

St Matthias Newsletter



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Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

It has been a very busy week again at St Matthias, but an exciting one with trips and football events; read on to find out more on the next page! Sent with this newsletter is our Christmas Calendar of events which are coming up for the children. It will be updated each week until the last week of term. This is a long term and we finish for Christmas on Thursday 21st December so there is a lot being planned in the run up to Christmas.

Christmas Fayre

I would like to remind you all that our Christmas Fayre is next Friday 1st December. It will be held in school from 3.30pm until 5pm. Please come along and support us in raising school funds for your children. There will be lots to see and buy. Thank you to everyone who has bought raffle tickets and sold more than the one book given out! There will also be an opportunity to buy them during the Christmas Fayre. Each class has made a gift to sell at the fayre and you will have an opportunity to buy your child's gift during the evening. If you are unable to make the fayre you will be able to purchase the item after the event. We look forward to seeing you all next Friday!



Great Malvern Lantern Parade.

Year 6 had great fun last week when Mrs Boffy came in to make lanterns with them ready for the Christmas light switch on, on Saturday 25th November. They made their lanterns out of willow and had to twist the willow carefully into shape. They then had to wrap Clingfilm around the shape before using paper mache to create a cover. They then decorated the outside layer so when the light is switched on in the lantern the shapes glow. Their lanterns will look stunning in the parade when it is dark and the lanterns light the way! If your Year 6 child would like to take part in the parade with their lantern, they will need an adult to accompany them and should meet at Iceland in Great Malvern at 5.30pm. You will see lots of other people with lanterns and you follow the parade to the top of Church Street where the Christmas Lights are officially turned on. Everyone is welcome to attend the Great Malvern light switch on as this is a public event and there is entertainment on throughout the day. Visit their website for more information <https://www.visitthemaalverns.org/blog/christmasfestival/>



Online Safety Conference for parents and staff

St Matthias will host the ONLINE SAFETY CONFERENCE event from 6.30pm-7.30pm on Monday 27th November in school! A few weeks ago you were all emailed some information about an Online Safety Conference which is being led by West Mercia Police. The event is FREE to all staff and parents as they are very keen to inform us all of the real life crime linked to the digital world. They want to help us all keep our children safe online. You can access this from home through the QR code, however we are also giving you the option to take part by coming into school to listen to this event.



This event has taken many months to organise and is an incredible opportunity to hear from West Mercia Detectives and a Forensic Scientist, who will share real life stories of how children are coming to harm in the digital age. They will also provide three simple steps on how to protect our children. This is an amazing opportunity for our school to support parents with this crucial area of safeguarding, and we really hope you would like to take part. If you would like to attend the event in school please let Mr Thompson or Mrs Beale know through Class Dojo. Tea and Coffee will be provided and a little treat! We ask that NO children come along as the content is not appropriate for them and we cannot provide childcare after hours.

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.'



KS1 Cinema Trip

This week KS1 celebrated 'National Film Week' by visiting Malvern Theatre to see 'Epic Tails' at the cinema. We were very proud of KS1 including Reception class for walking all the way to Malvern town, watching the film and then walking all the way back to school! Such great exercise and they were all amazing! I'm glad the school enjoyed their time over the last two weeks at the cinema! What a treat!



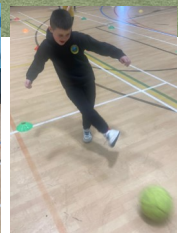
Nursery Trip to the Optician

Nursery class also had a short trip out this week to visit the Opticians. They were visiting to see how the Opticians help people and what they do. They talked to the Optometrist, they were shown pictures of the eyes, looked at the equipment and even got to try on some glasses, if they wanted to! It was very exciting! They also met the shop dog called, Hendrix, he was very friendly!



Year 2 Boys Football

A group of Year 2 Boys walked up to Dyson Perrins on Tuesday afternoon for a football festival. The session started with a warm-up led by Year 9 Dysons children before they were split into three groups in order to take part in skill based activities. There was a shooting station, a dribbling activity and a passing activity. After this we ventured out into the cold to take part in some matches and the children performed brilliantly to win one, draw one and lose one. Everyone performed superbly and we are very proud of how they worked as a team and persevered to develop their skills.



Year 5 Computing Workshop

As part of the transition journey to High School Year 5 took part in a number of workshops at Dyson Perrins. This week they took part in a computing workshop. The children learned how to animate using "The Wick Editor"; Mr Webb, the teacher, was very impressed with their designs and creativity!



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!

Please remember to dojo your outside achievements to Mrs Beale so we can celebrate on a Friday!
Thank you!

PTA support needed for our Christmas Fair!

PLEASE COME ALONG!

Calling ALL Parents & Carers - PTA meeting

On 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 shown 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. Enrico, 1. Imogen, 2. Leo, 3/4. Kai, 5. Poppy F, 6. Sophie.

Value Leaf for showing Thankfulness: R. Eva, 1. Lyla, 2. Libby, 3/4. Ortensia, 5. Brooke, 6. Sam.

Spotted (Improve Spelling & Editing): R. Reggie, 1. Albie, 2. Dexter, 3/4. Addison, 5. Oliver, 6. Jayla.

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

Lunchtime Award (for children who have demonstrated our school values outside): Hunter Yr 1

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	80.9%	10	Year 3/4	81.9%	28
Reception	91.6%	10	Year 5	100%	0
Year 1	95.5%	4.5	Year 6	95.0%	6
Year 2	89.3%	14	Whole School	91.3%	72.5
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 100% this week.

Year 5 were the only class 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".

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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

**Please read the
Christmas Events Diary
sent with
Newsletter 11
on
24th November for a full
list of our exciting
Christmas events.**

CLASS EVENTS

Year 1 History Trip
Thursday 7th December

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 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 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>

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

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.