

St Matthias Newsletter



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Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Our Value of Thankfulness

During our worship this week, we have been celebrating the value of 'Thankfulness.' We started the week off by thinking about all the people in school; the lunchtime supervisors, the pupils, the teaching assistants, the secretaries, the caretaker and teachers. We discussed the part they play, their importance and what would happen if they were not there. The pupils were excellent at describing what roles each person did and why we needed each other to create our wonderful school community and then we thanked God for the gifts he had given us to share with our unique St Matthias family.

At the end of the week we invited a very special person to our worship; someone who is a part of our school, but rarely gets to visit us *in* school... Mr Wilkes, our School Crossing Patrol Officer. We welcomed him into our worship for two reasons; firstly, to thank him for the excellent work he does to keep us all safe when we are crossing the road to get to and from school. Every day, come rain or shine, he stops the traffic, wearing his hi-visibility coat and holding his 'Crossing Patrol Lollipop stick' and sometimes he takes his life into his hands for us!

Secondly, we invited him into worship to tell him that he is our 'real life superhero.' We heard through one of our families that Mr Wilkes had saved someone's life with his quick reactions and knowledge of responsive first aid. We felt that this was something that we needed to thank him for, even though we didn't know the person he had saved - through his knowledge and quick thinking he enabled someone to survive. We think you are amazing Mr Wilkes, our Superhero! Thank you for visiting us in our worship.



Something NEW: St Matthias Book Swap Library!

At St Matthias we know how important it is to read and enjoy books for pleasure.

Reading and developing a love of books at an early age enables children to develop a greater general knowledge, expand their vocabulary and become more fluent readers.

Sharing a good book/story with your family also builds strong relationships and creates quality time together. From reading a bedtime story, to having 10 minutes without an iPad, phone or television, to sit and share a book on the settee, talking about the characters, predicting what might come next and learning a new word or two to find out a

meaning helps develop your child's education. With this in mind we have created a 'Book Swap Library' in our entrance to school. We have a number of books for all ages and you are welcome to bring a book and swap it for a book on the shelf. Once you have read and enjoyed that book, for however long you wish, you can bring it back and swap it for another one. When you bring/swap books, we just ask you to put it in the box under the shelf so we can safely sanitize it for the next reader! Happy reading!



Have a wonderful 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.'



Year 6 Visit to Dyson Perrins High School

Yesterday, Year 6 walked to Dyson Perrins High School for a languages workshop. This was a great opportunity for our Year 6 pupils to have a taster of what it will be like at High School.

'At Dyson Perrins we did a languages workshop. The teacher greeted us with 'Bonjour' and we went over everything that we knew about French. Then we learned how to tell people about ourselves. Then we listened to music and we had to guess what type of music it was. After that we wrote about ourselves on a card person and could design them in anyway we liked. Lastly we said 'Au revoir' and we returned to school. We had a great time.' A summary of the workshop by Niamh and Lydia.

Don't forget Year 6 pupils high school applications must be completed online by Sunday 31st October 2021.

If you have not already applied for a high school place you can do so by clicking on this link https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20099/school_admissions



Strange Futures Year 5 Workshop

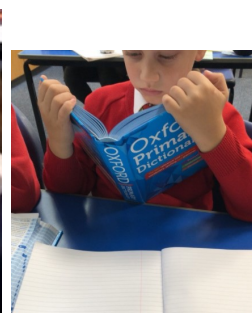
Year 5 visited Malvern Cube yesterday. While they were there they enjoyed making their own animations from card and sketched drawings. With support from students from Worcester University they learned how to use the Stop Motion app to bring their animations to life! They had to move each aspect of their animation a little bit at a time (20 images per second!) before they could stitch it together into their final animation masterpiece. They were excellent role models for the school, flourished at learning new skills and achieved successful animations which may become part of the Strange Future's next creation.



Busy Learners across the school.



Who's behind the mask? Year 4!



Parent Consultation Meetings

We are looking forward to discussing your child's progress at our virtual parents evening next week (11th October-14th October.)

If your child is in Years 2-6 you will have received a Teams guide on how to access your virtual parents evening. If you didn't see your email the information is on your child's class page on ClassDojo.

If your child is in Nursery, Reception or Year 1 you will receive a 'Zoom' code from us to join the meeting. You can access 'Zoom' by typing zoom.us into google search and clicking on 'join a meeting,' it will then ask for a code, type in the code which you have been sent and this will take you to a waiting room for your parent consultation.

If you have any difficulties please send a dojo message to your class teacher and they will do their best to answer at an appropriate time to make a telephone call to you as an alternative.

September Attendance - An amazing 104 pupils had 100% attendance during September. Well done to you all.

Celebration Worship Awards

Every Friday we hold a 'Celebration Worship' to give out awards to our children to celebrate their achievements. Currently these are held virtually from the classroom using either Teams or Zoom.



