

# St Matthias Newsletter



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### Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

We love our children's imagination! This week the children in the Early Years have been watching the builders at work. They observed through their window and saw that some plastic sheeting had been put in the big hole that had been dug along with some bricks to start a wall! They started to guess what they were building at the back of school! The children came up with some amazing ideas, a swimming pool, a pond for ducks, soft play ball pit, I quite fancied the swimming pool idea! They decided to interview the builders and found that they were building a new bathroom area. The children also spotted a large amount of bricks near their play area which inspired them to design buildings themselves out of junk modelling, wooden blocks and Duplo. Mr Salmon kept teasing saying that the three little pigs will be along soon to build a house with bright red bricks! I have to say that the children's buildings were completed in a much quicker time schedule than our new building! Our Reception children are keeping a very close eye on the progress the builders are making and are recording all the information in an information book! I can't wait to read it!



### School Council Worship to promote 'Wear it Red Day'.

I was very proud of our School Council Representatives this week as they promoted our first Charity event for 2024, to raise money for the Air Ambulance service. They read beautifully and gave facts about the Air Ambulance service and shared how we can make a difference by wearing as much 'red' as possible and bringing in £1 as a donation. Last year, our whole school gathered on the KS2 playground and created a heart shape. We sent our photograph to the Air Ambulance service as they asked for schools to share their day and that photograph has featured in this year's promotional pack for all schools as part of their 2024 campaign! Isn't that amazing!

This is the third year of the campaign which encourages Primary Schools to wear something red to show love for the Air Ambulance Charity. Last year, they raised over £6000 across 30 schools taking part. That funded four lifesaving missions, two by air ambulance and two by critical care cars. By taking part we are making a difference to many lives and saving lives too.



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.'



## Moments Matter, Attendance Counts.

If your child is absent from school please remember to...

- ♦ Contact the **school office** by 9am to inform Mrs Kazerooni for our registers. Registers are a legal document and your child's attendance is important. You can telephone and speak to Mrs Kazerooni or leave a voice message or email [admin@stmatthias.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stmatthias.worcs.sch.uk)
- ♦ If your child has an appointment, try to enable your child to attend school before the appointment, after the appointment or both as every lesson counts in education.
- ♦ Consider this website designed by the NHS before keeping your child at home... **Is my child too ill for school?** <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>
- ♦ If your child is worried about something, please come and talk to a member of our team, we are always happy to listen and help solve any worries, no matter how big or small. Talking is better than sitting on the worry at home.



### Attendance Statistics

Government Data showed that pupils with higher KS2 SAT results in Year 6 in 2019 had lower levels of absence over their four KS2 years at Primary school, compared to those with lower attainment.

This shows that attendance had a significant impact on learning and meeting the expected standards at KS2.

Attendance and lateness will remain a focus for all schools, including St Matthias and we continue to aim for our school target of 96% attendance. **Our school gates open at 8.40am and lessons start at 8.45am.**

96% and above means only having a maximum of 7 days off a year.

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MATTER,  
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## Reminder of up and coming events:

### Year 6 SATS Information Briefing

Year Six parents are invited to a KS2 SATs Briefing on **Monday 29th January at 2.45pm**. This will be held in the school hall so please come to the office for this time. Mrs West and Mr Thompson will present information regarding the KS2 Statutory Assessment Tests and how you can support your child during the assessment period. We look forward to seeing you there.



### Number Day

Next **Friday, 2nd February**, we will be celebrating Number Day with the NSPCC and schools around the country! I have already heard about '**Maths Hats**' being made at home with parents and grandparents to mark this event and as part of our competition! We can't wait to see all the different designs! I hope you are all feeling creative this weekend to join in with the fun! We can show off the Maths Hats in our Celebration Worship next Friday!



### Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evenings this Spring will be held after half term. A text to book in for this face to face event has been sent to you today via Teachers 2 Parents; please click on the link to book your appointments.

Most Parent Consultations will be held on **Wednesday 21st FEBRUARY with a small amount on Tuesday 20th FEBRUARY**.

