

St Matthias Newsletter



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Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Well Dressing

At the moment we are preparing for the Well Dressing event which is next weekend! All our Art Lessons are linked to the theme of 'Trees' and classes are exploring different techniques, styles, artists and colour to make the Well look amazing! This is such a super community event and part of the St Matthias tradition! We can't wait to dress the Well next Friday! Judging day is on Saturday 4th May, then on **Bank Holiday Monday, 6th May**, you are all invited to join the Well Dressing Prize giving event at 2pm in Priory Park to hear the results.

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](#).



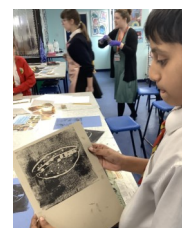
Phonics Workshop for Year One Parents Monday 29th April 2.45pm

Year One parents are invited to a Phonics Workshop ahead of the Phonics Screening Test for Year 1 children which happens in June. This is an important meeting during which we will share what happens during the test, and show you how you can help and support your child to do their very best on the day. Learning phonics is essential as it helps your child to read and write. Without phonics knowledge your child will struggle to decode words. During the teaching of phonics not only will your child learn new sounds and graphemes but they will also learn to blend, decode and segment words for reading which also supports writing development; so please come along.

Trust Art Day

This week, four of our Year 6 children were selected to join 6 of our other Trust and affiliated Schools for an Art Day held at St John's Middle School. The schools who attended were St John's Middle, Catshill First and Middle school, Witton

Middle, Aston Fields Middle, Parkside Middle and of course us! Unfortunately St John's Primary School were unable to make it on this occasion. The children were put into groups for the day and each group were involved in four workshops linked to 'Earth Day' which is an annual event on 22nd April. The global event aims to raise awareness about environmental conservation and the importance of protecting our environment. The skills involved in the workshops were linked to the four elements Wind Fire, Earth and Water. Their activities included: illustration, printing, clay work and creating art with nature in the outdoor environment.



Collecting children from school

Only Year 6 are permitted to walk home from school at 3.15pm, with a permission letter from a parent. A Senior member of staff will have a conversation about safety and route home. If they are in an after school club until 4pm, an adult must collect their child.

Sometimes an older sibling may collect a younger sibling. We are unable to hand your child over to a sibling unless they are with their parent/carer or over the age of 16. We have had experience in the past where children have been unsafe and therefore to ensure the safety of your children we are politely asking you to respect this rule.

Mobile phones

Primary School children do not need to bring a mobile phone to school unless they are permitted to walk home alone in Year 6. Year 6 children **MUST** hand their mobile phone to their class teacher when they arrive; the phone must be turned off. The phone will be kept safely by the teacher until the end of the day. Should any other child, not in Year 6, need to bring a mobile phone into school they must hand this into the office for safe keeping and collect it at the end of the day. No mobile phone or any other home electronic device should be left in bags or lockers during the day.

Have a relaxing weekend, Mrs Beale.

ASPIRE, BELIEVE, ACHIEVE

'Our school family values us all as unique individuals and children of God.
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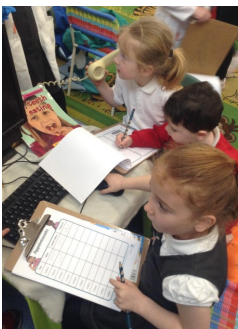


Curriculum Excitement.

A few weeks ago Nursery discovered a giant egg in their classroom. Over the past few weeks, they have been guessing what might be growing inside it. They came up with some super ideas – a chick, a spider, a dinosaur and many more! The children have been looking after the egg, treating it with care and last week it started to hatch! On Friday they arrived at school to discover that 'Steggy' the baby Stegosaurus cracked his way out! The children were very gentle and took turns to stroke him, they gave him a bowl and some leaves so he had food. They also looked at different fossils and made salt dough dinosaur fossils. Next week they are learning about pets and how to look after other animals.



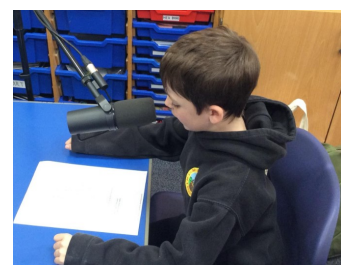
Our Reception Class have been learning how to look after their teeth and taking on the role of 'Dentists.' This helped them when our School Nurses came in to visit and complete their teeth checks as part of the NHS dental health checks for children. Well done for being brave with the school nursing team and remember to brush your teeth twice a day!



Our Year One class have been looking at animal sculptures created by Johnson Zuze who used wire to create the body of the animal and filled it full of objects he found at landfill sites. His motto is 'waste no waste' and is sharing the important message of looking after our environment by turning waste into something else. The Year 1 children created animal sculptures using pipe-cleaners. It was a challenge; they had to practise skills of bending and twisting to form the desired shapes. Perseverance was essential; if they made a mistake or were unhappy with their design they could 'rewind' by undoing it and trying again.



Year Three and Four have been working with an outside drama company called Strange Futures. The company create animations and the Year 3/4 children have contributed to the script and this week were invited to add voice overs and sounds to their performance. They were recorded individually and in groups. We can't wait to see how our input adds to their performance. The animation they are producing is called "On The Bare Hill" and was inspired by the style of the text in "Under Milkwood".



SEND Information

Autism West Midlands Courses

Autism West Midlands are the leading charity in the West Midlands for supporting autistic people. It is their aim to provide specialist support and advice to autistic people of all ages and their families who are living in the West Midlands and surrounding areas, enabling them to meet their full potential.



