

# St Matthias Newsletter



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Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023

*Dear Parents, Carers and Children,*

## Beach Carnival Summer Fayre – TOMORROW

We are looking forward to seeing lots of you tomorrow from 11am at our Beach Carnival Summer Fayre. Don't forget to bring family and friends; there will be lots of things to buy and do from fun games, adult tombola, children's tombola, craft stalls, soak the teacher, penalty shoot out, BBQ, ice cream and so much more! The fayre will be held on the KS1 playground and on our field just across from the playground. Don't forget to bring a bag with you for everything that you win or buy! It is going to be amazing! **'Thank you'** to everyone who donated items to our Fayre and to Mrs James and the Friends of St Matthias for organising and preparing the event! All proceeds go directly back to enhancing the learning and experiences for the children at St Matthias.



***Parents will be responsible for their own children as the gates of the playground will be open at all times to allow people to move freely.***

### Drowning Prevention Week

One of our school rules is to 'be safe' and this is in every respect of life, whatever we do and how we behave in and out of school. Which is why during 'Drowning Prevention Week' we make sure that we talk about how to keep safe when near water. With the summer holidays looming lots of children may be visiting the seaside or walking near rivers, lakes or streams and therefore we invited speakers from The Splash to come and deliver a very important assembly linked to drowning prevention week. The children listened to the 'Water Safety Code'; they were tested with true and false facts during the worship and explored what to do should they or anyone else get into trouble in the water. Did you know...

...as we celebrated Drowning Prevention Week last year, it was lovely to hear lots of children recall the learning and remember some of the rules around flag colours for safety on the beach and what to do in the event of an emergency! Resources and activity sheets were emailed to parents on 22nd June following the assembly so learning can be shared at home and reminders given by parents.



### **ALWAYS FOLLOW THE WATER SAFETY CODE**

Whenever you are around water:

#### **STOP AND THINK**

Take time to assess your surroundings. Look for the dangers and always research local signs and advice.

#### **STAY TOGETHER**

When around water always go with friends or family. Swim at a lifeguarded venue.

In an emergency:

#### **CALL 999**

Ask for the Fire and Rescue Service when inland and the Coastguard if at the coast. Don't enter the water to rescue.

#### **FLOAT**

Fall in or become tired - stay calm, float on your back and call for help. Throw something that floats to somebody that has fallen in.

### Lifepath

Year 6 walked to Malvern Priory this week to take part in 'Lifepath,' This is an annual event hosted by Malvern Priory and attended by many Malvern Primary Schools. The Lifepath day included a variety of activities, discussions and acts of Worship with singing where the children could reflect on their own life journey so far. They really enjoyed their day at Malvern Priory and even got to climb the bell tower and hear the bells.



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.'



## 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!

**Heidi YR**, For learning to ride her bike without any stabilizers, no stopping you now! Congratulations Heidi we are very proud of you!

**Marlee-Mae Y2**, For being very brave when having your ears pierced. Well done!

**Charlie Y2**, For taking part in a 'Colour Run' to raise money for charity and for gaining a medal when you and your cousin came joint second. We are very proud of you!

**Tommy Y3**, for completing activities and gaining a certificate at the Air, Fire and Rescue stand at the Three Counties Show . Well done for knowing what to do to keep safe!

**Tyler Y4**, for being awarded 2 trophies with your football team for all the effort and improvement you have all made through matches since joining. Your team coming second out of 32. You even got 'trainer of the week' after scoring two goals at your training session! We are very proud of you.

**Brae Y4**, For gaining a certificate during his swimming lesson when learning about Drown Prevention Week and how to stay safe when near water.

**Iustin Y6**, for being awarded a trophy at your football presentation last weekend. It is lovely to hear about how you contributed to your football team to enable them to achieve this season! Well done!

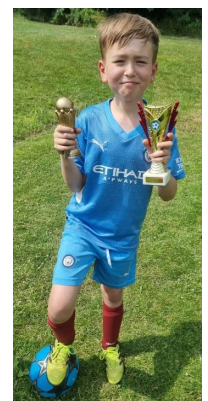
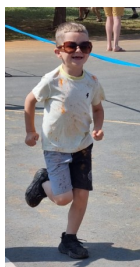
**Lola Y6**, For being awarded a trophy at your football presentation, it has been great to hear how your girls' team have gone from strength to strength and I know you have contributed by being adaptable and stepping into different roles when needed! Well done!

**Tiffany Y6**, For being awarded a trophy at your football presentation, your teamwork and determination has contributed to your girls' team developing quickly over the season! Well done!

**Gracie Y6**, For being awarded a trophy at your football presentation, teamwork is the key and your team has developed this with pride and results. Well done.

**Chase Y6**, for gaining a certificate at his swimming lesson for learning how to keep safe in the water as part of his learning about Drown Prevention Week at the Splash.

Well done, we are very proud of you all!



## Speech and Language – Story Telling

Telling stories helps to develop language skills and will support Literacy skills too.

