



# St. Matthew's Church of England Primary School

30<sup>th</sup> September 2016

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## Black History Month

We have a company called Bigfoot Productions who are coming into school on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October to launch Black History Month. They will begin the day with a whole school assembly and then classes will enjoy a workshop based around traditional stories from the Caribbean and storytelling.

Following on from this it would be wonderful if any of our parents or grandparents would like to come into school to tell a story to a small group of children. The story could be one that you know by heart or it could be one read from a book, we would just like our children to continue to enjoy having stories read to them

## Harvest Festival

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 9am in the Church

From Monday, please begin to send in tins or dried food for harvest. All the food collected will be donated to the Smethwick Food Bank. As ever, we are most grateful for any donations

## School Photos

The photographer will be in school on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October. If you would like a sibling to be included who is not currently at school please come at 8.30am.

## National Walk to School Day

It is National walk to school Day on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October. Why not leave the car at home and walk to school? There are plenty of benefits including the fact that walking will save you petrol money, you are helping the environment and it's good for your health

<u>Children who have been praised this week:</u>		
	<u>Year 2</u> Anam and Eric	<u>Year 5</u> Kyra and Amarn
<u>Reception</u> Atal and Keynaan	<u>Year 3</u> All of Year 3	<u>Year 6</u> Musawer and Haris
<u>Year 1</u> Omrika and Riddhi	<u>Year 4</u> Ayyan and Evana	

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: 98%

Class with the best attendance: Years 2, 4 and 5 with 100%

Class with the poorest attendance: Year 3 with 95%

Most punctual class: Year 2 with no children late

Least punctual class: Year 6 with eight 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

Wednesday 5th October: Harvest Festival in Church

Thursday 6th October: School photos

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