

St Matthias Newsletter



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Friday 5th May 2023

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Gold Award AND the Chairman's Cup!

Well Dressing Success!

As you all know we decorated Lord Sandy's Spout Well last weekend as part of the May Bank Holiday, Water Festival celebrations. The weather was very kind on Saturday while the judges made their way around all 56 wells across Malvern. On Sunday morning, we were told that our well was awarded a 'GOLD' certificate! We were absolutely chuffed with this achievement especially as we know that the standard across all the wells is very high! Last year, we were also awarded the 'Lord Shorestones' trophy for the 'Best Children's Well' so we knew that another children's well would deserve that this year. During the presentation on Bank Holiday Monday, our well was called out and it was wonderful to see so many St Matthias children there to help receive our certificate. Then we were asked to wait for a moment when they announced that we had also been awarded the 'Chairman's Cup.' We have not received this award before and while they were announcing this, they explained that our Well had so many different ideas linked to the theme 'Kings and Queens' that they were really impressed and we stood out to receive this extra award! You can imagine how shocked, surprised and elated we were! So massive congratulations to all the children and staff again for creating such an amazingly dressed well, which was enjoyed by so many people during last weekend! Whilst I was visiting the well myself, I bumped into a couple who had travelled all the way from Halesowen to visit the dressed wells and they shared that they always visit our well and were impressed with our efforts! Thank you for all the photographs that were sent of children visiting our well and for those who were able to attend the presentation!



Have a lovely extra King's Coronation Bank holiday weekend.
Mrs Beale.

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Barney's second visit to St Matthias

The children were very excited as Barney visited us for his first full day at St Matthias this week! Not only did he visit Whizz Kids, take part in our Worship, visit classes this week and meet some children on a 1:1 basis, but he also took part in a very special assessment. We invited a qualified Dog Trainer into school to assess Barney in our school surroundings which included, classrooms, walking around school, the playground and when he was in close contact with children. I am very pleased and proud to say that he passed his assessment with flying colours! I think the biggest test was when he was outside during a PE lesson, which had rather a lot of balls being thrown around and Barney behaved very well by sitting and watching and NOT even wanting to run after the ball! I think he knew it wasn't his ball! The assessor Lisa Jackson commented on not only how calm and well behaved Barney was at all times and in all surroundings, but also how well the children were informed on how to behave around Barney. She was very impressed and made the assessment that Barney is going to be great asset to our school!



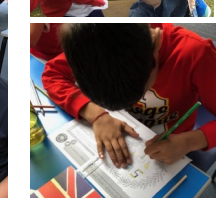
King's Coronation Celebration

This week in Worship we shared a PowerPoint about the King's Coronation, what to expect, the history behind the Coronation and shared some past photographs of previous Kings and Queens at their Coronation. King Charles the III will sit in the special Coronation Chair which is over 700 years old! We reflected on how he will be feeling and how many people would be part of the celebrations. In school we celebrated with a special lunch together, we wore red, white and blue and completed activities in the classrooms. Some of the younger children also designed their own crowns! Thank you to BlackPepper for providing a lovely special lunch in our Union Jack boxes!



Everyone was given a special keepsake at the end of the day which was a special teddy bear wearing the official emblem on his t-shirt with our logo on the back; this is also thanks to the fundraising that we do in school.

Something to show the Grandchildren in years to come!





Save the date

Saturday 24th June

St Matthias CE Primary School

Summer Fayre



Once again, 'The Friends of St Matthias' are planning an eventful Summer Fayre to help raise funds for the children of St Matthias. It will be open to everyone including members of the public.

There will be craft stalls, a bouncy castle, book stalls, toy stalls, lucky dips, cake stalls, raffles, drinks, BBQ and so much more!



BUT we need your help, Now!

The Friends are holding a meeting at St Matthias School on **Monday 15th May at 3.30pm** and **everyone is welcome to attend**. At this meeting they are discussing the preparations for the fayre, organising a working party to help set up, run stalls and clear away.

The Summer Fayre cannot run without willing volunteers who can spare some time before, during and after the event! Please remember that all funds raised go back to the school for the benefit of your children. So please come along and bring a friend, we appreciate any help that is offered! If you are unable to attend but are happy to help, then please speak to Mrs James who can add your name to the list of willing volunteers.

Thank you in advance, your support is always appreciated!

Speech and Language Article

Speech and Language – Speech Sounds

Some children take a little longer to be able to produce sounds clearly and can be hard to understand particularly without context. Here are 5 things you can do if a child's speech is unclear:

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)

5 things that will help you understand them!

Watch as well as listen!
Their face will give you extra clues



Ask them to SHOW you if they can..

Reduce the background noise – it will make it easier to understand them!

Apologise and ask them to say it again – hearing it a second time helps!

Good communication between school and home helps.
Knowing what they have been up helps you guess what they are talking about!



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Outside Achievements

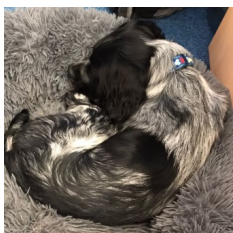
We have more outside achievements to celebrate this week. They were shared in our Worship this morning and we hope to inspire lots of you to share your outside achievements with us in school! Well done, we are very proud of you all!

Tiffany, Lola, Gracie, Y6 we are very proud of you all again for winning another girls' football match last weekend, we are also proud of Tiffany who scored her first goal! Well done!

