



St Matthias Newsletter



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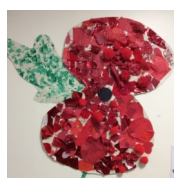
Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Remembrance Day Thursday 11th November

Remembrance day started with each class watching a beautiful animation of war through the eyes of animals, if you would like to view it, click on this link

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jeR5JWalcpo>

At 11am, on Thursday 11th November, to show respect for those who fought or died in the line of duty during wars of the 20th and 21st centuries, each class joined together on the playground, united as a school family to take the moment of silence. The moment started with everyone including the youngest pupils listening to the Last Post, followed by a 2 minutes silence. During the day many classes created art work linked to poppies.



Flu Nasal Vaccines – Wednesday 24th November

A big thank you to everyone as we have had 100% of Nasal Flu Forms returned. The nurses will come into school on Wednesday 24th November and administer the nasal flu inoculations for those who have signed up for it.

If your children are in Yrs R—6 and are new to our school and did not get the flu letter please tell Mrs Kazerooni asap.

What do you and your children think about St Matthias?

The staff and governors appreciate all feedback from parents in order to continue to make further improvements for the children of St Matthias. Therefore we would like you to complete this parental questionnaire where all views are taken seriously and confidentiality will be maintained.

As a staff team, we will analyse your views where strengths and areas of developments will all be considered to further develop the school for the benefit of your unique children.

Please give us your views by clicking the link <https://tinyurl.com/8mjyupam> and completing this questionnaire by **Friday 26th November 2021**. We are genuinely interested in your responses so please take this opportunity to let us know what you like most and what you would like to see put in place in the future.

A Polite Reminder

Please could I ask parents to be mindful of their conversations while waiting to collect children particularly after school. It has been noted that there have been some loud, inappropriate conversations and language on school premises this week; the windows are open to offices and classrooms enabling good ventilation through the pandemic, so you can be heard. So please remember to be respectful and considerate to the pupils and staff working.

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.’



Whizz Kids– Wraparound care

Whizz Kids is our wraparound care from 7.45am until 8.45am and after school from 3.15pm until 5.20pm. The sessions are run by experienced staff who organise creative activities to keep your children safe and entertained whilst you work or play! If you would like your child to attend please booked in advance through Mrs James by emailing finance@stmatthias.worcs.sch.uk



Remember, Remember the 5th of November

Early Years celebrated Bonfire Night last Friday with a 'real fire' and hot sausages! They discussed safety around fires, the reasons for celebrating Bonfire Night and had a truly wonderful time cooking sausages!!



School Council News

This week our school council met to discuss some fund raising ideas in the run up to Christmas and into next year but also important events to celebrate as a school. This is being kicked off on **MONDAY 15th NOVEMBER** by promoting 'Anti-Bullying Week' and **Odd Socks Day**. The theme this year is 'One Kind Word' Let kindness fuel kindness this Anti-Bullying Week from 15th-19th November. We really want to support this event as it supports our vision as a school recognising that we are all unique individuals with our own strengths and gifts from God and therefore appreciated respectfully by everyone. Click here to find out more and watch the videos

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/anti-bullying-week-2021-one-kind-word>



Century Winter Cup Challenge

You may be aware of the programme we have in school called 'Century' where children log on to their own account and complete homework and assignments (also known as Nuggets) set by their teachers. During November, Century have launched a Winter Cup challenge to complete as many 'Nuggets' as possible. We are competing within classes, across KS2 and internationally with schools who use Century. During week 1, the winners who completed the most 'Nuggets' in each class were;

Year 3: Ethan

Year 4: Max

Year 5: Scarlett

Year 6: Lily You have all received a certificate today in Worship. Well done! Keep working hard and we will see who completes the most Nuggets next week!



Outside Achievements

We have more outside achievements to celebrate 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! Well done, we are very proud of you all!



Charlie Yr R, achieved his Duckling swimming certificate and 3 badges.

Tommy Yr 2, achieved his first swimming certificate and passed Stage 1.

James Yr 3, achieved a level 6 certificate for gymnastics.

Lily Yr 4, achieved a swimming certificate stage 3.



Macie-Leigh Yr5, received a certificate from the Little Princess Trust for donating a length of her hair. - The Little Princess Trust is a charity which provides real hair wigs to children and young people who have lost their own hair through cancer treatment or other medical conditions. If you would like to find out more please click on this link. <https://www.littleprincesses.org.uk/our-story>



Attendance

There are 365 days in a calendar year, 175 of them are not school days – that's plenty of time for shopping, days out, parties, holidays, appointments and visiting family and friends.

Good attendance means being in school **over 96%** of the time. In a school year, that means being in school on 183 out of the 190 school days. The table below shows class attendance statistics for this week.

Congratulations to the 111 children who had 100% attendance for October and to the 76 children who have 100% for the whole first half term! Amazing Achievement!

	Percentage	Sessions missed		Percentage	Sessions Missed
Nursery	86.6%	14	Year 3	97.2%	8
Reception	90.7%	20	Year 4	94.1%	12
Year 1	88.4%	15	Year 5	95.0%	13
Year 2	96.8%	6	Year 6	96.2%	11
There are two sessions in every day, am and pm. All children from Yrs R - 6 attend 10 sessions per week.					

Well done to Years 2, 3 and 6 for above 96% attendance. Well done to Year 2 for the least amount of missing sessions.

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. Kyle, 1. Shanti, 2. Tianna, 3. Megan, 4. Grace 5. Ruby, 6. Evie.

Value Leaf (for showing Peace): R. Leo, 1. Isla, 2. William, 3. Lily, 4. Jayla, 5. Jessica, 6. Finley.

Spotted (Improved spelling): R. Libby, 1. Edward-Noah, 2. Adam, 3. James, 4. LilyP, 5. Macie-Leigh, 6. Lexi

Book Prize Draw Winner (for children who have read five times this week): Shanti Yr 1

Lunchtime Award (for children who have demonstrated our school values outside) Daisy Yr R

Lexonic Certificates for 'Sound training': Poppy Y4, Jayla Y4, Kaede Y4, Lily-May Y5, Macie-Leigh Y5 & James Y5

Achievements Outside School - please see Page 2 for details - Well Done All !



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 Peace

John 14:27 "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."

Hebrews 12:14 "Make every effort to live in peace with everyone"

Dalai Lama "Do not let the behaviour of others destroy your inner peace"

Gandhi "The day the power of love overrules the love of power, the world will have peace".

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.

Teachers will be on the look out this half term for children who are really trying hard to be peaceful and to make peace with the children and adults in their lives.

Heavenly Father, We lift up all those who are facing various illnesses. Give them the hope and courage they need today and every day. Comfort their pain, calm their fears, and surround them with Your **peace**. **Amen**.



NOTICEBOARD



Reminders

Whole School Events

Anti-Bullying Week – 15th to 19th November

Odd Socks Day— Monday 15th November

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

Christmas Service (SCHOOL ONLY)
8th December

Christmas Jumper Day to raise money for Save The Children, bring £1 & wear your Christmas Jumper. Friday 10th December.

Christingle Service (SCHOOL ONLY) 15th December

Class Events

Year 2 Farm Nativity Trip
Thursday 2nd December.

Year 1 Commandery History Trip
Thursday 9th December.

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 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 (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 speak 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

Friday 17th December 2021.

SPRING TERM 2022

Staff Training Day

SCHOOL OPENS

HALF TERM BREAK

SCHOOL CLOSSES

Staff Training Day

Tuesday 4th January 2022

Wednesday 5th January 2022

Saturday 19th to Sunday 27th February

Thursday 7th April 2022

Friday 8th April 2022