

St Matthias Newsletter



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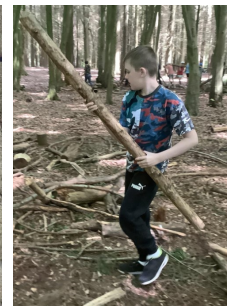


Friday 19th May 2023

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Last night I took a little trip to Leominster to see our lovely Year 5 children at Oakerwood; I surprised them with a 'camp inspection'. I have to say I was incredibly impressed with their little pods – they were very tidy and clean! You would have been very proud of them all!

This has been another unforgettable experience making memories at primary school with friends. I think every single child who attended the residential trip overcame some nerves, built up their confidence and achieved more than one thing they have never done before! I know how proud you must all be of yourselves and I know your parents will be proud too! You Aspired, Believed and Achieved! The Year 5 children have been amazing and tried all the activities, supporting and encouraging each other to take part. Not one gave up! I hear they are quite good at washing up too!! I want to say a huge thank you to Mr Thompson, Mrs Maidens, Mrs James and Mrs Staniforth for looking after the children, taking part in the activities and giving up their own time so that St Matthias children could have this wonderful experience! We have an amazing staff and these experiences couldn't happen without their dedication and support! Here are some of the highlights!



Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Beale.

ASPIRE, BELIEVE, ACHIEVE

'Our school family, values us all as unique individuals and children of God.

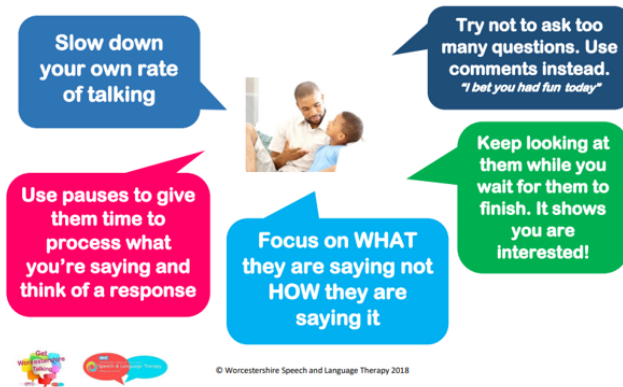
We **aspire** to be the best version of ourselves; **believing** that through the gifts God has given us, we can make a positive contribution, flourish and **achieve** together to make a difference in our ever-changing world.'



Speech and Language – Stammering

Some children can have difficulties producing smooth, fluent speech. In the UK, we call this stammering but you may have heard it referred to as stuttering. Here are some useful strategies to use if your child experiences dysfluency:

5 ways to support fluency



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)

Reception Trip to Malvern Library

On Monday afternoon Reception Class and their families had an amazing time at Malvern Library exploring books, listening to the librarian James, and were given the opportunities to become library members.

Did you know that you can borrow 12 books at any one time!

The children were very good at walking up the long hill to get to the library so well done Reception Class.

Thank you to all parents who were able to make the trip and enjoy the experience with their children.



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!

Bertie, Yr R, for completing his first 1/4 mile running race at Crowle as part of the Coronation weekend. We are very proud of you!

Lola and Gracie, Y6 for being great team players and helping their girls' football team to draw against a team who are known for winning! Great effort! An extra well done to Lola for being a team captain for the first time! We are proud of you.

Ella Y2, for riding her bike without stabilisers for the first time.

Marlee-Mae, Y2, for going on a walk in Malvern and spotting one of the beautiful 'Take Heart' stones, you may have seen them before as they are well known in Malvern and bring smiles and cheer to people like Marlee-Mae, a good find! Well done!

Mrs Joyce and Mrs Maidens, for completing their National Professional Qualification for Leading Teaching; this is an amazing achievement and we are very proud of you both!

Ellie Y4 for achieving her level 4 swimming award. We are very proud of you!



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. Anastasia, 1. Harry, 2. Jake 3. Addison, 4. Ethan, 5. Alumie, 6. Olivia.

Value Leaf for showing Wisdom: R. Zoya, 1. Dexter, 2. Ralphee, 3. Adam, 4. Brooke, 5. Shiv, 6. All Yr 6.

Spotted (Improve Spelling & Editing): R. Alice, 1. Hope, 2. Ella, 3. Evie, 4. Harvey, 5. Kaede, 6. Lola.

Book Prize Draw Winner (for children who have read five times): Jake Yr 2

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

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

Monthly Attendance Award for April 2023 Congratulations to the amazing 131 children who had 100% attendance in April 2023. The April prize winner is Ella N in Reception

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

	Percentage	Sessions missed		Percentage	Sessions Missed
Nursery	83.1%	29	Year 3	92.8%	15
Reception	93.0%	14	Year 4	97.4%	8
Year 1	96.5%	9	Year 5	93.5%	17
Year 2	98.4%	2	Year 6	90.7%	25
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 98.4% .

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

Congratulations to Yrs 1, 2 and 4 for having over 96% attendance this 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

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

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

St Matthias Open Morning
Tuesday 4th July 2023 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 3 History Man Day
Tuesday 23rd May.

Yr 6 Swimming Gala
(ONLY those with letters)
Tuesday 23rd May 2023.

Year 6 Bell Boating
Monday 5th June. Letter soon.

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/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](#))

Report Scam Emails - forward them to report@phishing.gov.uk

TERM DATES & HOLIDAYS

Summer 2023

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.