Albie, Yr R, for catching 11 fish when he went fishing with his Daddy, last weekend! We are amazed and congratulate you on such a big catch of fish!

Millicent Yr R, for creating the most beautiful toy 'Maypole' model during our May Bank holiday last weekend. It is stunning and very creative! Well done!

Barney, our School Dog for achieving and passing his 'temperament' behaviour test this week when he visited St Matthias. We are proud of you Barney!



Good Luck Year 6!

Due to the King's Coronation next week starts with an extra Bank Holiday on Monday 8th May, this has meant that the Year 6 SATs tests have been put back a day and now start on Tuesday and finish next Friday 12th May. This means that the hall will be set up for SATs from 9am. Therefore we will NOT be holding a celebration worship next Friday morning and will save all the awards and outside achievements for the following Friday, 19th May.

I am sure you will join me in wishing our wonderful Year 6's all the best for next week so they can aspire, believe and achieve the very best they can.



TAKE A DEEP BREATH
YOU ARE AMAZING
You've *totally* got this
BELIEVE IN YOURSELF
YOU ARE STRONG
I'LL BE CHEERING YOU ON!
you are *totally* capable

GOOD LUCK

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. Cassius, 1. Nicolas, 2. Amelia 3. William, 4. Summer, 5. Lexie, 6. Glyn.

Value Leaf for showing Wisdom: R. Ella D, 1. Mason, 2. Edward-Noah, 3. Stanley, 4. Camden, 5. Connor, 6. Valters.


Spotted (Improve Spelling & Editing): R. Lyla, 1. Enzo, 2. Isabella, 3. Harlem, 4. Taylor, 5. Michael, 6. Mayzee.

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

Lunchtime Award (for children who have demonstrated our school values outside): Evie Yr R

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	87.8%	16	Year 3	78.5%	36
Reception	92.5%	12	Year 4	94.6%	10
Year 1	97.1%	6	Year 5	83.6%	34
Year 2	100%	 0	Year 6	95.3%	10
There are two sessions in every day, am and pm. All children from Yrs R - 6 attend 10 sessions per week.					

Well done to Yr 2 for the best attendance this week with a perfect 100% !

Well done to Yr 2 and Yr 1 for the least amount of absent sessions this week.

Congratulations to Yrs 1 and 2 for having over 96% attendance this week.

Monthly Attendance Award for April 2023 Congratulations to the amazing 131 children who had 100% attendance in April 2023. The April prize winner will be announced next week.

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 "Wisdom"

Matthew 7:24-27 Everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practise is like the wise man who built his house upon the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practise is like the foolish man who built his house on the sand.

Proverbs 4:6-7, "Do not forsake wisdom, and she will protect you; love her, and she will watch over you. Wisdom is supreme; therefore get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding."

Dalai Lama "A spoon cannot taste of the food it carries. Likewise, a foolish person cannot understand the wise man's wisdom even if he associates with a sage."

Gandhi "Even as wisdom often comes from the mouths of babes, so does it often come from the mouths of old people. The golden rule is to test everything in the light of reason and experience, no matter from where it comes."



NOTICEBOARD



REMINDERS

WHOLE SCHOOL EVENTS

Monday 15th May at 3.30pm
Meeting for ALL Parents to plan Summer Fair.

School Photographer taking
Class Group photos & Yr6 Leavers
Packs + New Staff at 9am on
Wednesday 14th June 2023

Summer Fair 11am to 2pm
Saturday 24th June 2023

St Matthias Open Morning
4th July 2023 9.30am-11.30am.

Open Morning
Tuesday 4th July 9.30 – 11.30am

Whole School Transition Day
All children move into their new class
to spend day with their future teacher
on Tuesday 18th July 2023.

CLASS EVENTS

Year 2 SATs held over the
whole month of May

Year 6 SAT's
Tuesday 9th to Friday 12th May

Reception Library Trip
Monday 15th May

Year 5 Oakerwood Residential Trip
Wednesday 17th - Friday 19th May

Yr 6 Swimming Gala
Tuesday 23rd May 2023

Year 6 Induction Day The Chase
Wednesday 21st June

Year 6 Transition Day Dyson Perrins
Thursday 29th June

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

Summer 2023

King Charles Coronation Holiday Monday 8th May 2023 - School Closed
HALF TERM 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

Dates for Academic Year 2023 to 2024 are on Page 5 of Newsletter 23

ALL our newsletters can be found on our website.

Please feel free to share the information about our Nursery and Reception Classes and our Open Day on the next page with all your family and friends.



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St Matthias CE Primary School

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Nursery 15hr and 30hr funded places and Reception places available.

Looking for a school with an exciting outdoor environment, staff who care about the development of your child, value high expectations alongside nurturing and social development?

Then apply for a Nursery or Reception place at St Matthias. Our team of dedicated practitioners plan a curriculum which is both exciting and stimulating based on your child's needs. We value the importance of building strong relationships with both children and parents.

'My child talks about school constantly at home and plays schools at home. It is so lovely to stand back and listen to her being the teacher and it just goes to show what positive role models you are.'



*'Thank you for giving *** such a positive start to school life'*

'My child is coming out of her shell and joining in and making friends... this is so lovely to see'

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Thank you.

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Nursery to Year 6

'ASPIRE, BELIEVE, ACHIEVE'



**Starting school in September 2023 or 2024?
All welcome to our Open Morning!**

*Come and meet our amazing team
and see our school in action!*

OPEN MORNING

**Tuesday 4th July
9.30am-11.30am**

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