

# St Matthias Newsletter



## St Matthias Church of England Primary School

**Headteacher: Mrs Virginia Beale**

Cromwell Road, Malvern Link, Worcestershire, WR14 1NA.

Telephone or Facsimile 01684 574984

Email: [head@stmatthias.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:head@stmatthias.worcs.sch.uk)

Website: [www.stmatthiasceprimary.co.uk](http://www.stmatthiasceprimary.co.uk)



**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

### Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

It has been an action packed week at St Matthias! Your children were very brave having their nasal flu vaccines on Monday! It is always a strange experience for them but quick and painless! **If you missed this please see page 3.** We have had lots of events this week which have involved our parents and it has been very exciting for the children!

### Harvest Service

It was lovely to see so many parents at our Harvest service this week; thank you for attending. We celebrated our Value of Thankfulness during the service, reflecting on the variety of food available to us, the people who grow and sell the food and our local community Food Banks and Community Fridge for ensuring we don't waste food and it goes to local families. Each class took a different focus within the service and prepared all the work themselves. Our Year 6 pupils wrote about food and it's nutritional value and purpose. Year 5 shared their work they had completed through interviewing people who help us in the community to distribute food so it doesn't go to waste. This is through the work of Mrs Howden and the Salvation Army and the local Community Fridges and Food Banks. Year 3 & 4 wrote and read very thoughtful prayers of thanks which included saying thank you to Father Phillip who is leaving this week. Year 2 shared their work on the 'Creation Story and read out what they were thankful for and Year 1 reflected on what they are thankful for in their own lives. The Early Years sang 'Dingle Dangle Scarecrow' and paraded their Harvest Hats. There was lots to see and hear through singing, paintings and reflection. I also want to thank all parents for the generous amount of food donated, which will be shared between the Food Bank and Community Fridge.



### World Mental Health Day

We started World Mental Health Day with an assembly talking about what Mental Health is. Mental health is about our feelings, our thinking, our emotions and our moods. We discussed how we can look after our mental health and how the small feelings that we have every day might come and go like feeling grumpy, nervous, happy, excited or sad. We also talked about the bigger feelings that go on for a very long time and stop us from doing what we want in life. Those can affect our mental health; then we talked about what we can do about it. TALKING was very important and finding someone to talk to about those bigger feelings, so we explored who in our lives we could trust to talk to. We also talked about LISTENING; so if we were that chosen person that someone spoke to, we needed to listen carefully, help them find an adult if necessary and make them feel comfortable. Throughout the day the children explored their feelings, thinking, emotions and moods and identified people they could talk to and trust.

It was especially lovely to be able to involve our parents in some 'Let's Connect' activities in each class this week. You might have been involved in arts and crafts, colouring, being creative or just playing with your child. Those moments we can spend just being creative in any way make such a difference in connecting with each other. So thank you for coming along. Nursery will be holding their 'Let's Connect Session with parents on **Thursday 26th October** 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.'



### Years 5 & 6 Cross Country Trip

Last Friday our Years 5 and 6 took part in a local cross country challenge. This is a tough challenge as it is held at Peachfield Common with some rather large inclines! The children could choose the course they completed and were in amongst other Malvern schools. They had a super morning; they supported each other and did their very best to complete the course they chose! They certainly rose to the challenge and were a credit to the school with their conduct and belief in themselves. Well done!



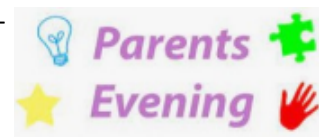
### Reminder– Storytelling Trip for Years 1- 6

During the week of 24th October Years 1-6 will be taking part in a 'Storytelling' festival in Great Malvern. The festival aims to embrace and celebrate Storytelling in all its forms and will focus on children and stories which are central to most children's lives. At St Matthias we want to develop children's love of reading, language and writing, so this festival complements this perfectly! If your child is attending this festival then you have an opportunity to purchase one of the authors books on the day. We have emailed you a letter with the information and if you wish to purchase a book please bring the money to the office to be put in a special envelope for the day. The festival will also be open to the public over the weekend of 28th and 29th October, so please take your families to Great Malvern town where there will be a variety of activities to explore in different locations in Great Malvern. To find out more click on this link <https://www.visitthemaalverns.org/blog/great-malvern-festival-of-stories-for-children/> There promises to be music, puppets, storytelling, illustrators, theatre, authors and so much more!



### Parents' Evening Information.

As shared in Newsletter 4, a few weeks ago, we have our Parent consultation meetings coming up after half term. They will be face to face meetings and held in the school hall. **We will send a text message and email for you to be able to book your appointments online.** For our newer parents, you follow the link, type in the first name of your child and then available appointments will show for you to book. If you have more than one child you need to book each child a slot with their teacher. We cannot guarantee that all siblings will get an appointment on the same night as the bookings are open to everyone at the same time and parents choose their own slots. If you are unable to make the dates on offer, you will receive a short written report and if you wish to discuss it then please contact your class teacher via ClassDojo after you have read the report. If you have difficulty making an appointment then please contact Mrs Kazerooni who can book you in via our system.



This is a great opportunity for you to find out about how your child is getting on academically, ask any questions and share in your child's successes. So please come along.

### PTA Meeting– Monday 3.15pm

Our PTA are beginning to talk about organising our Christmas Fayre. All parents at St Matthias are part of the Parent, Teacher Group commonly known as the 'Friends.' We are holding a meeting on Monday 16th October 3.15pm to discuss our Christmas Fayre. These events raise an amazing amount of money for the school which benefits your children. So please come along and offer your help. Any help no matter how big or small is very much appreciated and we always listen to new ideas! See 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!

**Tyler, Y5,** For being 'trainer of the week' for putting 100% into his weekly practice.

Well done Tyler you are going from strength to strength supporting your football team.

**Tianna, Y4,** for being woman of the match.

**Oakley, Y5,** for being an active member of his team throughout their football match.



There is a **Nasal Flu Vaccine Catch-up Clinic** on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October in Malvern for those parents that have missed the opportunity to consent for their child to have the flu vaccination. This is for children from *Reception to Year 11*. Parents must call 01432 663085 to make an appointment for this clinic. (which can be booked by **APPOINTMENT ONLY.**) Parents will be given the location of this catch-up clinic when they book the appointment.

### 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. Cooper, 1. Ella N, 2. Sofia, 3/4. Edward-Noah, 5. Izzy, 6. Lily P.

Value Leaf for showing Thankfulness: R. Paula, 1. Evie-Grace, 2. Elsie, 3/4. William, 5. Ethan, 6. Kayleigh.

Spotted (Improve Spelling & Editing): R. Reggie Wa, 1. Anastasia, 2. Mason, 3/4. David, 5. Susie, 6. Kaede.

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

Lunchtime Award (for children who have demonstrated our school values outside): Sofia Yr 2

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	94.0%	3	Year 3/4	92.9%	11
Reception	94.0%	7.5	Year 5	98.3%	2.5
Year 1	98.0%	2	Year 6	95.0%	6
Year 2	96.9%	4	Whole School	95.7%	36

There are two sessions in every day, am and pm. All children from Yrs R - 6 attend 10 sessions per week.

**Congratulations to Year 5 for 98.3% this week.**

**Three classes were at or above our target of 96%. Years 1, 2 and 5. 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 Shwab** "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

#### **Photograph Order Deadline**

Thursday 19th October by 6pm

#### **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**

**Applications** 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 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](#))

Report Scam Emails - forward them to [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk)

## 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.