



# St. Matthew's Church of England Primary School

11<sup>th</sup> November 2016

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## Winter Weather

As the weather gets colder there is an increasing risk of snow and ice. In the event that the decision is made to close school, we will send a text message to all of the contacts we have on our system so it is very important that we have your latest mobile phone number. If anyone has new contact details can they please let the office know. It is also important that we have your most recent phone number so we are able to contact you if your child is unwell or in case of an emergency. We will always try to remain open through snow and ice however; the health and safety of our children, staff and parents along with the school site must be taken into consideration.

## Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 7th December

We are looking forward to welcoming parents and friends of St Matthew's to our Christmas lunch on Wednesday 7th December.

## Children in Need Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November

This year, our School Council would like everyone to dress 'Spotacularly' (wear spots). We will be asking for a contribution of 50p per child or a £1 for families which will be sent to Children in Need. Please support this very worthwhile cause if you can by coming to school dressed in spots. There will also be special cakes for sale on the day.

## Parent Governor

Would you like to play an active role in the education of the children at our school? We are currently seeking to recruit a new Parent Governor and would be delighted to hear from anyone who:

- Is interested in improving our school
- Is confident enough to ask questions and to join in debates
- Has a willingness to listen and make informed judgements
- Is able to work well with others
- Has the time and commitment to attend meetings

If you would like to find out more about becoming a Parent Governor please see Mrs Deakin or contact the School Office.

St. Matthew's attendance target is 96%

Regular attendance is vitally important to your child's learning and well-being. Please support us by ensuring your children are here on time and attend regularly. Remember, school is open from 8.35am.

Anyone who arrives after 8.45am will be marked as arriving late.

Overall attendance for this week: 97%

Class with the best attendance: Reception with 99%

Class with the poorest attendance: Year 3 with 95%

Most punctual class: Reception with one child late

Least punctual class: Year 6 with seven children late

<u>INSPIRE Dates</u>		
<u>Nursery</u> Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	<u>Year 2</u> Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	<u>Year 5</u> Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> September
<u>Reception</u> Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	<u>Year 3</u> Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	<u>Year 6</u> Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September
<u>Year 1</u> Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	<u>Year 4</u> Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	

Diary Dates:

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November: Children in Need  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Dinner  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December: Nativity  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December: Stay and Play  
Christmas Party  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Fayre  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Parties  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December: Break up at 1pm

School Trips

Reception: Snowdome 29<sup>th</sup> November  
Year 1: Dudley Zoo 11<sup>th</sup> October  
Year 2: Sea Life Centre 12<sup>th</sup> October  
Year 3: Birmingham Museum 30<sup>th</sup>  
September  
Year 4: Blists Hill 13<sup>th</sup> October  
Year 5: The Space Centre 6<sup>th</sup> December  
Year 6: Residential