

St Matthias Newsletter



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Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Beach Carnival Summer Fayre – Thank you

We are expressing our utmost thanks to everyone who helped set up, run stalls, tidy away and also attend and spend money at our Summer Fayre. Mrs James and the Friends of St Matthias organised the most super Summer Fayre which spread out across KS1 playground and our field. There were bottle tombolas, children's tombolas, a 'mocktail' stand, raffle, BBQ, teas, coffees craft stalls, adopt a teddy, penalty shoot out and so much more. It was lovely to see so many families and friends attend; we even had the police for a while too, allowing children to explore their car and try on uniform!

A special thanks to Mr Salmon and Mr Thompson for agreeing to let children and adults throw wet sponges at them whilst trapped in the 'stocks!' It was a very popular stall! We were incredibly lucky with the weather too! The total to date on the funds raised from the Summer Fayre is **£1509.75** which is absolutely amazing!! The money will go back to the children to benefit their curriculum, learning and development. A massive thank you and congratulations to everyone!



School Games GOLD Mark Award!

We are delighted to announce that our school has achieved the School Games GOLD Mark Award for the 2022/23 academic year. The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community; we are delighted to have been recognised for our success. Our sporting achievements this year include attending Cross-Country running, Swimming, Football, Boccia, Cricket, Multi-Skills and Infant Agility events and we can't wait to see how well our Year 6 Girls do in their County Cricket Finals in the coming weeks. With all classes competing in local inter-school competitions this year, we are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers and leaders who lead playground games during lunchtime with our younger children. As part of our application we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, work force and clubs. We are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

Our pupils are currently helping us review this year's accomplishments as well as plotting our next steps and how can go improve even more. They will be feeding back about what has gone well, what clubs they would like to see next year and how we can all become more active as a school. We will let you know what they say when the results are in! Thank you to Mr Salmon for leading our Sports, organising the events and aiming high to enable us to gain the GOLD award!



In next weeks newsletter we will inform you of your child's class teacher for next year.

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.'



Year 4 & 5 Cricket Report written by Lily & Kayleigh Y5

Ten people from Year 5 and ten people from Year 4 participated in a cricket tournament on Wednesday. Our school played against Hanley Swan. We achieved second and sadly did not win, but we were close. We believed we did our best!

The cricket was fun and some of the scores were close and we nearly tied for some of them. We played two practice rounds, then one full round and a semi-final round. The people that participated gained a certificate and also a wristband. We all tried bowling, batting and fielding. We absolutely loved it and all the way through we aspired to be the best versions of ourselves and believed we could achieve!'



Thank you girls for this report and for also building in our school vision! What an achievement!

Year 2 Cricket Festival

Our Year 2 class also went to a cricket festival this week. They had great fun completing different activities linked to the skills of cricket.



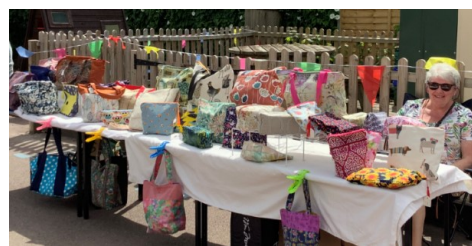
Early Years Sports Day – Thursday 29th June

What a super morning our youngest children had for their Sports Day. They had perfect weather for a fun-filled morning and it was amazing to see so many families turn up to support the event and help to promote physical activity with our children.

The event started with the children joining their grown-ups and choosing from a variety of activities in which to take part. These included tennis, football, basketball, beanbag throwing, obstacle course balancing, javelin, egg and spoon running and the very popular giant hamster wheel. It was great to see the adults having as much fun as the children. They then had a short, well deserved, break before the children had a great time taking part in their running races. Well done to all of our amazing Early Years children and thank you to our families for supporting our school. We must also thank our Year Six helpers who helped make the morning flow smoothly.



Summer Fayre Highlights!



Speech and Language – Narrative Skills

This week training was carried out for teaching staff focused on developing children's narrative skills – the ability to tell a story clearly. Being able to tell a story helps children share news, explain what has happened and take part in Literacy.

Here is an activity to practise narrative skills at home:

Favourite Movie

Ask your child to retell a favourite movie. If this is too long, start on something simpler like a favourite story book or TV programme. Does it have a beginning, middle and end? Can you follow what they are talking about? You can prompt by drawing pictures of the main characters and using these to act out some scenes.

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.

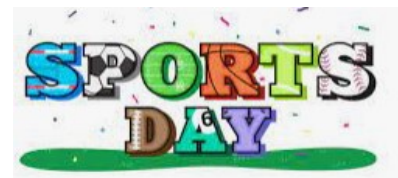
You can also contact me directly on **01562 714700**.

Jasmin Jacks (Speech and Language Therapist)



Sports Day is on Monday 10th July - change of venue.

Please note we have moved the venue of our Sports Day for Years 1-6 from Dysons to **St Matthias School Field**; this is due to some complications with using Dysons High School field. As we can't host the whole school on our field at one time we have split the Sports Day into two slots.



During each session the children will take part in non-competitive events gaining points, followed by a short break and then competitive races.

Years 1, 2 & 3 will have their sports events from **9.15am-10.25am** so parents of children in these classes can attend this session.

Years 4, 5 & 6 will have their sports events from **10.45am-12.15pm** so parents of children in these classes can attend this session.

If you have children in both sessions you are welcome to stay for the morning! Bring a blanket/ chair and refreshments!

PARENT toilets – should any parent or non St Matthias children need the toilet during Sports Day, St Matthias Church have kindly offered their facilities. Any St Matthias child will be escorted to toilets in school by a member of staff if they are on the field.

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!

Rosie, Molly, Lily, Athena & Kayleigh Y5 for raising a wonderful £146.08 for Birmingham Children's Hospital with £70 of that raised at our Summer Fayre at their own stall! We are so proud of you for using your own initiative and making a difference to those who are in more need than us! I know it will make a huge difference! Thank you!

Elise, Y4 for helping at the Armed Forces day at Priory Park last weekend and giving up her own time to support other Brownies for a good cause!



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. Ellie, 1. Kyle, 2. Logan, 3. Jacob B, 4. Camden, 5. Stuti, 6. Justin.

Value Leaf for showing Community: R. Albert, 1. Libby, 2. Charlie, 3. Sienna, 4. Ethan, 5. Rosie, 6. Abbie.

Spotted (Improve Spelling & Editing): R. Harrison, 1. Harry, 2. Amelia, 3. William, 4. Summer, 5. Connor, 6. Holly.

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

Lunchtime Award (for children who have demonstrated our school values outside): Ella D 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	91.9%	14	Year 3	86.6%	28
Reception	92.0%	16	Year 4	93.8%	19
Year 1	95.3%	12	Year 5	93.4%	18
Year 2	96.1%	5	Year 6	93.7%	17
There are two sessions in every day, am and pm. All children from Yrs R - 6 attend 10 sessions per week.					

Congratulations to Year 2 for the best attendance this week with 96.1%.

Excellent Year 2 for being at or above our target of 96%.

Well done to Yr 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

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

Sports Day for Years 1 to 6
Monday 10th 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 18th July .

CLASS EVENTS

Year 3 Seeds for Life Trip
Wednesday 5th July

Year 4 Seeds for Life Trip
Tuesday 11th July

Yr 6 Leavers Service in Church
Wednesday 19th 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 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 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

SCHOOL closes for summer at 3.15pm on Friday 21st 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.