Here is a game to practise telling stories –



### Change the Story!

Take turns to tell well known stories with your child, but make small changes to the story and see where that takes you. Change the character, the setting, or the ending. You might have 'Big Red Riding Hood' or 'Goldilocks and the three kittens.' What would Big Red Riding Hood do to the wolf? What would Daddy kitten do when he saw Goldilocks in his bed? What would his voice sound like?

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)



## Worcestershire libraries are inviting all schools to encourage their pupils aged 4-11 to sign up for this year's Summer Reading Challenge

### About the Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge is the UK's biggest free reading for pleasure programme for children. Taking place annually, the Challenge encourages children aged 4 to 11 to keep reading during the summer holidays. The Challenge runs throughout the summer holidays in all Worcestershire libraries from 8th July.

### Location

Children can join via their local library, where they can borrow books, attend events, and collect free incentives and rewards. A full list of Worcestershire Libraries can be found here: [Find a library | Worcestershire County Council](#)

### Introducing 'Ready, Set, Read!'

This year's Summer Reading Challenge, 'Ready, Set, Read' is themed around the power of play, sport, games, and physical activity. Through activity challenge cards from the Youth Sport Trust, and an exciting, themed book collection, the Summer Reading Challenge aims to keep imaginations moving over the school holiday. By participating in the challenge young people will have the opportunity to explore new reading material, develop skills, and discover new interests.

Please visit: [www.worcestershire.gov.uk/summerreadingchallenge](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/summerreadingchallenge) for more information.



### 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. Albie, 1. Lexi, 2. Marlee-Mae 3. Loki, 4. Coby, 5. Jake, 6. Leo.

Value Leaf for showing Community: R. Heidi, 1. Kyle, 2. Shanti, 3. Charlie, 4. James, 5. Poppy, 6. Caitlin.

Spotted (Improve Spelling & Editing): R. Cassius, 1. Libby, 2. Jake, 3. Tianna, 4. Izabela, 5. Athena, 6. Fraser.

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

Lunchtime Award (for children who have demonstrated our school values outside): Bonnie 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	98.8%	2	Year 3	90.5%	20
Reception	96.0%	8	Year 4	94.5%	17
Year 1	92.3%	20	Year 5	93.3%	16
Year 2	94.6%	7	Year 6	88.9%	30
There are two sessions in every day, am and pm. All children from Yrs R - 6 attend 10 sessions per week.					

**Congratulations to Nursery for the best attendance this week with 98.8%. Amazing!!!**

**Excellent Nursery and Yr R for being at or above our target of 96%.**

**Well done to Nursery, Yrs R and 2 for the least amount of missing sessions this week.**

As a church school, 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 focus on what they mean in our lives and in our relationships with each other.



### **Our Value this half term is "Community"**

Romans 12.16 "Live in harmony with one another."

**Colossians 3:13-14 "Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity"**

Romans 12:4-5 "Community is life-giving and essential to following Christ. Scripture says that's because we're better together than we are alone"

**Eisenhower "This world of ours must avoid becoming a community of dreadful fear and hate, and be, instead, a proud confederation of mutual trust and respect."**

Gandhi "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others".

**Ours is a wonderful school, nurturing and flourishing; showing great depths of community.**



# NOTICEBOARD



## REMINDERS

### WHOLE SCHOOL EVENTS

**Summer Fayre 11am to 2pm**  
**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June**

**St Matthias Open Morning**  
**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 9.30-11.30am.**

**Sports Day for Years 1 to 6**  
**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July**  
**Information to follow.**

**Whole School Transition Day**  
**All children move into their new**  
**classes to spend the day with their**  
**future teachers on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July .**

### CLASS EVENTS

**Years 4 + 5 teams Cricket Festival.**  
**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June.**

**Year 6 Transition Day Dyson Perrins**  
**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June. At High School all**  
**day not in school.**

**Nursery & Reception Sports Day**  
**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June**  
**See Dojo.**

**Year 2 Cricket morning.**  
**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June.**

**Year 3 Seeds for Life Trip**  
**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July (Letter soon)**

**Year 4 Seeds for Life Trip**  
**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July (Letter soon)**

**Yr 6 Leavers Service in Church**  
**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 9.15am –**  
**ONLY Year 6 Parents**

## 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** 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](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 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](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk)**

## TERM DATES & HOLIDAYS

### Summer 2023

**SCHOOL & NURSERY close for summer at 3.15pm on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023**

**Staff Professional Development Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2023 + Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

**New Academic Year 2023 to 2024 dates are on Page 5 of Newsletter 23**

**The children start back on Wednesday 6th September at 8.40am.**

**ALL our newsletters can be found on our website.**



THE FRIENDS OF ST MATTHIAS PRESENT

# Beach Carnival

## SUMMER FAYRE

SATURDAY 24TH JUNE. 11AM - 2PM

CROMWELL ROAD - SCHOOL GROUNDS

BRING A DECK CHAIR OR A PICNIC BLANKET

COME JOIN THE FUN

RAFFLE BBQ Games

REFRESHMENTS

Ice creams Bric a Brac

outside stalls TOMBOLA

& much more



# St Matthias Church of England Primary School



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**

01684 574984

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## Our School Vision

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