



# St Matthew's Friday Feature



*Friday 8th September 2017*

## *Welcome Back!*

Welcome back! All our children have settled in quickly, eager to learn after their exciting time away from school. Thank you for your support in ensuring they are in school promptly and appropriately dressed. They have made an excellent start and a very positive impression on our new teachers. All our new teachers have also settled in well over the holidays and have been incredibly eager to start the term! I am sure it will be a successful one.

Over the Summer holidays our School has been a hive of activity with all teachers in school establishing their outstanding learning environments. New pathways and safety fences have been erected to the front of school, with a new gate and pathway to the Year 2 / 3 cloakroom area at the front of the school which is already proving to be a success, aiding congestion and visibility problems when parents are dropping off or collecting at the end of the school day.

Our new fencing on the way to Nursery / Reception it is now much safer in ensuring our smallest children are safe and secure away from any transport on the school driveway. We are aware of the kerb and this is being dealt with.

We also have newly refurbished corridors and an RE Library area in the school hall designed and installed by 'Incube' who also designed our school Library which have created far more usable and inviting areas for our children.

An impressive new CCTV system has been installed around the school with 14 new cameras to ensure your children and our school site are kept safe and secure.

We also welcome 24 student teachers from the West Midlands Consortium (Thomas Telford) who will be using St. Matthew's as their training Centre this Year, beginning with three weeks training facilitated by the training centre, and subsequently training here every Friday. Mrs Beyer (ex St. Matthew's Nursery Leader and teacher) is leading this teaching programme.

### **Reminders**

Following the holidays a few children have returned to school with quite radical haircuts. Please could I remind you that our school policy states 'Hair must be of natural colour and no extreme fashion styles including tram lines and other shaved hair patterns are permitted. The current style of a mainly shaved head with a small area of longer hair on top is included in these non-permitted styles. If a child has any of these hairstyles parents will be asked to resolve the situation to comply with school policy.

Please can I also reiterate water bottles should have **water only** in them as this is far better for them to drink throughout the day. If any child has a medical reason why this would be a problem please contact the office to advise us. Children are allowed to bring flavoured water/fruit juice in their packed lunches if they wish to do so.

## PE Kits

We will not be issuing PE timetables this year. We are asking that children have their outdoor and indoor PE kits in school all week so that they are ready to take part in PE lessons whenever needed.

Thank you for your support.

## Well Done!

Well done to Sam and Jayden Meredith who have worked really hard at swimming. Sam got 50metres and Jayden 200metres. Well done both!



## Photographs

The school photographer will be here on Friday 15th September to take children's photographs.

Siblings who do not attend St Matthew's are welcome to join us from 8.30am on a first come, first served basis to have a family portrait. Unfortunately we cannot accommodate adult family members for the photograph.

## Year 6 Secondary Applications

To apply for a secondary school place for September 2018, you will need to apply online at [www.telford.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.telford.gov.uk/admissions). The online application system will be available from 12h September 2017.

The closing date for all applications is **31st October 2017**. You must apply to the local authority of where you live, for example this is where you pay your council tax.

You can find out more information on [www.telford.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.telford.gov.uk/admissions) where you will be able to find our information booklet and mini guide. Alternatively, please contact School Admissions at [admissions@telford.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@telford.gov.uk)

## Lost Property

Before the summer holiday we gave children and parents the opportunity to look at the lost property that had been collected over the last academic year. Many items were reunited with their owners but we have still been left with two very large piles of **UNNAMED** clothes, coats and shoes!



Please make sure that all items of your children's clothing is clearly labelled as this makes it much easier for use to return to your child if lost.

## Dates for your Diary

- 13 September Miss Johnson/Mr Long's class trip to The Walker Art Gallery, Liverpool
- 15 September School Photographs
- 20 September Experience Church for Years 3 and 4
- 29 September MacMillan Coffee Day
- 19 October Harvest Festival
- 20 October Break up for half term
- 30 October Back to school
- 15 December Break up for Christmas
- 3 January Back to school

## Clubs

All after school clubs start next week.

There is a schedule of clubs available from the school office.

At present there is not enough children taking part in Disney Dance to run the club—so if you are interested please call into the school office as soon as possible.

Disney Dance is open to children from years Reception to Year 3. Children may dress up as their favourite Disney character and learn dances which are then performed to parents on the last session of half term.

Please do not hesitate to pop into the office if you require more information.

Many thanks