



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: 17th May 2024

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



'Encourage one another and build each other up' - Thessalonians 5.11'

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been updating our policy and procedures for Child Protection and Safeguarding. We are always reviewing these procedures to ensure we keep our children safe.

From Monday 20th May please ensure that your child does not wear a smartwatch or bring a mobile phone into school. Staff will ask the child to take them to the school office, where they can be collected at the end of the day. Our new Electronic Device Policy will be on the school website next week. Our procedures for visitors has also changed and we are carrying out additional checks.

Please see our school website for all our policies.



Early Help

Our website contains new information regarding Early Help and how we can support you and your child. Please take a look. Please contact the school office if you would like to discuss any worries or concerns.

Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)

Please find a guide for parents and carers attached from Telford and Wrekin. If you have any concerns, please speak to a Designated Safeguarding Lead (See attached).

Lunchboxes

As the weather is warmer can we please ask that an icepack is put in sandwich boxes so that it keeps food cool?

I-Pad information

Please see parents/carers information regarding the use of I-Pads.



Weekly prayer



Father God

Thank you for giving me an opportunity to learn,

Thank you for the food and water we have been served and for the shelter we have in Jesus' name

Amen

Well done

A HUGE well done to our superstars. Serenity was awarded her Gymnastics Explore Apparatus 2 certificate and badge.



Freddie and Jack who competed in a football tournament with their team, Randlay Colts U8 Blues—the boys won their first football tournament!



Shyla and Taiah also won a trophy in the Cheer National Championships.

And finally Paisley who came 5th in her dance competition.

Well done!



Future dates/events

22 to 24 May	Year 6 to Arthog
27 to 31 May	Half term
3 June	PD Day
28 June	Nursery and Reception Sports Carousel— 9.30am
4 July	KS1 Sports Day—am
5 July	KS2 Sports Day—pm
17 July	Year 6 Prom—5.30 til 7pm
18 July	Year 6 Graduation— 9.30am
19 July	Break up for summer

Pupils of the Week and Readers of the Week



Readers

Reception :St Francis	Laylani and Harry	George
R/1: St Teresa	Lucie and Sakhi	Essa
1/2: St Nicholas	Kaliyah and Harrison	Alice
2: St Joseph	Caleb and Ayla	Gerrard
3: St Cecilia	Demi and Stan	Reeda
3/4: St Sophia	Deakin and Kenzo	Misha
4/5: St Kateri	George and Joel	Emily
5/6: St Thomas	Xander and Jess	Christodia
6: St Padre	Austin and Ellie	Kadie

Commandos of the Week

Friendship	Stan
Courage	Noah and Jaida
Trust	Logan
Compassion	Indie

PE Days

	Indoor	Outdoor
Nursery	Monday	Monday
Reception	Friday	
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.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about iPADS

Apple debuted the first iPad in 2010, kickstarting the tablet market, and it remains the best-selling tablet to this day. Although Apple doesn't offer a child-specific version, iPads are hugely popular with youngsters due to their ease of use and endless choice of apps. There's a selection of models, with different-sized screens and distinct features – including the standard iPad; the iPad Air; the iPad Pro; and the iPad mini. Thankfully, they all offer parental controls so you can regulate how your child uses the device ... and how long they spend on it.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

PHYSICAL DAMAGE

While some tablets (such as the Amazon Fire Kids editions) come with rugged shock-proof cases, iPads aren't built for rough and tumble. They're also more expensive than most other tablets, and any damage your child's iPad suffers could be costly to repair. Buying a child-friendly case and screen protector for the device could be a wise move, especially if it's being used by younger ones.

SCREEN ADDICTION

Like most digital devices, tablets have the potential to become quite addictive. You might find your child spending too long staring at their iPad, which could lead to irritability, mood swings and a loss of interest in more important tasks. If this happens, be sure to visit the built-in screen time settings and ensure you limit how long they're able to spend on the device each day.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

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CENSORED

Even if it would never occur to your child to go searching online for age-inappropriate sites, apps or information, there's always a possibility that something unexpected – perhaps a video that auto-plays or content incorrectly suggested by an algorithm – could appear on their tablet and upset them. You can help prevent this by adjusting the content settings (see our 'top tips' section below).

SIRI SUGGESTIONS

The parental controls built into iOS (the fundamental operating system of Apple devices) enable you to block access to most age-inappropriate content – but your child could potentially still bypass these restrictions (either accidentally or deliberately) by using Siri, Apple's voice-activated digital assistant. To avoid this, toggle the 'Ask Siri' functions to 'off' in the iPad's settings menu.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Before letting little ones loose on an iPad, it's a good idea to set up Family Sharing, as this lets you utilise the parental controls to manage exactly how your child is able to use the device. You can do this fairly easily by going into the iPad's settings; once there, you'll be able to add an existing Apple account (if your child already has one) or set one up from scratch.

APPLY SOME LIMITS

The 'Downtime' function allows you to tell the iPad to lock itself at certain periods (at mealtimes or before bed, for instance), while 'App Limits' removes access to certain apps once they've been used for a specified length of time each day. The iPad can display a reminder when these limits have nearly been reached, letting your child mentally prepare for the end of their gaming or viewing time.

STOP ACCIDENTAL SPENDING

To empower your child with an increased sense of freedom on their device (without giving yourself something else to worry about in the process) you could enable the iPad's 'Ask to Buy' feature. Whenever your child tries to download or buy an app, game or product, the iPad sends you a request to approve (or deny) it. This option only becomes available if you've set up Family Sharing.

SET CONTENT AND PRIVACY RESTRICTIONS

The parental controls can stop the iPad from displaying explicit or age-inappropriate content (in apps like iTunes and Safari, for instance) when your child is signed into their account. You'll also be able to restrict the capacity to download and install apps, and you can specify permissions which prevent children from changing the iPad's privacy settings once you've selected them.

TRACK IT DOWN

Just like the iPhone, Apple's iPads have 'Find My' software to help you locate your child's iPad – or indeed, any linked Apple devices that have gone AWOL, including phones, watches and AirPods. If you enable 'Find My' in the settings menu, it will display the last known location of an iPad that's been mislaid, as well as giving you the option to lock a missing iPad that you suspect has been stolen.

Meet Our Expert

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This month

CRAFT ACITIVITIES FOR ALL AGES

ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH, DONNINGTON WELCOME SATURDAY

You are invited to join us for a bit of 'me time' from 11.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. on the third Saturday of each month. Free hot and cold drinks are available along with cake, biscuits, or toast. You may like to chat with old friends or make some new ones, have a little quiet time for reflection, or join in with some of the activities we have for available for children and adults. We would love to see you!



Saturday 18th May

11.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.

**Complimentary hot & cold drinks, cake, biscuits & toast
gluten free available**

Craft activities for children & adults

All ages are welcome

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