

St Matthias Newsletter



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Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

We have had another busy week at St Matthias where your children continued to flourish in their learning inside and outside.



Spring Games

On Friday some of the Year 3 and 4 children travelled to Bromsgrove to take part in the Worcestershire Spring Games Festival. The group arrived, registered and received their orange games t-shirt of which they were very proud. We then had lunch before visiting the Sports Games Village where we had great fun taking part in rugby and netball challenges before learning some Bollywood dance moves. After this, the children took part in their event, team building and had great fun demonstrating team work, great listening skills, perseverance as well as a great sense of humour. They had lots of challenges to complete with the support of High School young leaders and these included map reading, the smiley face challenge and the drainpipe and tennis ball challenge. Well done to all involved, you were a credit to St. Matthias.



Music Workshop at Dyson Perrins High School

As part of their High School preparation including transition, Year 5 were thrilled to be invited to a music workshop at Dyson Perrins High School on Wednesday this week. The children walked to the event and back again. During their workshop they were able to use computers and keyboards to compose their own music. It was great to see how focused they were, the knowledge they gained as lots of enjoyment was seen!



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

Thanks to all of the parents that joined Mrs Joyce at our second SEND coffee morning earlier this week - it was lovely to see so many people there! It was a great chance for parents to chat and support each other over a cuppa and cake and also have the opportunity to find out more about the support that is out there for families.

Joining us at our coffee morning, was SENDIASS representative, Sally Keane who shared with parents what support is on offer for families through SENDIASS on a variety of different SEND subjects. Their leaflet is on the next page.

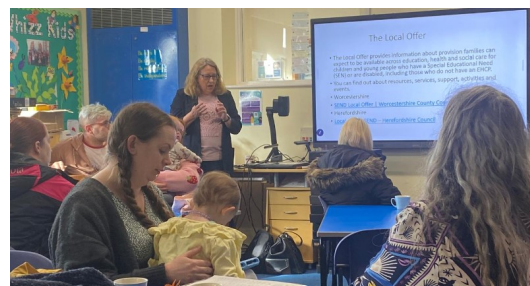
Laura Phillips, one of our parents, also shared her amazing blog which you can find on Facebook and Instagram about days out for families with SEND. The blog shares lots of information and advice for enjoying adventures with your family.



Facebook- [SENsational adventures](#)
Instagram- [Sensational_adventure](#)

Blogging our adventures as an autism family and giving honest reviews while sharing accessibility information for attractions, venues and services available to help families plan their own adventures.

We will be organising another coffee morning soon so keep an eye out for the invitation on the newsletter soon.



British Dyslexia Association FREE webinar

If you would like to find out more about Dyslexia in primary aged children please watch this webinar on Wednesday 8th May 7pm-8pm. You can sign up for the webinar by clicking on this link.

[Free Webinar– Dyslexia Awareness for Primary Aged Children Summer Term 2024– British Dyslexia Association \(bdadyslexia.org.uk\)](https://bdadyslexia.org.uk)

In this webinar they talk about the dyslexia journey for children in primary schools, including:

- ◆ Information on the signs of dyslexia in children in primary school
- ◆ What educators can do to help in school
- ◆ How parents can support at home
- ◆ How the BDA can help and support you

Building work

Our building work has come to an end and the last bits of tidying are happening so we can regain the space and play areas. I would like to say a huge thank you to the builders for being so adaptable and flexible when it came to the safety and priority of the children. Also a huge thank you to the staff and children for being so sensible with the building work going on and listening to all the instructions that made sure they were safe. I know they enjoyed watching the builders at work. Thank you also to parents for adhering to the different routines.

Our Nursery and Reception children can now enter and exit through their own gate again. The Early Years outdoor area is accessible; they will certainly enjoy the freedom and space again. We are a much more accessible school with facilities for children with physical and medical needs.



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!

Daisy Y2 For gaining a certificate at an adventure weekend where they tried many different sports including climbing, abseiling, archery, cycling, a zip wire and a giant swing! Fantastic bravery and learning new skills!

Rosie Y6 For gaining a certificate at an adventure weekend where she tried many different sports including climbing, abseiling, archery, cycling, a zip wire and a giant swing! Well done for being courageous and daring!

Adam Y4 For being captain at his second ever football match and their team achieving a win! Well done, super team work Adam.

Tommy Y4 For being a super team player of his second ever football match and achieving a win! Well done and great team work Tommy.



We Need Your Help



Please see page 5

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. Eva, 1. Cassius, 2. Charlie, 3/4. Marlee-Mae, 5. Zach, 6. Athena.

Value Leaf for showing WISDOM: R. Cooper, 1. Albie, 2. Isaac, 3/4. Adam, 5. Izabela, 6. Poppy.

Spotted (Improve Spelling & Editing): R. Hallie, 1. Ella D, 2. Daisy, 3/4. Jasmine, 5. Peter, 6. Sam.

Book Prize Draw Winner (for children who have read five times): Sam Yr 6

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

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



For Herefordshire families

Call: 01432 260955

Monday – Friday 8:30am – 4:00pm

(24 hour answering machine service is available)

Email: SENDIASS@herefordshire.gov.uk

For Worcestershire families

Call: 01905 768153

Monday to Friday 8:30am – 4:00pm

(24 hour answering machine service is available)

Email: SENDIASS@worcestershire.gov.uk



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Saturday 29th June

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!



We Need Your Help



BUT we need your help, Now!

We had a productive meeting 'Friends' meeting on Monday to begin organising the Summer Fayre for this year. The date to keep free in your diary will be Saturday 29th June. We were disappointed that only a couple of parents were able to make the meeting. We really need more people, at least 30, to help organise this amazing event and we could do with knowing who is available, otherwise it will not be able to go ahead, which will be very disappointing to everyone!

Please remember that all funds raised go back to the school for the benefit of your children. So please sign up to help, we appreciate any help that is offered! If you are unable to attend meetings 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

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!

Punctuality is a life skill which is vital throughout our lives in school, college and at work. Please **arrive at 8.40am every day**.

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.

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

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 | 89.5% | 7 | Year 3/4 | 99.0% | 1.5 |
| Reception | 96.7% | 4 | Year 5 | 98.4% | 2.5 |
| Year 1 | 96.3% | 3.5 | Year 6 | 79.8% | 24 |
| Year 2 | 98.5% | 2 | Whole School | 94.7% | 44.5 |
| There are two sessions in every day, am and pm. All children from Yrs R - 6 attend 10 sessions per week. | | | | | |

Congratulations to Year 3/4 for the best attendance this week. Almost perfect - Well Done!

We are very pleased that Reception, Yr1, 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

Preparations for Well Dressing
29th April to 2nd May

Well Dressing
Friday 3rd May

Science Enrichment Day
Wednesday 22nd 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](#))

CLASS EVENTS

Yrs R & 1 Dental Survey 5yr olds.
Wednesday 24th April.

Year 2 SAT's
During the whole of May.

Year 6 SAT's
13th—16th May.

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

SCHOOL & NURSERY OPEN

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

Wednesday 4th September at 8.40am 2024

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