



## Matthew's C.E (Aided) Primary School and Nursery Centre



*'I can do all things because Christ gives me strength' Philippians 4:13*

### Friday Feature: 23rd February 2024

This half-term we are focusing on the Christian Value of Forgiveness



Please see the attached Home School Values to share with your child

#### Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to Spring term 2. This is another short half-term, but we have lots of events planned. Please see all the information below:

#### World Book Day: Friday 8th March



We are holding our World Book Day on Friday 8th March. The national Day is Thursday 7th March, but we think it is more fun to have it on the last day of the week. We are celebrating World Book Day this year as we support the charity's mission to change lives through a love of books and reading.

We are inviting children **to dress up this World Book Day** as it's an exciting way for children to get book recommendations from each other. The book choice is key – even if it's just a prop or a clue, make sure your child is recommending something to read with their costume. We are aware that the cost-of-living crisis might make this difficult for some families, so we encourage you to use things you already have at home to make a creative costume. We would also greatly appreciate and welcome the donation of any of your children's old books (in a good condition) that they no longer require.

We'd love to include you in our celebrations by welcoming you to **come into school to share a book with your child at 2:45pm on this day**. This is a chance for you to become familiar with the books in our school, too. Further details to follow.

Check out the World Book Day Family Hub for more things to do at home <https://www.worldbookday.com/families/>

Your child will be getting a World Book Day token to spend on a free book. Getting a free £1 book for your child is easy – simply take your £1 book token to your nearest bookseller (ASDA, TESCO, WHSmith's) and swap it for a World Book Day £1 book OR use it to get £1 off any any book or audiobook costing £2.99 or more. You can find your nearest bookseller at <https://www.worldbookday.com/books-and-tokens/books/participating-retailers/>

We are very much looking forward to celebrating World Book Day, which could not happen without the support of parents and carers – thank you.

*Mrs Hulme, Assistant Headteacher and English Lead.*

## Reading books

We are very excited to be launching our new reading offer at St Matthew's as we aim to continue to promote a love of reading and further develop pupil skills in becoming independent readers. Research shows that children and young people who routinely read independently and for pleasure find learning in all subjects much easier. Reading also supports their communication skills- whether that is through speech or by another system.

We have recently purchased lots of new Oxford Owl reading texts for KS2 pupils that aim to offer our children a range of diverse and exciting reading material to enjoy at home. These include the following titles and genres:

- \* Tree Tops Reflect- Emotionally powerful fiction and non-fiction to make children think.
- \* TreeTops Chucklers- A variety of funny novels, short-story collections.
- \* TreeTops Greatest Stories- A timeless collection to capture our literary heritage.
- \* Infact- Powerfully engaging non-fiction titles to take KS2 beyond simple fact-finding. Compelling and imaginative non-fiction to engage children in reading for pleasure.

As a result of our new reading books, we wish to inform you that **if your child is in KS2, they will have had their current reading books collected in and returned to school this week.** Your child may be without their book band books for a week to give us some time to re-organise and re-distribute the children with the new books purchased. As well as this, we will be creating a school inventory of all the books in school that will include any existing books along with the new books added to our reading catalogue. This helps us to keep up to date with new releases and where appropriate purchase new texts and authors to continue to engage our children. It also helps us to keep a record of the books your children have read more easily.

Please bear with us as we spend time ensuring this transition process can be done as timely and smoothly as possible.

When these books are re-issued, the children will continue to enjoy reading books at their reading level and we are asking for your support in encouraging your child to read at home as much as possible. Please also make sure that your child brings these into school on a daily basis and that they are returned in good condition. Unfortunately, we are noticing lots of books being returned to school that have been scribbled on, with ripped pages and/or wet. Therefore, many of which have to be recycled and cannot be enjoyed by other pupils.

We would love for our new books to remain as new and exciting for as long as possible and thank you for your co-operation with this.

Thank you for your continued support, we look forward to you enjoying some of the new books with your children at home.

*Mrs Hulme, Assistant Headteacher and English Lead.*



## Red Nose Day: Friday 15th March

We will be taking part in Red Nose Day on Friday 15th March. We are asking all children to wear red (or something red) and bring a donation of £1. Please send children into school in sensible shoes and without hair colouring or make up.

## Parents Evening

The second parents evening of the year will be held at the end of the Spring term, in the week beginning the 18th March. We have decided to do this so we can provide you with information about your child ahead of the Summer term. In the Summer term we will send you the annual report. We hope you agree that this will enable you to be kept up-to-date with your child's progress on a more regular basis. More details will follow regarding booking.

## Weekly prayer



Do not let your hearts be troubled in God and trust in me.

Father God,

Lead us to happiness and make our hearts pure.

Help us to be loved and not alone.

Help us spread our love and be equal with our peers.

As we follow the path of religion stand by our side.

Guide us as we spread the word of God.

In Jesus name.

Amen

by 56 St Thomas

## Well Done

Well done to Serenity and Ffion!

Serenity has been awarded 3 medals and trophy for gymnastics, football and dance!

Ffion has been awarded a medal for her dance.

Well done girls.



## Pupils of the Week and Readers of the Week



### Readers

Reception :St Francis	Dylan and Lucian	River
R/1: St Teresa	Lucie and Malia	Olivia
1/2: St Nicholas	Mila and Andrei	Elijah
2: St Joseph	Shyla and Abdul	Jayden
3: St Cecilia	Isaac and Ben	Jacob
3/4: St Sophia	Affino and Daphne	Affino
4/5: St Kateri	Salote and Rayan	Bluebelle
5/6: St Thomas	Shantel and Leighton	Blake
6: St Padre	Austin and Treasure	Max

## Well Done

Another well done to Evie who has received her Level 1 Learn to Swim award.

Good work Evie!



## Future dates/events

8th March	World Book Day—come dressed as your favourite book character.
15th March	Red Nose Day: Wear Red!
25 March to 5 April	Easter holidays
11 April	Humphs Histories—Romans workshop with 3 Miss Hawthorn
12 April	Humphs Histories—Egyptians workshop with 34 Mrs Wyre
29 and 30 April	Year 2 to Kingswood
6 May	Bank Holiday
22 to 24 May	Year 6 to Arthog
27 to 31 May	Half term
3 June	PD Day

## PE Days

	Indoor	Outdoor
Nursery	Thursday	Thursday
Reception	Friday	Tuesday
R1 Miss Jeffreys	Tuesday	Wednesday
12 Miss Plant	Tuesday	Friday
2 Miss Blocksidge	Wednesday	Monday
3 Miss Hawthorn	Friday	Wednesday
34 Mrs Wyre	Wednesday	Thursday
45 Mrs Barfield	Thursday	Monday
56 Mrs Hulme	Monday	Friday
6 Mr Bailey	Thursday	Wednesday

***Please ensure children are wearing school PE kit, hair is tied back and ear-rings are not worn.***