

St Matthias Newsletter



St Matthias Church of England Primary School

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Friday 15th March 2024

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Thank you to everyone who took part in St Matthias Mothering Sunday Church service. We were delighted to see so many families represented from across the school. The children stood at the front of the church and sang two songs, demonstrating actions; even the youngest Nursery children came and joined in with singing and actions. It was a very special service. I want to say a special thank you to the children who read so beautifully during the service. It was a lovely service celebrating all of our loved ones who we wanted to think about and thank for 'mothering' us in our lives. On the pillars in the church were hearts formed to make flowers, all of our school children took part in designing a heart; it was lovely to see how they decorated the church. I was so proud of our school and church community.



Easter Service

Our Easter service will be held in St Matthias Church on Wednesday 20th March at 9.15am. The children will arrive as usual and register in their classrooms then head straight to the church. Each class has a special part to play during the service amongst the Easter Songs which all children will sing. We hope you are able to join us.

Our Nursery class are staying at school for this service as they have planned special Easter story activities which are very age appropriate and will allow them to explore this event in an active way.

Reception will model the Palm Sunday Parade.

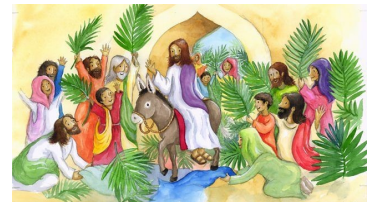
Year 1 are re-enacting The Last Supper and have created a Celebration Dance

Year 2 are leading us with 'Thank you for Loving Me.'

Year 3/4 representatives will share Easter Prayers

Year 5 explain 'What is Salvation?'

Year 6 representatives are reading the story through the service.



Easter is approaching fast with one week left until we break up for the 2 week holiday! With one of my favourite events happening at the end of next week...

Easter Bonnet Parade

Our Easter Bonnet Parade. Apologies for not advertising this sooner, I'm not sure where the weeks have gone, but we will be holding our parade next Friday 22nd March at 9am. Parents are very welcome to stay in the KS1 playground to clap the children as they parade through KS1 playground, past the main entrance, into the KS2 playground, where KS2 children will be clapping, then back onto the KS1 playground. More details on the next page.



Friends of St Matthias PTA meeting

WE NEED YOUR HELP. On Monday 18th March at 3.20pm we are holding a meeting with our 'Friends of St Matthias' PTA group. **EVERYONE** is welcome to attend. We are starting to discuss our Annual Summer Fayre event and all ideas and offers of support are welcome, no matter how big or small! Please come along if you can.

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Beale.

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Easter Fund Raiser

Thank you for the donations so far towards our Easter Egg Wall. We are also grateful to the Morrisons Champion for donating a number of eggs to our fund raiser and the Malvern Community Chest Fund who are also donating a large number of eggs.

The drawer will be held on Friday 22nd March and the last bricks to be sold will be on Thursday 21st March in the afternoon. The more bricks you buy the more chance you have of winning Easter Eggs; you may win more than one! The Easter Wall bricks are sold outside school at 8.45am and 3.15pm. **Each brick will cost £1.**

Please remember to donate Easter Eggs to school for the Easter Egg Raffle. The more eggs that are donated the more names we can pull out of the box. Please be as generous as you can! Thank you!



Easter Bonnet Making

All parents are welcome to make Easter hats at home and bring them in on Friday 22nd March to join the parade at 9am. However, we are putting on a session for parents of children in Early Years and KS1, as follows ...



Nursery and Reception parents are welcome to stay on **Thursday 21st March** from 9am-9.30am to create an Easter hat with your child, in our Early Years Unit. If you have your own hats and materials please bring them with you.

Year One and Year Two parents are welcome to make Easter hats with your children on **Wednesday 20th March** from 2.20pm until 3pm. If you have your own hats and materials please bring them with you.

Our Easter Bonnet Parade will be in the playground on **Friday 22nd March at 9am** just before our Celebration Worship. Please stay and watch the parade on the KS1 playground and clap and cheer as the designs parade through the playgrounds. If you have been invited to the celebration worship, we will invite you in after the parade.

If any KS2 child would like to make an Easter hat at home they are welcome to join the parade on Friday. All the other children will clap the children wearing Easter Hats as they parade through the playground.

Easter Food Vouchers.

Edenred Food Vouchers will be issued next week by **Monday 18th March**. If you are eligible, then please check you have received them by Wednesday 20th March and always check your 'junk/spam' email box. We cannot sort any voucher problems during the Easter break and they must be used within a month.



