



St Matthew's News

Issue 2

HEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the second issue of our newsletter. I hope everyone is well and keeping safe. We are now moving into Autumn 2 and I am reflecting on the excellent start we have made to the new school year. I am extremely proud of our St Matthew's community. We are living, learning and growing together and I am excited about the journey.

It has been amazing to have parents and carers, in school, for parents to school days; parent consultation day and assemblies. I want to thank you for working with me and just remind you that we are here if you need anything.

Let us, as the St Matthew's community, continue to pray for one another.

Thank you



YEAR ONE AND TWO'S HARVEST ASSEMBLY AND FOOD BANK APPEAL



A hush came over our main hall, on Thursday 20th October, as the whole school community met together to watch Year 1 and 2's harvest assembly.

Everyone was in position and the children delivered an amazing harvest tale, through song, narration, dance and poetry.

The hall was also decorated with all the food that our wonderful St Matthew's community had donated.

A big well done to the Year 1 and 2 children and teaching team. Also, an extra big thank you to the House Captains for organising our food bank competition.

We are so proud, and the Aston and Nechells Foodbank say thank you!

Reading for Pleasure

Top Teacher Recommendation

This issue's recommendation comes from Ms Adams.

'That's Nice, Love' which is suitable for all ages is a wonderful book, with diverse images.

It is a beautiful tale of a mum, who is always on her phone. When she finally looks up and pays attention, she gets to explore a magical world with her daughter.



Important Notices



We really care about your child's education! We don't want them to miss a minute of it, so it is really important that they come to school everyday, on time.

Remember...ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Healthy Lunchboxes

What are you eating today?

Remember that lunch is an important meal of the day, as it gives your child the energy they need to get through an afternoon of learning.

Fill their lunchbox with goodness. Always go for healthy options like:

- fruit/vegetables
- yoghurts
- baked (not fried) crisps
- an unsweetened drink



Parents to School Day

will be on the **Wednesday 7th December.**



In the **morning, it will be open to Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents.**

In the **afternoon, it will be open to Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 parents.**

Miss Thompson will also host our Autumn 2 'Meet the Head' session in the:

Morning at 10am

Afternoon at 2pm.

Everyone is welcome to come for lunch.

Please book in with the office.

We look forward to welcoming you!

Coming up, in Autumn 2:

Design and Technology (D&T) week, for the whole school, will be the 5th - 9th December 2022.

What will we be covering?

Reception and Year 1 - Sliders and Levers.

Year 2 - Freestanding structures

Year 3 - Mechanisms: Levers and Linkages

Year 4 to Year 6 - Cooking and Nutrition

Alongside D & T week, Key Stage 2 will continue to teach History and Geography on a weekly basis, focusing on:

Year 3

Geography - Rivers

History - Egyptians

Year 4 - Year 6

Geography - Agriculture

History - Persia and Greece



Celebrating Christmas



THE STRINGCREDIBLES



The amazing string quartet, called the Stringcredibles, will perform their Christmas Concert for all our pupils on the 13th December.

This will also be [Christmas Jumper Day](#).

The Key Stage Two Christmas Cantata will be held on Wednesday 14th December, at 9.15am. It will be a mix of song, poetry, narration and dance linked to the story of Jesus' birth.



The Autumn 2 assembly will be led by Reception.

It will be the Christmas Nativity.

Reception will share this play, to parents on Thursday 15th December, at 9.15am.