

# St Matthias Newsletter



## St Matthias Church of England Primary School

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**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

**Dear Parents, Carers and Children,**

### Anti-Bullying Week

We started this week off with 'Odd Socks' day for Anti-Bullying Week to show how we are all unique individuals and to celebrate differences. The theme this year was 'Make a noise about bullying' which encouraged the children to tell a trusted person if they needed help or noticed that someone else needed help. We shared a video clip of children informing us about the difference between 'banter' and 'bullying.' We promoted empathy and empowerment amongst our children and reflected on what we could do to make a difference. Then on Tuesday our Worship Warrior team led an Anti-Bullying Worship and dramatized what bullying and banter might look like. It shocked some of the audience and made real impact. However, it also taught the children what to do if they were in that situation.

Thank you Worship Warriors.

During the week each class completed work linked to Anti-bullying in an age appropriate way.



### KS2 Cinema Trip

This week we celebrated 'National Film Week' by visiting Malvern Theatre to see 'Matilda the Musical' at the cinema. We were lucky enough to be offered free tickets to celebrate this event and next week KS1 will also watch a film. The children were incredibly well behaved and enjoyed the film. Mrs Maidens enjoyed the music and drama so much that when they returned her PE session was inspired by the film and songs and the children put together a dance routine! They are going to perfect it next week and then perform it to the rest of KS2!



### Parent Questionnaire

*What do you and your child/children think about St Matthias?*

The governors and school staff appreciate feedback from parents in order to continue to make further improvements for the children of St Matthias. All views are confidential and taken seriously.

We strongly encourage you to click on this link <https://forms.office.com/e/MrFBhaig6c> to complete our questionnaire to share your views. The closing date for the parent questionnaire is Friday 24th November 2023; if you would prefer a paper copy to complete please inform the office.

**Have a good 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.'



### **Yr 6 English Schools Football**

Our Year 6 team of boys and girls attended Dyson Perrins on Friday morning for a football tournament with schools from all over Malvern and the local area. They demonstrated great teamwork and all of the values that make a great team and managed to come away with a couple of great draws. Well done to all involved and congratulations on working so hard in defence.

### **Yr 3/4 Girls English Schools Football**

In the afternoon it was time for the girls from Year 3/4 to walk up to Dyson Perrins for their football tournament. The team started brightly and found positions that suited their skills. Every player performed admirably and huge well done to Charlotte who was a super shot stopper in goal and to Tia for scoring 2 great goals and organising the team so well, demonstrating excellent leadership skills. The girls finished the day with a great victory and a couple of draws, well done to all involved.



### **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!

**Kyle Y1** for achieving his 'I can float on my front' certificate in swimming. We are proud of you!

**Ellie Y5** For taking part in the Remembrance parade in Malvern and representing her Brownie group

**Tyler Y5** for supporting his team to win their match in their recent football game. Well done.

**Coby Y5** for supporting his team to win their match in their recent football game and changing positions to enable the best outcome. Well done.

**We are proud of you all!**





# PTA support needed for our Christmas Fair!

## Calling ALL Parents & Carers - PTA meeting

### Monday 27th November 3.20pm!



Please come along to share ideas and offer your support no matter what that might be.

Everyone welcome to attend the meeting, please attend through the main office where you will be show to the meeting room.



Our Christmas Fair is on **Friday 1st December** and therefore the PTA are now actively organising this event.

Fundraising events are really important for us as they give us the opportunity to give back to the children by purchasing new equipment, helping towards trips and enhancing learning through exciting events in and out of school. So please come along, with a friend and help to raise vital school fund money for the benefit of your child!



## Save the Date—Christmas Fair!

Friday 1st December from 3.30pm

There promises to be lots of Christmassy stalls, tombolas, raffles, Children's gifts, visits to Santa and lots more!



## Christmas Jumpers needed!

**Christmas Jumper Donations.**

We are collecting Christmas Jumpers again this year in preparation for our **Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday 7th December.**

This is a great way of recycling your Christmas jumpers that no longer fit and buying a bargain Christmas jumper for your child!