The Parent Consultations for parents of pupils with SEND will be held on **Monday 19th FEBRUARY or Tuesday 20th FEBRUARY** to see their class teacher.

**The Parents' Evening has been set up slightly differently this February. So If you have more than one child you might have more than one link to follow.**

**Parents will not get a choice of day, this time, however you will get a choice of time.**

**If you are unable to make the allocated day please contact your class teacher after the event by ClassDojo and they will arrange to meet you at a mutually convenient time. Thank you.**

### Measles

With this newsletter you will receive a leaflet regarding measles. The NHS and National Health England have been sharing that measles in children is increasing due to many children not receiving the MMR vaccine when they were younger. It is very important to read the leaflet emailed with this newsletter and if your child has not received all of their childhood vaccines please contact your GP to discuss this with them. If your child is diagnosed with measles please let us know.

### 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!

**Peter Y5** – for achieving his 50 meter swimming certificate this week. We congratulate your effort with this long swim! Well done Peter!

**Oliver Y5** – for listening to his coach during a football match and taking on board all the advice then being awarded 'Man of the Match.' Well done!



**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	92.0%	5	Year 3/4	96.1%	6
Reception	99.2%	1	Year 5	96.8%	5
Year 1	92.4%	8	Year 6	98.3%	2
Year 2	94.0%	8	Whole School	95.88%	35

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

We are pleased that four classes are at or above our target of 96% - Well done to you!

Congratulations to Reception for the best attendance this week.

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### 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. Myles, 1. Evie-Grace, 2. Enzo, 3/4. Charlie H, 5. Logan H, 6. Connor.

Value Leaf for showing DIGNITY: R. Elsie-Ann, 1. Millicent, 2. Dexter, 3/4. Sienna, 5. Camden, 6. Athena.

Spotted (Improve Spelling & Editing): R. Rayan, 1. Ella N, 2. Rihanna, 3/4. Jake, 5. Fraiser, 6. Anisia.

Book Prize Draw Winner (for children who have read five times): Kayleigh Yr6

Lunchtime Award (for children who have demonstrated our school values outside): Caelyn Yr R

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



Dignity



*As a church school, every half term we concentrate on an important value for life.*

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.

Dignity



**Our Value this half term is DIGNITY** "Dignity — to behave in a composed or serious manner."

**Matthew 19:14** "Let the children come to me for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

**Peter 2:17** "Treat everyone you meet with dignity."

**Dalai Lama** "Love for others and respect for their rights and **dignity**, no matter who or what they are: ultimately these are all we need. "

**Gandhi** "The truest test of civilization, culture and **dignity** is character and not clothing."

Teachers will be on the look out this half term for children who are really trying hard to show dignity in lessons and around school.

**Let's all be dignified in our lives especially in challenging times.**



# NOTICEBOARD



## REMINDERS

### WHOLE SCHOOL EVENTS

Number Day Number Hats!  
Friday 2nd February

Children's Mental Health Week  
from Monday 5th February

Internet Safety Day  
Tuesday 6th February

"Wear it Red Day"  
Friday 9th February

Parents' Evenings  
19th, 20th and 21st February

World Book Day  
Thursday 7th March

### CLASS EVENTS

#### Year 6 Parents SATs meeting

Nursery and Reception Parents  
Luna New Year – Stay and Play  
7th Feb 9am

Years 5 & 6 Optional Bikeability  
Courses 4th to 8th March 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

#### Spring Term 2024

HALF TERM BREAK  
SCHOOL & NURSERY CLOSE

Saturday 10th to Sunday 18th February 2024  
Friday 22nd March 2024 at 3.15pm.

#### Summer Term 2024

SCHOOL & NURSERY OPEN  
**MAY DAY (School Closed)**  
SCHOOL & NURSERY CLOSE  
**HALF TERM BREAK**

**Staff Development**  
SCHOOL & NURSERY OPEN  
SCHOOL & NURSERY END

Monday 8th April 2024 at 8.40am.

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024 - School Closed**

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 3.15pm

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May to Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2024**

**Monday 3rd June 2024 – School Closed**

Tuesday 4th June at 8.40am

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at 3.15pm

Dates for Next Year are on Newsletter 17