



St. Matthew's Church of England Primary School

14th October 2016

Headteacher: Mrs Deakin
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Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Patel
Tel: 0121 558 1651

Parents' Evening

Letters have gone out this week for parents' evening. Please select a convenient time and return the slip to school as soon as possible so an appointment can be made

Year 6 Secondary Application Forms

Secondary school application forms have to be submitted online by 31st of October. If you would like some help completing your application or some advice please see Ms Brown in the office.

Multiplication Masters

Did you know all children should leave primary school knowing their times tables up to 12×12 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

Parking around school

The safety of our children is increasingly becoming a concern due to inconsiderate parking on Windmill Lane. Please remember that you should not be parking on the pavement and if you choose to park in the allocated police parking bays outside Windmill House you must take care when driving on or off as there are pedestrians walking on the pavement and this week a child was almost hit by a car. Parents are also reminded that you should not stop on the zigzag lines or the zebra crossing when dropping children off or collecting them from school.

<u>Children who have been praised this week:</u>		
	<u>Year 2</u> Khalid and Remario	<u>Year 5</u> Riley and Amani
<u>Reception</u> Dalip	<u>Year 3</u> Tavion and Balraj	<u>Year 6</u> Tocarra and Nikola
<u>Year 1</u> All of Year 1	<u>Year 4</u> Tierra, Aniksha and Tyra	

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: Years 4 and 6 with 100%

Class with the poorest attendance: Year 1 with 88%

Most punctual class: Year 2 with one child late

Least punctual class: Years 3 and 6 with eight children late

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

Diary Dates

Monday 17th October: Parents' evening
Friday 21st October: Break up for half term
Monday 31st October: Return to school

School Trips

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