



# St. Matthew's Church of England Primary School

12<sup>th</sup> February 2016

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## Multiplication Masters

Did you know all children should leave primary school knowing their times tables up to  $12 \times 12$  and the related division facts (for example  $2 \times 3 = 6$  and  $6 \div 3 = 2$ ). With this in mind, we are continuing to help our pupils to learn their tables but it would be great if parents and carers could support us by encouraging children to practice at home.

Any child who thinks they know any of their multiplication and division facts off by heart (and can answer quick fire questions in a random order) will be sent to Mrs Deakin or Mrs Patel to be tested and rewarded with a sticker on a special times table certificate. Once they know all of the tables listed below they will then be rewarded with a special enamel badge which will be presented in assembly.

Knowing 2, 5 and 10 times tables- Bronze badge  
Knowing 3, 4, 6 and 11 times tables- Silver badge  
Knowing 7, 8, 9 and 12 times tables- Gold badge

Well done to Ryan Zaman, Safiyah Iqbal, Zaina Zaman, Anjali Mattu, Torani Dormer-Graham, Zain Ali, Milan Raza, Cerone Coke, Elian Sekoko, Mahia Begum, Tevin Myers, Pavan Dhaliwal, Abiel Attipoe, Jesse Read, Sharon Lanase, Amani Chaudhary, Tandi Sawo, who all achieved their bronze badge and a special well done to Eisa Kamran and Adame Alefe who achieved their silver and Shaheer Ahmed and Adame Alefe who got their gold!

## World Book Day

World Book day is on Thursday the 3<sup>rd</sup> March. This year we would like children to come to school dressed as a character from their favourite book. Children will receive their World Book Day token after the holiday and they can be exchanged for one of the special books between the 29<sup>th</sup> of February and the 27<sup>th</sup> of March.

Alternatively, the token can be used as part payment towards the cost of a book.

## Would you like a free family day out?

If the answer is yes then please come and see Miss Brown. We have a free family passes for Dudley Zoo and the Botanical Gardens. To use either pass you simply need to request them from Miss Brown with a preferred date and she will add your name to the list. Families can borrow it either during the week or at weekends.

Children who have been praised this week:

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|  | <u>Year 2</u><br>All of Year 2     | <u>Year 5</u><br>All of Year 5     |
| <u>Reception</u><br>All of Reception   | <u>Year 3</u><br>Scarlett and Adam | <u>Year 6</u><br>Olivia and Phoebe |
| <u>Year 1</u><br>Charntae and McKenzie | <u>Year 4</u><br>All of Year 4     |                                    |

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: Year 1 with 99%

Class with the poorest attendance: Year 6 with 94%

Most punctual classes: Years 2 and 3 with two children late

Least punctual class: Reception with six children late

INSPIRE Dates

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| <u>Nursery</u><br>Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> January and<br>Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> February | <u>Year 2</u><br>Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February   | <u>Year 5</u><br>Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> February   |
| <u>Reception</u><br>Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> February  | <u>Year 3</u><br>Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February | <u>Year 6</u><br>Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> February |
| <u>Year 1</u><br>Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> February   | <u>Year 4</u><br>Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February   |  |

Diary Dates

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February: Break up for half term  
 Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February: Return to school  
 Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March: World Book Day  
 Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March: Parents' Evening  
 Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March: Sport Relief  
 Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March: Break up for Easter at 1pm

School Trips

Reception: Sandwell Valley Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March  
Year 1: Warwick Castle Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February  
Year 2: Botanical Gardens Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March  
Year 3: Telford Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January  
Year 4: Dudley Museum Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January  
Year 5: Living Rainforest Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January  
Year 6: Warner Brothers Studios Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January