So please seek out your old Christmas jumpers and **donate them to us asap or by 1st December,**

so that we can raise some vital school funds by selling them to new owners before the 7th December.



# Thank you for your help !



### 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. Olivia, 1. Millicent, 2. Hope, 3/4. Sienna, 5. Lily, 6. Max.

Value Leaf for showing Thankfulness: R. Myles, 1. Ellie, 2. Daisy, 3/4. Marlee-Mae, 5. Harvey, 6. Anisia.

Spotted (Improve Spelling & Editing): R. Elsie-Ann, 1. Zoya, 2. Enzo, 3/4. Shanti, 5. Oakley, 6. Athena.

Book Prize Draw Winner (for children who have read five times): Peter Yr 5

Lunchtime Award (for children who have demonstrated our school values outside): Evie Yr 5

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



**Absences** Please remember to inform Mrs Kazerooni by email or phone before 9.15am if your child is absent from school for any reason. Mrs Kazerooni has responsibility for our registers. Thank you.

**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	76.7%	12	Year 3/4	96.1%	6
Reception	87.5%	15	Year 5	96.1%	6
Year 1	96.2%	4	Year 6	90.8%	11
Year 2	93.4%	8.5	Whole School	92.5%	74
There are two sessions in every day, am and pm. All children from Yrs R - 6 attend 10 sessions per week.					

**Congratulations to Year 1 for 96.2% this week.**

**Years 1, 3/4 and 5 were at or above our target of 96%, Congratulations!**



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 Peace*

**John 14:27** "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."

**Hebrews 12:14** "Make every effort to live in peace with everyone"

**Dalai Lama** "Do not let the behaviour of others destroy your inner peace"

**Gandhi** "The day the power of love overrules the love of power, the world will have peace".

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.

Teachers will be on the look out this half term for children who are really trying hard to be peaceful and to make peace with the children and adults in their lives.

Heavenly Father, We lift up all those who are facing various illnesses. Give them the hope and courage they need today and every day. Comfort their pain, calm their fears, and surround them with Your **peace**. **Amen**.





# NOTICEBOARD



## REMINDERS

### WHOLE SCHOOL EVENTS

**Christmas Fair Planning Meeting  
For ALL Parents & Carers**  
Monday 27th November 3.20pm

**Christmas Fair**  
Friday 1st December at 3.20pm

**Christmas Jumper Day**  
Thursday 7th December

**Christingle Service in Church**  
Wednesday 13th December 9am

**Christmas Puppet Show**  
Monday 18th December am.

**Black Pepper Christmas Dinner**  
Monday 18th December

**Carol Service in Church**  
Wednesday 20th December 9am

### CLASS EVENTS

**Yr 2 Football Team Event at Dysons**  
Tuesday 21st November.

**Years R, 1 & 2 Free Cinema Trip**  
on Wednesday 22nd November am.  
To see Epic Tails. Letter emailed last Friday.

**Reception Hearing Tests**  
Monday 18th January 2024.

## 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 or 2nd hand Uniform; 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** 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.

**HALF TERM BREAK** Saturday 10th to Sunday 18th February 2024.

**SCHOOL & NURSERY CLOSE** Friday 22nd March 2024 at 3.15pm.

### Summer Term 2024

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



Please remember to sign up asap by letting Mrs Kazerooni or Mrs Beale know.

## UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD



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Starting Well Partnership  
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# UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD

Come along to this relaxed, fun group to explore issues including, developmental needs, having fun, communication, sleep and behaviour difficulties.

The group is suitable for families with children and young people from birth to 19 years. This group is also suitable for Parents/carers whose children have additional needs.

### TO BOOK A PLACE:

Call Laura on 07971 095661

Or email [laura.Cartwright@actionforchildren.org.uk](mailto:laura.Cartwright@actionforchildren.org.uk)

Alternatively you can reserve your space by booking on at the school reception office!

Starts Tuesday 9th January 2024 for 10 weeks (excluding school holidays)

9:15am—11:15am

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[www.startingwellworcesters.nhs.uk](http://www.startingwellworcesters.nhs.uk)

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