

St Matthias Newsletter



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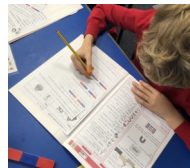
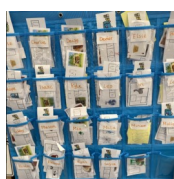
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Friday 26th November 2021

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

It has been another busy week at St Matthias. I have visited lots of classes to join them in their learning. I was really impressed with the high expectations and engagement of learning; the children always enjoy sharing what they have learned and are always so proud of their achievements. I have seen learning inside and outside the classroom and even spotted the Year 4 children learning about solids, liquids and gases outside, as they turned themselves into particles and formed each state



Christmas Events

A Christmas events calendar has been emailed with this newsletter. It contains activities which have been organised over the next few weeks. Please note dates for Christmas Jumper Day (Friday 10th December), Christmas lunch (Monday 13th December), opportunities for the children to purchase a gift from the Present Room (£2 per gift) and other exciting Christmas events such as party days.



Christmas Jumper Donations

We would like to ask if any parents or friends of parents have any Christmas jumpers that they are not using this year and are able to donate to school. (They might be too snug now or you might have a new one). We are hoping that we can sell the donated Christmas jumpers, for a small cost, on Monday 6th December after school. This is a great way of recycling Christmas jumpers that are unwanted and other people making use of them. If you have any Christmas jumpers and are willing to donate them to school please send them in next week.



Christmas Present Room

One of the most popular fundraising events at Christmas is our Christmas 'Present Room.' This is a 'Child only zone' where they get to pick a present for a family member, wrap it up and keep it until Christmas for that loved one.

To gather gifts for the 'Present Room' we are holding a '**Non-School Uniform Day**' on **Friday 3rd December**.

Your child can wear, warm non-uniform clothes and sensible footwear to school in return for something for the present room. For example, soaps, chocolate, stationery, fragrances, jewellery, but NO Alcohol.

All items will be quarantined until the following week, where an army of volunteers will sort and set up a 'Present Room' for the children to select their gifts.

Have a peaceful 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.'



Christmas Fundraising

Also with this newsletter is a list of items which can be ordered using the attached order form. There will be printed forms at the front of school should you need one. Completed order forms should be put in an envelope, clearly named with the correct money and then placed in the box outside of school. The ordered items will be sent to you after processing during the last two weeks of term.



Christmas Lunch

On **Monday 13th December** we will be sharing in a lovely Christmas lunch. The children will be able to pull a cracker and listen to some Christmas music while they eat. Blackpepper Lunches are offering a delicious Christmas lunch and even if you do not normally have a hot dinner you can choose to have one for this day. If you prefer to have your own packed lunch you can bring a special Christmas lunch-box of your own with some treats from home. If you would like a Christmassy lunch from Black Pepper on Monday 13th December just log on, select your option and pay online by **Sunday 5th December**.



<https://www.blackpepperlunches.com/BP-default.php>

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 3, the winners who completed the most 'Nuggets' in each class were;

Year 3: Jamie

Year 4: Michael

Year 5: Layla

Year 6: Niamh You have all received a certificate today in Worship. Well done!

Class effort

Year 3– 2410 questions completed

Year 4– 1437 questions completed

Year 5– 3376 questions completed Well done Year 5, amazing work!

Year 6– 1360 questions completed



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, achieved a swimming certificate **stage 2**

Elise Y3, received a Brownie certificate for completing her Brownie promise, I remember completing mine when I was your age and I can still remember it!

Adam Y2, has been awarded his first two Beaver badges, one for cooking and one for craft.

Poppy Yr4, received a certificate from the Little Princess Trust for donating a length of her hair and also raising £245 for the charity. - 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.](#)



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.

The class attendance for this week is as follows:-

	Percentage	Sessions missed		Percentage	Sessions Missed
Nursery	88.0%	13	Year 3	91.7%	24
Reception	95.6%	10	Year 4	94.4%	12
Year 1	77.0%	28	Year 5	96.4%	9
Year 2	93.8%	12	Year 6	98.6%	4
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 **5 and 6** for **above 96% attendance**.

Well done to Year 6 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. Mason, 1. Isla, 2. Tommy, 3. Lilly, 4. Kaede 5. Mayzee + Olivia, 6. Alyshia.

Value Leaf (for showing Peace): R. Rihanna, 1. Pippa, 2. Jacob M, 3. Ethan, 4. Archie, 5. Macie, 6. Evelyn Bs.

Spotted (Improved spelling): R. Daisy, 1. Charlie 2. Loki, 3. Logan C, 4. Sam, 5. James, 6. Lacey

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

Lunchtime Award (for children who have demonstrated our school values outside) Daisy Yr R + Megan Yr 3

25m Swimming Certificates this week : Sam, Evelyn, Lexi, Abigail, Lacey, Martha, Eveline, Dominic, Ava-Rose, Chase and Leo G.

Achievements Outside School - Please see Page 2



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

FOR DETAILS OF ALL CHRISTMAS EVENTS PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHED PLAN

Christmas Trees Arrive
Wednesday 1st December

Christmas Post Boxes put in
Classes ready for you to post cards.
Wednesday 1st December

Non Uniform Day
Friday 3rd December
If you bring a gift for an adult for
the Present Room you can wear
your home clothes today.

Class Events

Year 5 Science Workshop at Dysons. Monday 29th November.

Year 2 Farm Nativity Trip
Thursday 2nd December.

Year 3 Local Geography Walk
Friday 3rd 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 CLOSES

Friday 17th December 2021 at 4.15pm

SPRING TERM 2022

Staff Training Day

SCHOOL OPENS

HALF TERM BREAK

SCHOOL CLOSES

Staff Training Day

Tuesday 4th January 2022

Wednesday 5th January 2022 at 8.45am

Saturday 19th to Sunday 27th February

Thursday 7th April 2022

Friday 8th April 2022