



# 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: 20th October 2023

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

*'God loves a cheerful giver' 2 Corinthians 9.7*



Dear Parents/Carers

We are really looking forward to our Harvest Festivals next week. It will be lovely to see parents and carers in school. Please remember that only 2 parents or carers can attend for each child. We will be holding our festivals on:

KS 1: Reception and Nursery: Monday 23rd October at 9.15am.

KS 2: Wednesday 25th October at 9.15am.

We are asking that children bring in a food donation on the days above so that they can be collected by Telford Crisis Support.

### Last day –Wear your own clothes (Thursday 16th October)

Next Thursday, the 26th, is our last day in school with the children. We have a PD day for staff on Friday 17th. We are asking for a £1 donation for Shropshire Hospice. Children have been told they can wear their own clothes on this day, but not jewellery or make-up. Please make sure clothes are appropriate for school as this is a normal school day.

### Mental Health Day

On Thursday the school celebrated World Mental Health Day. Children participated in a variety of activities aimed at promoting positive mental wellbeing. We have just selected several children to create our Safeguarding and Wellbeing board with the aim to identify areas of improvement about supporting positive mental health around school.



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## Weekly prayer

Dear Lord,

Thank you for the giving you have done and for giving your heart.

Thank you for watching over us.

You are really special to us. Amen by Miss Jeffreys' class



## Future dates/events

- 23.10.23—KS1 Harvest Festival 9.15am
- 25.10.23—KS2 Harvest Festival 9.15am
- 26.10.23—Mufti in aid of the Shropshire Hospice
- 27.10.23 : PD Day
- 30.10.23 to 3.11.23 – Half Term
- 28.11.23—Flu vaccinations
- 22.12.23 – PD Day
- 25.12.23 to 9.1.24 – Christmas Break

## Commando Joe

Monday – Service	Lillie
Tuesday—Perseverance	Leon
Wednesday—Trust	Corey
Thursday—Respect	Antonia
Friday—Justice	Isaac
Minecraft of the Week - Kenzo	

## Applying for a Reception or Year 7 School Place

The portal is now open for parents to apply for a school place in either Reception or Year 7 for September 2024.

The closing date for Reception places (born between 1.9.19 and 31.8.20) is the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

The closing date for Year 7 places (born between 1.9.12 and 31.8.13) is the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023.

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

## Well Done

Well done to Maddie for making her brownie promise and Evelyn for achieving her puffin award in swimming – this involves swimming 5 metres with Flotation equipment



## Pupils of the Week and Readers of the Week



Readers

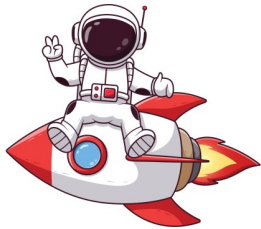
Reception :St Francis	Mirella and Duchess Sera
R/1: St Teresa	Dalton and Hollie Rosalee
1/2: St Nicholas	Penny and Aurora Ronnie
2: St Joseph	Serenity and Ethan Riley
3: St Cecilia	Demi and Aiazh Evie
3/4: St Sophia	Misha and Noah Roxy
4/5: St Kateri	Sam and George Charlie
5/6: St Thomas	Shantel and Jessica Christodia
6: St Padre	Kweku and Junior Austin

# Black History Month

**Mae Jemison**  
 She wanted to be an astronaut because she wanted to about stars and planets. She went to space for 8 days.  
 She was the first black woman to space.

Today, we researched who Mae Jemison is. We learned that she was a doctor, scientist, dancer, teacher and she was the first black woman to go into space. In space, she was in charge of doing the experiments. Mae now goes into schools and teaches children all about science and to not give up on your dreams!

**(Mae Jemison)**  
 was a doctor, scientist, astronaut, dancer. She was an astronaut for six years. This mission made Mae the first black woman in space.



**Mae Jemison**

Mae was born in Alabama in 1950.  
 Mae applied to be an astronaut at NASA in 1987.  
 The mission made Mae the first black woman in space.  
 Her job was to manage science experiments on chemists.



**Rosa Parks**

**The bus ride:**  
 Rosa Parks arrested on the evening of December 1 1955 an African American was arrested for not obeying Alabama law requiring black passengers.

**Date of birth:**  
 4<sup>th</sup> February 1913

**Date of death:**  
 24<sup>th</sup> October 2005

**Early life:**  
 As a child she went to industrial school for girls and later enrolled at Alabama state teachers college for Negroes.

**Segregation in America:**  
 It is a form of racism where people are treated different because of their skin colour and their culture.

**Rosa's legacy:**  
 Rosa Parks legacy is she inspired the struggle for racial equality.  
 ✓ Good person work

**Interesting facts:**  
 Rosa Parks was a hardworking student.  
 Rosa Parks married Raymond Parks.  
 Rosa Parks became a mother.

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**Segregation in America:**  
 It is a form of racism where people have different skin colour and they get treated different school and different facilities.

**Rosa's legacy:**  
 Legacy - civil rights icon, Rosa Parks 66 years ago, Rosa kept her seat on a bus.

**Interesting facts:**  
 Rosa Parks was a hard working student in school.  
 ✓ Good person work



In class St Cecilia we chose to look at Rosa Parks as part of our celebration for African and Caribbean month. Rosa Parks was known for 'the bus ride' where she said 'no' to a white person taking her seat on a bus. Even though this led to her going to jail she carried on fighting for her rights as a black person. In class we spoke about why we celebrate African and Caribbean month and how things have changed over time. We read a book about Rosa Parks and then we used the Ipads and our newly found knowledge to create a fact file about her.



## Wear it Pink



Last Friday your generosity raised £177.50 for Breast Cancer Now—thank you.

On Saturday a group of our lovely staff walked 13 miles from Telford Town Park to Ironbridge and back again. They have raised the incredible amount of £1,993 so far—with more promised to come!!!!

That is an amazing feat—so well done to pink ladies!

**Get in touch:** If you wish to discuss anything on the Friday Feature please contact the school office on 01952 386260 or [a3358@taw.org.uk](mailto:a3358@taw.org.uk).