Certificates (Effort in their work): R. Charlie, 1. Edward-Noah, 2. Tommy, 3. Poppy, 4. Alumie 5. Leo, 6. Casey.

Value Leaf (for showing Thankfulness): R. Kyle, 1. Isabella, 2. Charlie, 3. Oakley, 4. Kaede, 5. Glyn + Adam, 6. Abigail

Spotted (Improved spelling): R. Isaac, 1. Logan, 2. Charlotte, 3. Poppee, 4. Rosie, 5. Layla, 6. Ava-Rose

Book Prize Draw Winner (for children who have read five times this week): Poppy M Yr3

Lunchtime Award (for children who have demonstrated our school values outside) Zach Yr 3

Achievements Outside School

Harvey M - We congratulate you on your Christening at St Matthias church last Sunday, when you were welcomed into God's family.

Mrs Philgence for completing and passing your Lexonic sound training with flying colours!



As a church school, 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 focus on what they mean in our lives and in our relationships with each other.



Our Value this half term is Thankfulness

Colossians 2:7 Let your roots grow down into him and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught and you will overflow with thankfulness."

Psalms 118:2 "This is the day that the Lord has made: let us rejoice and be glad in it."

Dalai Lama "When you practise gratefulness, there is a sense of respect towards others"

Charles Shcwab "The way to develop the best that is in a person is by appreciation and thanks. Be **thankful** for what you have; you'll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don't have, you will never, ever have enough. He is a wise man who does not grieve for the things which he has not, but rejoices for those which he has."

Adults in school will be on the look out this half term for children who are really trying hard to be thankful and grateful for the good things in their lives.

We are thankful for the gifts God has given each and every one of us to enable us to be unique individuals and make a difference in our own ways.



NOTICEBOARD



Reminders

Whole School Events

Virtual Parents Evenings (See Pg3)

Nursery 11th + 12th October.

Reception to Yr 6 13th + 14th October

Harvest Festival (No Parents)
Thursday 21st October

Nasal Flu Vaccine (Yrs R - 6)
Wednesday 24th November (am)

Class Events

Years 3 - 6 Virtual author event
Joseph Coelho CLPE "Happy Here"
book on Wednesday 13th October.

Year 5 Literature Festival
Thursday 14th October

Year 6 Animation Workshop
Thursday 14th October

Years 5 and 6 Cross Country Run
Friday 15th October

Year 5 Teaching Tree Trip
Monday 18th October

Early Years Clive's Fruit Farm
Tuesday 19th October

Year 4 Animation Workshop
Thursday 21st October

Year 6 Closing Date for High
School Applications is Sunday 31st
October

HELPFUL INFORMATION

Severn Trent Water - Big Difference

Help that is available from **Severn Trent Water** for reducing water bills for families with low household incomes. If eligible for the scheme, you could receive a discount of up to 90% off your water bill and potentially suspend any arrears. Please click here for more information.

<https://bigdiff.co.uk/login.php>

Platform Housing customers only

Platform Housing have launched a 'Wellbeing Fund' for all customers to access in order to help cover the cost of food, essential items such as school uniforms, energy and utility costs as well as helping to bridge the gap between a benefit application and first payment. You can apply following this link.

<https://www.platformhg.com/wellbeing-fund>

Covid 19

COVID-19 symptom check ([click here](#))

Book an NHS COVID 19 test ([click here](#)) or ring **119**

Book a COVID-19 Vaccine ([click here](#))

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](#))

Family Support

Child Line - 0800 1111 for free

School Nurse - 01684 612668

Family Front Door - 01905 822666 to report a concern about a child or request extra help for a family.

The Family Hub for parenting support and advice ([click here](#))

Parent Online Safety Information ([click here](#))

Malvern Hills Housing support ([click here](#))

Who to contact in school and how

MRS KAZEROONI for:- Attendance issues, reasons for absences, request any forms, change of address or phone numbers, general enquires, urgent contact, 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 (Only works Mon - Thu) for:- Whizz Kids booking, paying any bills/invoices for nursery, trips, music lessons, PE kit etc please email finance@stmatthias.worcs.sch.uk or Phone **01684 574984** and ask to be put through to Mrs James.

CLASS TEACHER for:- classroom issues, learning or behaviour related, use ClassDojo or Tapestry. 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, visit their website <https://www.blackpepperlunches.com/BP-default.php>

TERM DATES

AUTUMN TERM 2021

SCHOOL CLOSSES

Staff Training Day

HALF TERM BREAK

SCHOOL CLOSSES

Thursday 21st October 2021

Friday 22nd October

Friday 22nd to Sunday 31st October

Friday 17th December 2021.

SPRING TERM 2022

Staff Training Day

SCHOOL OPENS

HALF TERM BREAK

Tuesday 4th January 2022

Wednesday 5th January 2022

Saturday 19th to Sunday 27th February