

St Matthias Newsletter



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Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

It has been a very eventful and fun packed week to end this Spring Term. Thank you to all the staff, children, parents and governors for making this term another successful one! We have had lots of visitors in school including Trust visitors, external visitors and governor learning walks and all remark on how engaged the children are in their learning, how positive the children are about school and how there is a lovely atmosphere and working vibe. We are very proud of the children at St Matthias.

We wish you all a very relaxing Easter holiday and look forward to seeing you at **8.40am on Monday 8th April**.

Easter Service

Our Easter service was held on Wednesday 20th March, thank you to all the parents who were able to attend. It was a lovely service which was led by the children. Our Year 5 children started the service by explaining what the word 'Salvation' meant and how we can reflect on our own lives. Our Year 6 readers took us through the Easter story journey, while our Year 1 children acted out the scenes and gave an exuberant celebration dance at the end. Each class had their own special part to play, with Reception waving palms during the song 'Hosanna' and our Year 2 children leading us with sign language for 'Thank you for loving me.' Our service ended with some beautifully written prayers by Year 3 & 4.



Easter Bonnet Workshops

We were wonderfully surprised at how many parents came to our Easter bonnet workshop on Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning this week. The children were very excited to work with families and friends to create their Easter Bonnet masterpieces. They were so proud of their final designs! Thank you to everyone who was able to attend!



Easter Bonnet Parade!

There is always great cheer when we parade our Easter Bonnets through the playground. Lots of clapping and encouragement with proud children and unique hats. We love this event, especially with so many smiles! Thank you parents for staying a little longer on the playground to view this event!



**I wish you a peaceful holiday,
Mrs Beale.**


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SEND Coffee Morning

We started our week with a coffee morning for parents of children with SEND organised by our SENCO, Mrs Joyce. It was lovely to welcome those who could make this first get together, ask questions and share ideas and strategies to support each other. We are holding our next SEND Coffee morning on **Wednesday 17th April from 9am to 10am**.



SEND coffee morning



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

Wednesday 17th April 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)

Spirituality Assembly

Part of being a church school enables us to develop our 'spirituality' as adults and with the children. Our Worship Warriors presented an assembly on 'Spirituality' this week and shared what it meant and how we develop spiritually as people. Spiritual moments are when we provide opportunities for children to 'pause for thought' and reflect deeply. This enables children and adults to think carefully about the world around them and to consider our role within it.

There are different types of moments of spirituality and in school we try and capture each of these moments.

Mirror Moments – These are moments when we think about ourselves

Door Moments – Thinking about others

Window Moments – Thinking about the beauty of the world

Candle Moments – Thinking beyond the things we can see.

As parents, if you would like to know more and support the development of your child's spirituality please watch this video clip. Ensure you are in a quiet space and watch to the end, enjoy!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fl-iXfQMqfE>

This was a very special assembly, our Worship Warriors presented their ideas and their own spiritual moments while explaining each type of spiritual moment. We have a large 'Spirituality' book where we can record our spiritual moments to share with others.



Easter Egg Wall Fund Raiser

Thank you to everyone who bought tickets for the Easter Egg Wall fundraiser. We will let you know how much was raised after Easter when the money has been counted. The children were very excited to see so many eggs on the table in the hall. Many have been donated by parents, local businesses and charities. Thank you to Morrisons and Platform Housing and our parents who donated a large number of eggs.



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!

Alice Y1, For being awarded a beautiful medal for taking part in 'The Big Winter Wander' over February half term with a goal of walking 5km to raise money for the WWF. Alice not only raised over £235 but she exceeded her goal by walking 6km! We are very proud of you!

Mia-Rose Y2, for completing her Stage 2 swimming award and gaining a certificate! Well done, we are very proud of you!

Tyler Y5, for working well as a team to win their football match with a score of 15-1. Tyler achieved 2 assists which enabled goals to be scored. Well done to you and your team!



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. Nevaeh, 1. Bertie, 2. Leo, 3/4. Jake, 5. Ledjana, 6. Camille.

Value Leaf for showing HOPE: R. Rayan, 1. Alice, 2. Libby, 3/4. Harlem-Ocean, 5. Evie-May, 6. Michael.

Spotted (Improve Spelling & Editing): R. Ruben, 1. Zoya, 2. Sienna, 3/4. Evie, 5. Jamie, 6. Darcey.

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): Ellie Yr 1

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



ATTENDANCE

90 pupils had 100% Attendance for March plus a further 5 pupils had between 96% and 99.9%. So 95 of our 177 pupils have attained the DFE target. Well done to you all. The winner of the prize voucher for March is Rosie in Yr 6. Congratulations.

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57 Pupils had 100% Attendance this term from January to March plus a further 43 pupils had between 96% and 99.9%. So 100 of our 177 pupils have attained the DFE target. Well done to you all. The winner of the prize voucher for this term is Imogen in Nursery. Congratulations.

PUNCTUALITY

There have been 123 out of 177 pupils who have been on time every day this term. Well done and thank you for your punctuality, this is a great life skill. Thank you for arriving on time every day.

Attendance The table below shows class attendance statistics for this whole term January to March 2024.

**MOMENTS
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	Percentage	Days missed		Percentage	Days Missed
Nursery	91.5%	52	Year 3/4	94.5%	84.5
Reception	94.8%	61.5	Year 5	95.8%	65
Year 1	91.9%	83.5	Year 6	93.0%	83
Year 2	93.9%	82	Whole School	94.0%	511.5
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 the best attendance this term. Well Done!

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 Parents Coffee Morning
Wednesday 17th April

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 for working parents, from 7.45am to 5.20pm/6pm if required. 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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'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.'

'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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