



# St. Matthew's Church of England Primary School

15<sup>th</sup> April 2016

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## Break Time Snacks

As of the 18<sup>th</sup> of April the cost of break time snacks will be increasing. Toast, juice or a piece of fruit will now cost 26p each. As a reminder the cost of a meal has also increased to £2.10 per day or £10.50 per week.

## Reception Places

Please be aware parents will be emailed on Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> of April regarding the outcome of Reception place applications. Please see myself or Ms Brown if you have any concerns regarding the place you are offered.

## Parking around school

The safety of our children is becoming an increasing concern due to inconsiderate parking on Windmill Lane and Croxall Way. Many of our pupils walk to school and recently some have had to either walk on the road or weave in and out of vehicles to avoid cars which are parked on the pavement.

The area directly outside Windmill House (the police training centre) has allocated parking bays which are for use by the police. Some parents are choosing to park in the police bays but more concerning they are parking their cars on the pavement in front of Windmill House. This inconsiderate parking causes not only an obstruction for parents and children who walk to school but a significant safety concern and before we broke up a child was almost hit by a car reversing.

Please remember that you should not be parking on the pavement and if you choose to park in the allocated police parking bays you must take care when driving on or off as there are pedestrians walking on the pavement. 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.

## The School Day

School is open to pupils every day from 8.35am and our school day starts at 8.45am. Anyone who arrives after 8.45am is classed as being late and will be marked as late in the register. Our Education Welfare Officer, Mrs Beasley, is going to be working with families who are persistently late so please support us by ensuring your children are here on time. Remember, regular attendance is vitally important to your child's learning and well-being.

Children who have been praised this week:

	<u>Year 2</u> Shanica, Bilal and Cerone	<u>Year 5</u> Anjali and Musawer
<u>Reception</u> Taranjeet and Lewa	<u>Year 3</u> Jamoya and Aroush	<u>Year 6</u> All of Year 6
<u>Year 1</u> Alkianie and Saran	<u>Year 4</u> All of Year 4	

St Matthew's attendance target is 96%

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Overall attendance for this week: 98%

Class with the best attendance: Years 2 and 6 with 99%

Class with the poorest attendance: Year 1 with 94%

Most punctual class: Reception with no children late

Least punctual class: Year 5 with ten children late

INSPIRE Dates

<u>Nursery</u> Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	<u>Year 2</u> Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	<u>Year 5</u> Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> May
<u>Reception</u> Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	<u>Year 3</u> Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	<u>Year 6</u> Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> April
<u>Year 1</u> Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	<u>Year 4</u> Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	

Diary Dates

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April: Return to school  
 Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May: KS2 SATs week  
 Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May: KSI SATs week  
 Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May: KSI SATs week  
 Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May: Break up for half term  
 Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May: School closed for an INSET Day  
 Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June: Queen's Tea Party  
 Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June: Year 1 Phonics test  
 Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June: Sports Day at St Phillip's

School Trips

Nursery: Wonderland Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May  
Reception: Botanical Gardens Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June  
Year 1: Black Country Museum Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May  
Year 2: Weston-Super-Mare Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June  
Year 3: Lunt Roman Fort Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May  
Year 4: Carding Mill Valley Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July  
Year 5: Edgmond Hall Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May  
Year 6: Drayton Manor Park Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June