Autism West Midlands have a wide range of courses which are always being updated. They have the following courses coming up soon:

Online - Spectrum Support Group for Autistic parents – 13th May and 5th August – 8pm

Online - A parents' guide to understanding complex feeding challenges in Autistic Children – 10th June 10am-11am

These courses can be booked, and further courses found on their website: www.autismwestmidlands.org.uk

SENDIASS

Looking for independent advice? SENDIASS are the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Information, Advice and Support Service (IASS) covering Herefordshire and Worcestershire. SENDIASS have a dedicated team of advisors offering legally-based and easily accessible information and advice about special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). In addition to this they offer a wide range of parent support courses. <https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/sendias>

BDA Parents Dyslexia Course

The British Dyslexia Association are running an online Dyslexia Awareness course aimed at educators and parents/carers of children at primary school. In this webinar, they will 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

To sign up visit: <https://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/events/free-webinar-dyslexia-awareness-for-primary-aged-children-spring-2024-2>



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!

Mr Salmon– For taking part in the London Marathon last weekend. We are very proud of you for smashing the marathon in a personal best time of 2 hours and 42 minutes completing 26.2miles. The staff enjoyed tracking your progress on the app!

Tommy Y4– For achieving his Level 3 swimming certificate. We are really proud of you Tommy keep up the great work!

Logan Y4, For being nominated by a neighbour for coming to her rescue when she dropped some shopping and was struggling to carry things from her car as she is pregnant. Logan was not asked, he just jumped into action and went to her rescue offering his help. She really appreciated it and thought it was a super act of kindness! Thank you Logan!



We Need Your Help



Please see page 7

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. Olivia, 1. Gabriel, 2. Kyle, 3/4. Stanley, 5. Lilly, 6. Jayla.

Value Leaf for showing WISDOM: R. Paula, 1. Imogen, 2. Enzo, 3/4. Jacob B, 5. Poppy F, 6. Michael.

Spotted (Improve Spelling & Editing): R. Noah, 1. Lyla, 2. Miriam, 3/4. Sienna, 5. Brooke, 6. Shiv.

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

Lunchtime Award (for children who have demonstrated our school values outside): Mason 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!

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.

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	Percentage	Days missed		Percentage	Days Missed
Nursery	93.0%	4.5	Year 3/4	90.0%	15.5
Reception	95.0%	6	Year 5	92.6%	11.5
Year 1	96.8%	3	Year 6	88.9%	13
Year 2	90.4%	13	Whole School	92.1%	66.5
There are two sessions in every day, am and pm. All children from Yrs R - 6 attend 10 sessions per week.					

Congratulations to Year 1 for the best attendance this week. Well Done!

We are very pleased that Yr1, 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

Well Dressing Prize Giving
Monday 6th May 2pm See Pg1

Science Enrichment Day
Wednesday 22nd May

Open Morning
Tuesday 2nd July 9.30 – 11.30am

CLASS EVENTS

Year 2 SAT's
During the whole of 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

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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.



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!

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Nursery to Year 6

'ASPIRE, BELIEVE, ACHIEVE'



**Starting school in September 2024 or 2025?
All welcome to our Open Morning!**

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

OPEN MORNING

**Tuesday 2nd July
9.30am-11.30am**

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Our School Vision

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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.

'Thank you for giving
 *** such a positive
 start to school life'

'My child talks about school constantly at home and plays schools at home. It is so lovely to stand back and listen to her being the teacher and it just goes to show what positive role models you are.'



'My child is coming out of her shell and joining in and making friends... this is so lovely to see'

Starting Well Partnership, South Worcestershire

Parenting and Community Teams

<p>Starting Well Partnership Website</p> <p>For information on all of our service and Family Hubs go to the Starting Well Partnership website: https://www.startingwellworcs.nhs.uk or scan this QR Code</p>	
<p>Starting Well Partnership (SWP) Facebook page </p> <p>For lots of local information, tips and advice follow our Facebook page: Starting Well Partnership - South Worcestershire Worcester Facebook or scan this QR Code</p>	
<p>Parenting Courses</p> <p>We offer a wide range of FREE courses to support families within Worcestershire. Working in partnership with families to offer support for parents & children in Worcestershire. View our range of courses by scanning the Trybooking QR code. Or request support using the link below or QR code https://startingwellworcs.nhs.uk/request-support</p>	
<p> trybooking</p> <p>Visit our ticket website to book a place on a free virtual parenting discussion workshop or one of our local face to face Parenting groups. www.trybooking.com/uk/eventlist/startingwellpartnership</p>	
<p>Chat Health</p> <p>Chat health is a confidential text messaging service that enables young people aged 11-19 in Worcestershire to contact a School Health Nurse. They can discuss a wide range of issues including bullying, emotional health, relationships and wellbeing. For more information, please go to: https://chathealth.nhs.uk</p>	
<p>Parent Talk</p> <p>Down-to-earth parenting advice you can trust. We're here for you, when you need us. Find answers to parenting questions in our advice articles. Or talk to a parenting coach about anything that's worrying you. It's all free, and no topic is too big, small, or embarrassing; https://parents.actionforchildren.org.uk/</p>	
<p>SWANS (South Worcestershire Additional Needs Support)</p> <p>A friendly, nurturing support group for parents, family members and carers of children with Additional Needs, covering ALL of South Worcestershire. They meet to discuss your SEN journey as well as having presentations from time to time from professionals in the SEN field. They meet face to face at Worcester Countryside Park and virtually via Teams to enable people to access the group as and when they can; we know not every time suits everyone. Find us on facebook, SWANS (South Worcestershire Additional Needs Support) or scan the QR code here. Email Hollie for more information on: Hollie.carver@actionforchildren.org.uk</p>	

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