

# St Matthias Newsletter



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**Friday 6th October 2023**

**Dear Parents, Carers and Children,**

## Harvest Service

We look forward to seeing you all at the Harvest Service at St Matthias Church on **Wednesday 11th October**.

Donations for our Harvest Service will be shared between **Malvern Food Bank and the Community Fridges**. We will collect the donations next week from Monday 9th October. Items which are warmly welcomed are- tinned food, packet food, toiletries, laundry detergent, tea, coffee, squash, baby wipes, nappies, toilet rolls etc.

We will also be saying a sad goodbye to Father Phillip who is moving to a new parish at the end of the week. He has been a huge part of our St Matthias family, not only in school delivering assemblies and visiting classes but he has also been part of our Governing Body for the past five and a half years. We thank him for all his support and dedication over the years and will miss him and his sense of humour! Good luck on your next journey!



## World Mental Health Day

Every year World Mental Health Day is celebrated on **10th October**. The theme for 2023 has been set by the World Foundation of Mental Health, which is **'Mental Health is a universal human right'**.

World Mental Health Day is about raising awareness of mental health and driving positive change for everyone's mental health.

It's also a chance to talk about Mental Health, how we need to look after it, and how important it is to get help if you are struggling.

In class, children will be exploring ideas about how to look after their mental health through games and creative activities. Circle times will provide important information to help children understand that everyone has mental health and how some people do not have as much support as others.

Throughout the day, children will take part in well-being activities to promote positive mental health.



## Reminder Parent invitation- 'Let's Connect'

At St Matthias, we value the importance of working together as a school family and would like to invite parents and carers to join us for a 'Let's Connect session' where we can continue to build positive, healthy relationships through play and well-being activities with you and your child.

**Tuesday 10th October**— Years 1,3&4,5 and 6 will hold their 'Let's Connect' afternoon where parents can come along at 2.30pm and join in the activities. If you have more than one child you can move between the classrooms.

**Thursday 12th October**—Reception & Year 2 will hold their 'Let's Connect' afternoon and parents of Year 2 children can come along at 2.30pm and join in the activities.

**Thursday 26th October**— Nursery will hold their 'Let's Connect' afternoon with parents at 2.30pm.

**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.'



### **NASAL FLU VACCINATION Reception - Year 6**

**Nasal Flu inoculations will be completed on Monday 9th October.** Please remember that these inoculations are safe and effective and help protect children against the flu. The vaccine given as a spray squirted up each nostril, it is quick and painless. The vaccine will work even if your child gets a runny nose, sneezes or blows their nose.

Click [HERE](#) for a leaflet which tells you more about the flu vaccine, the advantages and also any side effects. It also answers any questions you might have about children with health conditions.

The online booking is now closed. If you had issues with the E-consent link, please telephone Vaccination UK on **01432 663085** to book over the phone or you can request paper consent forms via the below email address. For any other information, please contact them on 01432 663085 or via email on [Herefordshire@vuk.co.uk](mailto:Herefordshire@vuk.co.uk)



**5 reasons**  
to get your child vaccinated

- 1. Protect your child**  
The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia
- 2. Protect you, your family and friends**  
Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable friends and family
- 3. No injection needed**  
The nasal spray is painless and easy to have
- 4. It's better than having flu**  
The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record
- 5. Avoid costs**  
If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare

### **SEND Parent Consultation meetings**

As mentioned last week we will be hosting a SEND parent consultation evening for every class. If your child is on the SEND register you will have received a letter giving you a date and time to attend. This has been carefully planned around siblings and staff availability. If you are unable to make your given appointment please contact Mrs Kazerooni who will try and accommodate a change. Do NOT contact the class teacher as they do not have an overview of the whole evening. Thank you.

**Monday 16th October**—Year 6 ONLY SEND Parent consultations, this is a change of date from last week.

**Wednesday 25th October**- Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 & Year 5 parent consultations.

This is an opportunity to discuss SEND targets, interventions and provisions for your child. You will have received your appointment letter yesterday. Please return the slip asap. Thank you.

### **Speech and Language Therapist**

Our new Speech and Language Therapist, Katie Felton, will also be available to talk to on Wednesday 25th October, so if you would like to see her, please come a little earlier than your appointment.

### **Reading Information Workshop for Year 1 Parents**

Please come along on **Friday 20th October** at 2.45pm for information about how Year 1 learn to read and how you can support them with their reading at home. We look forward to sharing with you the importance of reading, how our reading scheme works and the enjoyment you can have at home reading with your child.

We hope to see lots of you there!



### **Outside Achievements**

We have already started to celebrate our outside achievements 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!

**Adam, Y4**, we celebrate Adam and his football team for playing their first ever proper league match and scoring their first two goals! Well done, great team work!

**Jacob, Y4** for being awarded two swimming certificates, one for achieving 5 meter swim and the second for his Level 1 swimming award! Well done, we are proud of you!

**Coby, Y5** for scoring his first goal in football with his new team and helping them win 7-2! Well done, keep up the good work!

**Megan, Y5** for raising money for the RSPCA for dogs, by selling some jewellery she had made with Susie. What an inspiring thing to do, I bet they were very grateful to you both!

**Susie, Y5** for helping Megan to raise money for the RSPCA for dogs by making and selling jewellery. An important charity to support, well done!

