



St. Matthew's Church of England Primary School

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The Great Big Dance Off

Last Wednesday evening children from KS1 and KS2, who attend our after school Street Dance Club, went to the New Alexander Theatre in Birmingham to take part in a dance competition for schools. They had already successfully got through the first round and were in the final of the West Midlands heats. I'm delighted to say that our KS1 group came second and have progressed to the final and our KS2 group came fourth.

A big thank you to Mrs Downing, Miss Downing and Mrs Ali for giving up their time to help and to all those parents who were able to attend to cheer on the children. Also thank you to Sinead for teaching the groups.

We will let you know how they get on in the final.

Play and Stay

This week the oral health team will be visiting Stay and Play

- Do you have a child who is under 3?
- Are you free on a Thursday morning between 8.35am and 10.15am?
- Does your child enjoy messy play, songs and rhymes?

If the answer is yes then come along to our FREE Stay and Play sessions which are led by Mrs Mitchell.

Reading Heroes

I am delighted to announce we have our second and third Reading Heroes of 2016. Samrawit Alefe and Milan Raza in Year 2 have read all of the books on the list of recommended reads for their age group. They have worked exceptionally hard and are wonderful role models to other children in terms of their knowledge of the books they have read and their passion for reading

Multiplication Masters

Well done to Adam Hussain, Davia Thompson, Ranveer Judge, Mackenzie Evans, Bradley Mutizwa, Kirsty Choga and Anton Westwood who all achieved their bronze badge and a special well done to Shaheer Ahmed who is the first person to achieve his silver!

<u>Children who have been praised this week:</u>		
	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 5</u>
<u>Reception</u>	<u>Year 3</u>	<u>Year 6</u>
<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 4</u>	

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

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

Diary Dates

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

School Trips

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