



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: 12th January 2024

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

“Courage is not the absence of fear, but the willingness to overcome that fear.” Nelson Mandela





Please find the Home School resource attached. We hope you enjoy looking at this together.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school and the Spring term. We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and we wish you a happy new year. The children have settled back into the school routine brilliantly.

This half-term we will be holding a mental health and well-being day to provide our children with information and to explore strategies to help themselves. We will be holding a 'Vision Day' to explore our values and related bible stories. A parent workshop on SEN (Special Educational Needs) will also take place. Mrs Wilson and Mrs Cadman will be introducing playground activities for lunchtimes to enable the children to work together and be more active. More details will follow on all these exciting projects.

This week we are revisiting our Behaviour Policy and the 3R's. We are exploring the 3R's and what they mean in school and out in the playground. We would appreciate you discussing these with your children at home.

The 3 R's
3 key aspects underpin everything:

Respect
Treat others how you would like to be treated. Have respect for other's beliefs, belongings and points of view.

Responsibility
Be in charge of your own actions and achievements.

Resilience
Don't give up, persevere and try your best to succeed and overcome challenges.

We wish all our children and families a happy Spring term!

Weekly prayer



Father God,

Thank you for protecting us in the holidays and bringing us back to school.

Help us to learn and to be kind and respectful to other people.

Amen.

Future dates/events

25 January SEN coffee afternoon for parents

12 to 16 February Half Term

25 March to 5 April Easter holidays

29 and 30 April Year 2 to Kingswood

22 to 24 May Year 6 to Arthog

Measles

Cases of measles are increasing in the UK, including in the West Midlands, and it's likely that there will be cases in Telford in the near future.

Measles is a viral illness that can be serious and sometimes fatal. Spending 15 minutes with someone with measles is enough to get the virus. Symptoms of measles include high fever, runny nose, cough, red and watery eyes, small red spots with a bluish-white centre inside the mouth. A rash can appear later, usually on the face, upper neck, hands and feet, fading after 5 to 6 days. If you've not been vaccinated against measles you can be at risk, but it's most common in young children. Someone with measles can spread the virus up to 4 days before a rash appears, and up to 4 days after.

Measles can have serious and sometimes fatal consequences, so make sure you and your children are up to date with MMR vaccinations, and ask your GP about catch-up jabs if needed. The MMR vaccine is highly effective at protecting against measles.

If you are unsure if your child is up to date with all their routine vaccinations you can check their Red Book (personal child health record) in the first instance. If you are still not sure, or if you need to bring your child up to date with their vaccines, you should contact their GP practice to check and book an appointment.

If you are concerned that your child has measles, please call your GP in the first instance, to reduce the risk of passing the disease to others in the waiting room. More information on measles can be found at [Measles - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk) and information on the MMR vaccine can be found [MMR \(measles, mumps and rubella\) vaccine - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

Reception Places for September 2024

IMPORTANT : The closing date for Reception places (born between 1.9.19 and 31.8.20) is Monday 15th January 2024.

More information on applying for a place can be found on the Telford and Wrekin website. If you require assistance completing the application the Telford and Wrekin Libraries are able to assist.



Pupils of the Week and Readers of the Week

		Readers
Reception :St Francis	Sera and Patrick	Jaxson
R/1: St Teresa	Scarlett and Harper	Lucie
1/2: St Nicholas	Ronnie and Lena	David
2: St Joseph	Amiah and Caleb	Chloe
3: St Cecilia	Baqir and Freddie	Che
3/4: St Sophia	Bonnie and Jayden	Ruby
4/5: St Kateri	Amelia and Emily	Milosz
5/6: St Thomas	Kenan and Poppy	Emelie
6: St Padre	Jayden and Imogen	Lilah and Treasure

PE

There is no Forest School this half-term.

For PE, can we please remind you to send your child to school in unbranded clothing, a navy or black pair of jogging bottoms, a black or navy jumper and white T-shirt. Trainers should be suitable for outdoor PE (Not converse, canvas or platform trainers).