SEND coffee morning



I am very pleased to invite all parents and carers of children with special educational needs or disabilities (SEND) to our first coffee morning on:

Monday 18th March 9-10am

Tea and coffee or a cold drink and sweet treats will be provided.



The coffee morning is an opportunity for parents/carers of children with SEND to get together in a relaxed and friendly setting. Allowing everyone to share experiences and ask questions with other parents/ carers providing an opportunity to build a support network.

It is always great to realise that you are not alone on this journey; there are many of us out treading a similar path!



It would be great to see as many of you as possible- I will be there myself to enjoy a cuppa and offer any support or answer any questions you may have.

Please note, younger children can come along, there will be a small play area to keep them entertained!

Mrs Joyce (SENCO)



Lent Experience at St Matthias Church.

Thank you to all the volunteers who gave up their time this week to deliver the 'Lent Experience' to each class. The children travelled around the church in groups to 6 activity stations where they learned about the period of lent. Lent starts on Ash Wednesday and finishes with a celebration on Easter Sunday.

Station 1 – Lengthening

The children looked at different items that you may need to take on a journey and guessed what kind of holiday you may go on to need flippers, walking boots, sun cream or a camping mat. We were told that going on holiday could lengthen or stretch your mind as it broadens your experiences, it was compared to spring-time when days start to get longer. We were reminded that Lent is the time before Easter where we learn more about Jesus



Station 2 – Letting Go

The children had to imagine that we travelled back a thousand years ago at a time when days began to get longer (spring). We learnt the Saxon word 'lengthen' which means length. Today we call this time, 'Lent'.

Long ago, at this time, people couldn't eat meat, eggs or drink milk so they had to use up the ingredients because they did not have electricity and a fridge to store them in so people made pancakes.

During Lent, we often try to give things up. Today we learnt that some Christians try to give up feelings because they can hurt us or the people around us such as being impatient, sad, angry or frustration. We heard how emotions can hurt and it is important to let them go and 'give them to God'.



Station 3 – Life Choice

The children felt different fabrics and thought of some adjectives to describe the texture. When the children felt the sack cloth, they described it as 'itchy', 'rough' and 'itchy'. They learnt that in Bible times, if people were sad and wanted forgiveness they would wear sack cloth so they felt close to God.

At this time, they made the mark of a cross on their forehead using ash from burnt palm crosses as a sign that they were trying to be close to God.



Station 4 – Listening

At this station, the children talked about a passport and how it proves who you are. For Christians, Jesus' baptism was the beginning of his journey. The voice of God was heard as Jesus rose from the water saying, "this is my beloved Son with whom I am pleased". A dove came down and flew to Jesus.

Baptism is a sign that you belong to God's family.

Children were invited to make an identity card to show something special about them.



Station 5 - Following

The children were asked to try and tempt Eileen to give us her bag – she was offered chocolate, sweets and money but she resisted. She didn't accept nice things.

They were told how this is very similar to when Jesus was tempted in the desert to show how special he was but he resisted.

We then watched an experiment to show temptation moving away as we placed a finger inside soapy water – the pepper moved away.



Station 6 – Keep Going

The children had a little party and celebrated Jesus' resurrection.

They shared a hot cross bun and recognised the symbol of the cross on top. They learnt how thousands of years ago, spices were very expensive. Jesus resurrection was a very special celebration so spices were used to warm you and make the bun hot, hence the name 'hot cross bun'.



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!

Heidi Y1, for completing her Gymnastic Level 3 award and gaining a medal! Well done, we are very proud of you!

Marlee-Mae Y3, For completing a month of Jujitsu and kickboxing as part of a trial. Well done for putting 110% into these sports, I wonder which you will carry on with!

Tyler Y5, for gaining 'trainee' of the week at his football training session and due to this he will start the football match on Saturday! Good luck with your team!

Whole School certificate for raising £147.91 for the Air Ambulance during 'Red Day.'



Black Pepper School Lunches

Please remember you are responsible for ordering meals for your children during the Easter holiday; please order the meals on or before midnight on 5th April.

You need to choose your child's meal options whether your child is entitled to free meals or whether you pay.

Remember all pupils in Years R, 1 and 2 are entitled to free meals (UFSM) regardless of your income.

Plus all children from low income families are entitled to Free School Meals (FSM). Please use the link below.

<https://www.blackpepperlunches.com/BP-default.php>

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. Logan, 1. Imogen, 2. Albie, 3/4. Anna, 5. Fraiser, 6. Rosie.

