



St. Matthew's Church of England Primary School

8th January 2016

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Welcome back and Happy New Year!

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

INSET Day

Please note school will be closed on Friday 22nd January for an INSET day.

Curriculum and Targets

Today, you will be receiving a leaflet from your child's teacher informing you of the topics for the spring term along with your child's Reading, Writing and Maths targets. Please help by talking to your child about their learning and by spending a few minutes each day listening to them read and helping them to learn their times tables. You will again have the chance to meet your child's teacher and support staff at the parents' meetings in March. In the meantime, should you wish to discuss any matter with your child's teacher, please see them after school.

Reception Admissions September 2014

The deadline for Reception admissions for September 2016 is Friday 15th January. If you have not completed the application form and require some help please contact Ms Brown in the school office.

Children who have been praised this week:

	<u>Year 2</u> Safa and Alayna	<u>Year 5</u> Miss Bourne's maths group
<u>Reception</u> Drood and Saida	<u>Year 3</u> Adam and Arhum	<u>Year 6</u> Caitlin and Kirsty
<u>Year 1</u> Charntae and Oritse	<u>Year 4</u> Hajra and Tevin	

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 2 with 96%

Class with the poorest attendance: Year 4 with 93%

Most punctual class: Year 2 with no children late

Least punctual class: Reception with five children late

INSPIRE Dates

<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