KS2 will line the KS2 playground ready to clap and parents can stand in the Nursery and KS1 playground. It is always a lovely occasion and the children are always proud of their decorated hats.



'Teaching Trees' Visitor

This week, our Year One class had a special visitor called Tim from 'Teaching Trees.' They all went to our school field and started the visit with a tree warm up! The children were challenged to hunt for special posters which shared messages about why trees are important. After learning why trees are important, they made a tree using their bodies! A group of children made the 'heartwood' which is in the centre of the trunk and it is very strong!

Surrounding this, children linked to show the 'sapwood' which helps with the transport of water and minerals to the crown of the tree. A third group of children surrounded the sapwood and became the roots - sucking up all the water and goodness from the ground! The final layer of our human tree were the leaves, collecting sunlight and dancing around! Mrs Howden and Mrs O'Connor were the mushrooms because fungi help the tree to conduct water and minerals to the tree roots! The children completed lots of activities including a bug hunt and had a wonderful time!



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 !

Poppy F Y4, has started running as a sport, she has already achieved 2 kilometres and has beaten her best time, she is now aiming for 5K. Watch out Mr Salmon!! We all know how important it is to keep fit and healthy and we are very proud of you for taking up this hobby! Well done!

Lily P Yr 5, has earned three badges in Cubs for; outdoors, skills and the world. Well done!

We are proud of you both!



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. Evie-Grace, 1. Enzo, 2. Pippa, 3. Logan, 4. Logan H, 5. Michael, 6. Connor.

Value Leaf for showing Dignity: R. Harrison, 1. Ryan, 2. Kai, 3. Stanley, 4. Susie, 5. Anisia, 6. Leo M.

Spotted (Improved Spelling & Editing): R. Bertie, 1. Elsie, 2. Charlie, 3. Charlie, 4. Megan, 5. Max, 6. James.

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

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

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	74.5%	42	Year 3	90.4%	20
Reception	96.1%	8	Year 4	91.9%	25
Year 1	81.1%	49	Year 5	88.0%	31
Year 2	86.9%	17	Year 6	94.6%	15
There are two sessions in every day, am and pm. All children from Yrs R - 6 attend 10 sessions per week.					

Well done to **Reception** for the best attendance this week at **96.1%** . Congratulations to **Reception** for only having **8** absences this week. Well done to **Reception** for above **96%** attendance this week.

Hope



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.

Hope



Our Value this half term is "Hope"

Isaiah 40:31 "Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint"

Christians see their hope in God's promise, "that love and goodness have and will ultimately overcome all evil"

Dalai Lama "When faced with problems don't lose hope. Keep up your self confidence and don't be too impatient to achieve quick results."

Gandhi " Only he can be a leader who never loses hope"

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



NOTICEBOARD



REMINDERS

WHOLE SCHOOL EVENTS

The parents' "Understanding Your Child" group 9.15am on Tuesday 21st March in school.

Mothering Sunday Service in church
Sunday 19th March at 10.30am

Easter Service
Wednesday 29th March 9am in church.

Easter Bonnet Making (pupils only) in school for Nursery & Years R, 1 + 2 on Wednesday 29th + Thursday 30th March.

Easter Bonnet Parade
9am on Friday 31st March at 9am

CLASS EVENTS

Nursery Farm Trip
Friday 24th March

Year 2 Safari Trip
Tuesday 28th March

Year 6 Black Country Museum
Thursday 30th March

Reception Tuesday 18th April
Infant Agility trip to The School Games.

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 and ask to speak to Mrs James.

CLASS TEACHER for:- classroom issues, learning or behaviour related, use ClassDojo. 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.



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 Easter at 3.15pm on Friday 31st March at 3.15pm

Summer 2023

SCHOOL & NURSERY BEGIN

MAY DAY

King Charles Coronation Holiday

HALF TERM

Monday 17th April 2023 at 8.45am

Monday 1st May 2023 - School Closed

Monday 8th May 2023 - School Closed

Saturday 27th May to Sunday 4th June

SCHOOL & NURSERY close for summer at 3.15pm on Friday 21st July 2023

Staff Professional Development Monday 24th July 2023 + Tuesday 25th July 2023

The Academic Year 2023 to 2024 will start on Wednesday 6th September 2023.