



# St Matthew's Friday Feature



Friday 6th January 2023

## Happy New Year

Welcome back! I hope you have all had an enjoyable Christmas and a Happy New Year. The children have all returned to school eager to learn following the holidays and have been focussing on exploring some incredible sculptors and emulating their skills and techniques which has been wonderful to see.

As we enter 2023, I wanted to share with you all that I have decided to retire at the end of the year just short of my 60<sup>th</sup> birthday. It has been an impossibly hard decision to make, as St. Matthew's is in my blood and very much a family. I will miss everyone hugely, especially the children, but I also think it is time for me to prioritise my future whilst I am still very much enjoying my job.

I have made the decision early to allow our Governors the time to recruit a very special Headteacher to take St. Matthew's forward to an even brighter future, and I am more than sure that with our excellent reputation, our talented team of compassionate individuals, wonderful children and supportive parents they will succeed in finding that person.

I know I will have many opportunities to say thank you, but I have loved my 30 years at St. Matthew's and hugely value all the support and kindness you have shown me over the years.

Warmest wishes  
Mrs Clark

## Dinosaur Planet

"On Thursday we started our Cornerstones topic, Dinosaur Planet, by having a special visit from a Baby Dinosaur!

We saw some Dinosaur claws and teeth, and even touched Dinosaur poo! We learnt all about fossils and the different Dinosaurs and had lots of questions to ask, especially about what Dinosaurs ate.

Then we met a baby T-Rex called Chomp and we even got to stroke him! We can't wait to learn lots more about Dinosaurs this term! "

Miss Jeffreys and R1LJ



## *Applying for Reception School Places*

The portal is now open for parents to apply for a school place in Reception for September 2023.

The closing date for Reception places (born between 1.9.18 and 31.8.19) is the 15th January 2023

More information on applying for a place can be found on the Telford and Wrekin website

[https://www.gov.uk/info/20026/school\\_admissions/3247/applying\\_for\\_a\\_school\\_place](https://www.gov.uk/info/20026/school_admissions/3247/applying_for_a_school_place)

### *The King*

"In early September, we wrote a letter to King Charles to say how sorry we were for his loss. We were VERY eager to see if we would get a response from him.

This week, we were extremely delighted and shocked to see that he had written back to us. He wrote about how thankful he was for the poem we had written and sent about his mother. He sent a photo to use with his response and we loved seeing the Queen and Charles when they were younger. "  
From 6KS



### *Dates for your Diary*

13 January	Mrs Wyre's class— Greek Workshop
16 January	Miss Wilson (Reception), Mrs Jenkins and Mrs Wyre Parent Consultations
16 January	Year 6 Height and Weight checks
17 January	Miss Wilson (56LW) and Miss Jeffreys Parent Consultations
18 January	Miss Steventon and Miss Scully Parent Consultations
19 January	Miss Williams and Miss Hawthorn Parent Consultations
19 January	WWII Workshop with Miss Wilson's class (56LW)
20 January	Roman Workshop with Miss Williams' class
20 January	Mrs Vaughan Parent Consultations
23 January	Miss Hawthorn class Visit to Kingswood For Stone Age day
23 January	WWI and II Workshop with Miss Steventon's class
26 January	Young Voices
7 February	Dogs Trust assemblies
20 to 24 February	Half term
3 to 14 April	Easter break
26 to 27 April	Year 2 Kingswood
29 May to 2 June	Half term

### *Appeal*

We are very short on spare underwear, socks and trousers for our younger children who are more likely to have "accidents".

If you have any clean underwear, socks or trousers/skirts for ages 3 up to 7 we would be very grateful.

Many thanks

