

St Matthias Newsletter



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Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Welcome to the Summer Term! We hope you had a fulfilling Easter holiday. We are always impressed with how the children come back after a break ready to learn with amazingly positive attitudes. Their focus and readiness for learning enables the children to flourish in everything that they do to achieve the very best they can. This half term is especially vital for our Year 6 pupils as they complete their Statutory Tests in May. The other classes will also complete important assessments during May and June as we analyse their progress and prepare them for their transition in July. In order for the children to achieve their very best, attendance is key and absence including lateness must be kept to a minimum.

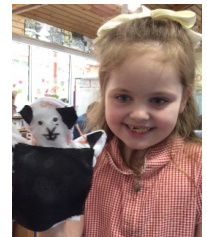
We also have a number of exciting events coming up this term and would like you all to keep reading the weekly newsletters and diary dates on the 'noticeboard' at the end of the newsletter so that you are all aware.

'Open The Book' Worship

It was lovely to welcome the 'Open The Book' team on Monday. Some of the Reception Class enjoyed delivering the message within the bible story 'The Centurion's Servant.' The Centurion's servant was ill, so the Centurion went to Jesus for help. Although the Centurion's Servant didn't see Jesus and Jesus didn't go to see the servant, the servant was healed when Jesus just said the words. It showed that the man's faith in Christ was so strong that Jesus healed the servant from a great distance. Today we can go to Jesus and even though we don't see Him, He will help us. Thank you Reception representatives for being amazing and very brave!



We know we are flourishing when...we feel success, transfer our skills, learn new skills, conquer a challenge!



Have a relaxing 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.'



SEND Coffee Morning

We are holding our next SEND Coffee morning on **Wednesday 17th April from 9am to 10am.**

Please come along and share your thoughts, ideas and be part of a network of support. We welcome any parent/carer with a child with SEND. If you came last time, please come again!



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:

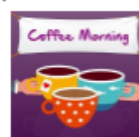
Wednesday 17th April 9-10am

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)



Well Dressing 2024

On the first bank holiday weekend in May, Friday 3rd May, we will dress 'Lord Sandy's Well' in Spring Lane, Malvern. The theme this year is 'Trees.' Each class is working on their own part of the theme linked to 'Trees.' As part of their Art curriculum children will produce finished pieces of art work ready for the Well whilst developing skills and knowledge on colour and sculpture. This is such a wonderful 'real' community event to take part in and show off our work.

On Friday 3rd May we will take all the items to the well and make it look very special, ready for the 'Judging Day' on Saturday 4th May.

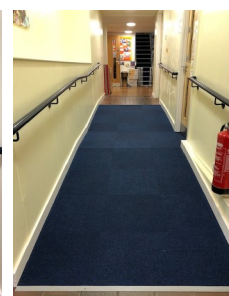
The Well Dressing Prize giving event will take place on **Bank Holiday Monday on 6th May at 2pm** but from 10-4pm there will be family fun activities, music and entertainment in Malvern Priory Park as part of the Water Festival celebrations. We will be there to take part in the Prize giving and if there are any St Matthias pupils at the prize giving event they can help collect any prizes we might achieve,

If you and your family would like to contribute to our well dressing and you would like to create something linked to the theme 'Trees' then you are more than welcome. Please bring in your creations during the week of 29th April so we can keep them safe ready for the event. Anything goes, you cannot go wrong with this project especially if you are feeling creative!

The Malvern Well Dressing Festival runs from Friday 3rd May to Sunday 12th May and there are 50 Wells to visit across Malvern and the surrounding hills. If you would like to find out more click on this link [**Malvern Well Dressing information.**](#)

Building Work update

During the Easter holiday we had an internal ramp built through the centre of the school. Our outside ramps have made accessing our school building much easier and with the internal ramp access through from one end of school to the other is now achievable. The small extension is nearly complete and this will allow for people with disabilities to have a larger space for personal care. The local authority have commissioned many projects in Worcestershire schools to increase accessibility for people with disabilities, St Matthias has been one of those schools. This means that we are able to support pupils with physical needs access our school building in a safe and comfortable way.

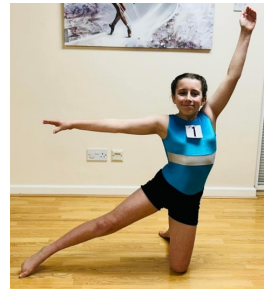


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Outside Achievements

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!

Kayleigh Y6 for completing her dance exam this week and believing in herself and also her dance partner when completing the group task. We can't wait to hear your results in a few weeks. Good luck!