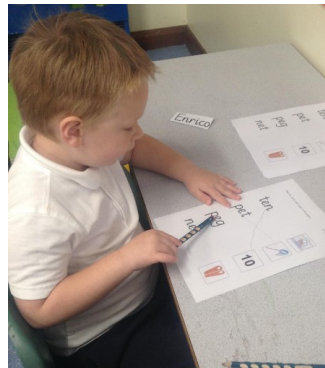
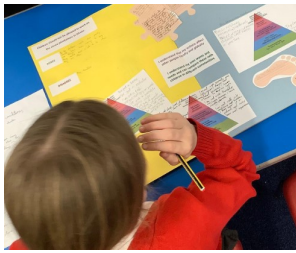
**Lily P, Y5** for playing brilliantly in her girl's football team and being awarded a trophy for 'Player of the Match.' Well done Lily!

**James Y5**, Thank you for playing the piano in Worship this morning; What a treat! Good luck in your next exam!

**Sam Y6**, for cracking a coding programme in computing, designed for Y8 pupils at the Dyson's Open Evening and gaining a certificate! Great determination and persistence Sam!



I always enjoy going on impromptu learning walks at St Matthias or stepping into classrooms to help out. This is some of the learning I have spotted this week, from exploring senses in the Early Years to peer editing in Year 6. They are always so proud of their work and enjoy showing off their learning.



**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. Ruben, 1. Harrison, 2. Libby, 3/4. Loki, 5. Camden, 6. Camille.

**Value Leaf for showing Thankfulness:** R. Rose, 1. Albie P, 2. Nicolas, 3/4. Charlotte, 5. Fraiser, 6. Lexie.

**Spotted (Improve Spelling & Editing):** R. Reggie, 1. Imogen, 2. Oakley, 3/4. Stanley, 5. Lily, 6. Molly.

**Book Prize Draw Winner (for children who have read five times):** Gracie Yr R

**Lunchtime Award (for children who have demonstrated our school values outside):** Adam Yr 4

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

**Attendance** The table below shows class attendance statistics for **this week**. The certificate will be given next Friday.

	Percentage	Days missed		Percentage	Days Missed
Nursery	87.7%	6	Year 3/4	98.0%	3
Reception	96.4%	4.5	Year 5	94.0%	9.5
Year 1	95.5%	4.5	Year 6	92.5%	9
Year 2	91.5%	11	Whole School	94.3%	35
There are two sessions in every day, am and pm. All children from Yrs R - 6 attend 10 sessions per week.					

**Congratulations to Year 3/4 for 98.0% this week.**

**Two classes were at or above our target of 96%. Years R and 3/4, well done.**



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 Thankfulness***

**Colossians 2:7** Let your roots grow down into him and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught and you will overflow with thankfulness."

**Psalms 118:2** "This is the day that the Lord has made: let us rejoice and be glad in it."

**Dalai Lama** "When you practise gratefulness, there is a sense of respect towards others"

**Charles Shcwab** "The way to develop the best that is in a person is by appreciation and thanks. Be **thankful** for what you have; you'll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don't have, you will never, ever have enough. He is a wise man who does not grieve for the things which he has not, but rejoices for those which he has."

Adults in school will be on the look out this half term for children who are really trying hard to be thankful and grateful for the good things in their lives.

**We are thankful for the gifts God has given each and every one of us to enable us to be unique individuals and make a difference in our own ways.**



# NOTICEBOARD



## REMINDERS

### WHOLE SCHOOL EVENTS

**Nasal Flu Vaccine** (Yrs R - 6) Monday 9th October.

**School Harvest Service** Wednesday 11th October 9.15am. Parents invited.

#### SEND Parents' Evenings

Monday 16th October Year 6  
Wednesday 25th October Yrs R - 5  
Appointments sent yesterday.

#### Parents' Evenings

Tuesday 7th & Wednesday 8th November. Details to follow.

#### Into Film Free Cinema Trips

Years 3 - 6 on 15th November am.  
Years R - 2 on 22nd November am.  
Details to follow.

### CLASS EVENTS

**Year 5 Saxon and Viking Trip.**  
Monday October 16th

**Year 6 SEND Parents' Evenings**  
Monday 16th October Year 6

**Yr 3/4 Dance Festival**  
Tuesday 17th October.

**Year 1 Parents Workshop**  
Friday 20th October.

**Storytelling Festival KS1 ( Yrs 1 & 2 )**  
Wednesday 25th October.

**Storytelling Festival KS2 (Yrs 3/4)**  
Thursday 26th October.

**Storytelling Festival KS2 Yrs (5 & 6)**  
Friday 27th October.

**Year 6 Closing Date for High School**  
30th October 2023

## WHO TO CONTACT IN SCHOOL

**MRS KAZEROONI ( Mon, Tue, Thu + Fri )** 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 ( 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>

## HELPFUL INFORMATION

**Worcestershire Virtual Family Hub**



SCAN ME

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

### 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](#))

## TERM DATES & HOLIDAYS

### Autumn 2023

**SCHOOL & NURSERY CLOSE** Friday 27th October 2023 at 3.15pm

**HALF TERM BREAK** Saturday 28th October to Sunday 5th November 2023

**SCHOOL OPEN** Monday 6th November 2023 at 8.40am

**SCHOOL & NURSERY CLOSE** Thursday 21st December 2023 at 3.15pm

**Staff Professional Development** Friday 22nd December 2023 – School Closed

### Spring 2024

**SCHOOL & NURSERY OPEN** Monday 8th January 2024 at 8.40am.