Value Leaf for showing HOPE: R. Gracie, 1. Anastasia, 2. Sofia, 3/4. Stanley, 5. Brae, 6. Kaede.

Spotted (Improve Spelling & Editing): R. Reggie Wat, 1. Millicent, 2. Lexi, 3/4. Ortensia, 5. Ethan, 6. Grace.

Book Prize Draw Winner (for children who have read five times): Lexi Yr 2

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

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



ATTENDANCE

Every second, every minute, every hour and every day of learning counts towards your child's education and their future. Please encourage them not to miss out!

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Don't forget...

at the end of every month all children with 100% have their names put into a hat and one lucky child wins a voucher.

and ...

at the end of every full term (ie. 3 times a year) all children with 100% have their names put into a hat and one lucky child wins a voucher.

and ...

at the end of every full year all children with 100% are rewarded with a voucher.

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%	8	Year 3/4	92.9%	11
Reception	86.6%	16	Year 5	96.1%	6
Year 1	80%	21	Year 6	88.8%	13
Year 2	95.5%	6	Whole School	90.4%	81
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 one class, Year 5 is at or above our target of 96% - Well done to you!

Congratulations to Year 5 for the best attendance this week.

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Hope



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.

Hope



Our Value this half term is "Hope"

Isaiah 40:31 "Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint"

Christians see their hope in God's promise, "that love and goodness have and will ultimately overcome all evil"

Dalai Lama "When faced with problems don't lose hope. Keep up your self confidence and don't be too impatient to achieve quick results."

Gandhi "Only he can be a leader who never loses hope"

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



NOTICEBOARD



REMINDERS

WHOLE SCHOOL EVENTS

SEND Coffee Morning

Monday 18th March at 9am

Friends of St Matthias PTA meeting

Monday 18th March at 3.20pm

Easter Service in Church

Wednesday 20th March

Easter Bonnet Parade

Friday 22nd March at 9am

Preparations for Well Dressing

29th April to 2nd May

Well Dressing

Friday 3rd May

Science Enrichment Day

Wednesday 22nd May

CLASS EVENTS

Yrs R and 6 Heights & Weights

School Nurse on Monday 15th April

Yrs R & 1 Dental checks 5yr olds.

Wednesday 24th April.

Year 2 SAT's

During May

Year 6 SAT's

13th—16th May

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

Spring Term 2024

SCHOOL & NURSERY CLOSE

Friday 22nd March 2024 at 3.15pm.

Summer Term 2024

SCHOOL & NURSERY OPEN

Monday 8th April 2024 at 8.40am.

MAY DAY (School Closed)

Monday 6th May 2024 - School Closed

SCHOOL & NURSERY CLOSE

Friday 24th May at 3.15pm

HALF TERM BREAK

Saturday 25th May to Sunday 2nd June 2024

Staff Development

Monday 3rd June 2024 – School Closed

SCHOOL & NURSERY OPEN

Tuesday 4th June at 8.40am

SCHOOL & NURSERY END

Friday 19th July 2024 at 3.15pm

Term Dates for Next Year are on Newsletter 17 and on our website.

Nursery September 2024

Children join our Nursery in the term after they become 3 years old. Therefore, a child can join our Nursery from September 2024, if they were born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021. We cater for 15 or 30 hours; we are flexible with parents' working hours; we have wrap around care from 7.45am to 5.20pm/6pm. If you have not completed an application form please ask for one at the school office and return it to Mrs Kazerooni asap.

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Nursery to Year 6

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Starting school in September 2024 or 2025?

Visits to St Matthias are warmly welcomed!

Come and meet our amazing team and see our school in action!

Nursery 15hr and 30hr funded places and Reception places available.

Looking for a school with an exciting outdoor environment, staff who care about the development of your child, value high expectations alongside nurturing and social development? Then apply for a Nursery or Reception place at St Matthias. Our team of dedicated practitioners plan a curriculum which is both exciting and stimulating based on your child's needs. We value the importance of building strong relationships with both children and parents. Listen to what our parents say about us....

Our School Vision

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‘Educational trips and enhanced experiences complement learning

‘The teachers are all really approachable and genuinely care about your child's wellbeing.’

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Hop into Easter with us!

JOIN OUR FREE EASTER FAMILY CRAFT WORKSHOP

*Primary School aged children with their
families are all welcome to join us for Easter
craft*

*Drinks and snacks included
Thursday March 28th 10:30-12:00*

The Ascension Hall, Somers Park Avenue

For more detail email - schools@mlwc.church