Marlee Y3 for taking part in her first ballet class and being an enthusiastic member of the group. Marlee is enjoying trying new hobbies and skills and we are proud of her for the effort that she puts in.



Ella D Y1 for achieving 'player of the week' for improved football skills! We are very proud of you Ella. Keep up the good work!



Our **Whizz Kids** children took part in a decorating an Easter egg competition for the New Elgar Court Care Home in St Andrews Road. Naomi Steward, their Home Services Advisor, invited a number of schools to take part in the competition and they had a winner from each school. Each Whizz Kids member completed a design and there was also a group design. The winning design, happened to be a group effort! Well done Whizz Kids. The prize was the Easter Egg Design being made into a REAL chocolate Easter Egg! The egg looks too good to break, share and eat! (But I am sure they will).



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. Caelyn, 1. Mia, 2. Sofia, 3/4. Logan H, 5. Coby, 6. Darcey.

Value Leaf for showing WISDOM: R. Teddy, 1. Gabriel, 2. Oakley, 3/4. Edward-Noah, 5. Poppy M, 6. Lily.

Spotted (Improve Spelling & Editing): R. Myles, 1. Ella N, 2. Kyle, 3/4. Ralphee, 5. Logan H, 6. Bonnie.

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

Lunchtime Award (for children who have demonstrated our school values outside): Logan H Yr 3

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





Date to be confirmed

St Matthias CE Primary School

Summer Fayre



Once again, **'The Friends of St Matthias'** are planning an eventful Summer Fayre to help raise funds for the children of St Matthias. It will be open to everyone including members of the public.

There will be craft stalls, a bouncy castle, book stalls, toy stalls, lucky dips, cake stalls, raffles, drinks, BBQ and so much more!



BUT we need your help, Now!

The Friends are holding a meeting at St Matthias School on **Monday 15th April at 3.30pm** and **everyone is welcome to attend**. At this meeting they are discussing the preparations for the fayre, organising a working party to help set up, run stalls and clear away.

The Summer Fayre cannot run without willing volunteers who can spare some time before, during and after the event! Please remember that all funds raised go back to the school for the benefit of your children. So please come along and bring a friend, we appreciate any help that is offered! If you are unable to attend but are happy to help, then please speak to Mrs James who can add your name to the list of willing volunteers.

Thank you in advance, your support is always appreciated!

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 last 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 last term. Well done and thank you for your punctuality, this is a great life skill. Thank you for arriving on time every day. We are proud of you all !

Attendance - The table below shows class attendance statistics for this week, the certificate will be given out next Friday in the award assembly.

**MOMENTS
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	Percentage	Days missed		Percentage	Days Missed
Nursery	96.8%	2	Year 3/4	97.4%	4
Reception	94.6%	6.5	Year 5	98.7%	2
Year 1	94.2%	5.5	Year 6	90.2%	11.5
Year 2	99.6%	0.5	Whole School	96.2%	32
There are two sessions in every day, am and pm. All children from Yrs R - 6 attend 10 sessions per week.					

Congratulations to Year 2 for the best attendance this term. Almost perfect - Well Done!

We are pleased that Nursery, Yr 2, Yr 3/4 and Yr 5 are at or above our 96% target. Congratulations!

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.



Our Value this half term is "Wisdom"

Matthew 7:24-27 Everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practise is like the wise man who built his house upon the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practise is like the foolish man who built his house on the sand.

Proverbs 4:6-7, "Do not forsake wisdom, and she will protect you; love her, and she will watch over you. Wisdom is supreme; therefore get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding."

Dalai Lama "A spoon cannot taste of the food it carries. Likewise, a foolish person cannot understand the wise man's wisdom even if he associates with a sage."

Gandhi "Even as wisdom often comes from the mouths of babes, so does it often come from the mouths of old people. The golden rule is to test everything in the light of reason and experience, no matter from where it comes."



NOTICEBOARD



REMINDERS

WHOLE SCHOOL EVENTS

Friends of St Matthias/PTA meeting in school to plan Summer Fair.
Monday 15th April at 3.20pm

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

Summer Term 2024

SCHOOL & NURSERY OPEN

MAY DAY (School Closed)

SCHOOL & NURSERY CLOSE

HALF TERM BREAK

Staff Training Day

SCHOOL & NURSERY OPEN

SCHOOL & NURSERY END

Monday 8th April 2024 at 8.40am.

Monday 6th May 2024 - School Closed

Friday 24th May at 3.15pm

Saturday 25th May to Sunday 2nd June 2024

Monday 3rd June 2024 – School Closed

Tuesday 4th June at 8.40am

Friday 19th July 2024 at 3.15pm

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