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







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

Christmas Feature : 21st December 2023

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

'Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.' Colossians 3:12



Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a busy Autumn term, with lots of activities and learning. I have really enjoyed being part of St. Matthew's and would like to take this opportunity to thank all the children, staff and parents for their warm welcome and support during my first term at the school.

The last two weeks have seen our children perform their Christmas productions and carols. We are very proud of all our children and the performances have shown what talented children we have.

The children have had their Christmas dinner and parties and are now ready for the Christmas break. I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas spending time with family and friends. We return on Monday 8th January.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!









Goodbye and Good Luck!

This week we have said goodbye to Miss Edwards, Mrs Vaughan and Mrs Jenkins. We have held special worships to say our thanks for all their hard work whilst working at the school. I am sure they will have many happy memories to take with them. The staff are going to other schools for new challenges and adventures. We hope they keep in touch!

After Christmas the teacher in Nursery will Miss Watson and the teacher in Reception will be taught by Miss Williams.

On Mondays in Class 4/5 Miss Medlyn will be teaching, as Mrs Barfield will be working Tuesday– Friday.

Weekly prayer

Father God

Thank you for all the nice things that we do

For all the presents and gifts

Thank you for all the fluffy snow and that we can decorate a beautiful Christmas tree with bright lights

Amen

Applying for a Reception School Place

The portal is now open for parents to apply for a reception school place in September 2024.

The closing date for Reception places (born between 1.9.19 and 31.8.20) is the ${\rm 15}^{\rm th}$ January 2024.

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



Future dates/events

22.12.23 - PD Day

25.12.23 to 5.1.24 – Christmas Break

12.1.24—Year 6 Height and Weight check

12 to 16 February—Half Term

Well Done to :

Akifa who was awarded a swimming medal this week. Well done Akifa.



Well Done

Well done to Mrs Barfield who has raised £3,000 for the Lingen Davies Cancer Fund. Thank you to everyone who donated.



Commando Joe League Winners

1st : Courage—3SW—116 points

2nd : Trust—5LH—115 points

3rd—Generosity—5LH—113 points

Sensei's PE Christmas Superstars

RNJ—LeoR1LJ—Holly12SP—Tayah2CB—Arabella/Amiah3RH—Stan34SW—Peniel/Evie45JB—Joel/Emily Jane 56LH—YawSensei's Minecrafter of the Term : GiaSensei's Bowls Champion : Jessica

Sensei's Dodgeball Champion: Kai

Sensei's Karate Champion: Ethan

Sensei's Commando's of the Week

Monday—Service—Bluebelle

Tuesday—Courage—Jack

Wednesday—Trust—Xander

Thursday—Respect—Skyla



Pupils of the Week and Readers of the Week

Readers

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Reception :St Francis	Lucian and Robin	Ethan
R/1: St Teresa	Harper and Layla	Malia
1/2: St Nicholas	Andrei and Alice H	Mila
2: St Joseph	Ffion and Ayla J	Ala
3: St Cecilia	Reece and Becky	Favour
3/4: St Sophia	Harrison and Leon	Jack
4/5: St Kateri	Seb and Alfie	Charlie R
5/6: St Thomas	Kenan and Nethan	Jemma
6: St Padre	Lilah-Rose and Charlie	Max