



# St Matthew's News

## Issue 3

### HEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

Welcome to the 3rd Issue of St Matthew's News and Happy New Year to you all.

I am so excited to be back and I am looking forward to another great year of learning and growing together, in 2023. Even though, the world is going through a difficult time with the cost of living crisis, we have much to be grateful for and we continue to pray for God's protection over our community and beyond.

Remember that our door is always open. Do call in or book an appointment, if you want to talk or need support.

Miss Thompson



### MONEY MATTERS WEEK WITH HSBC

At St Matthew's and as part of our PSHE curriculum, we are teaching our children to be financial literate.

During the week beginning the 9th January, we had a special Money Matters week to focus in on this area. The children were able to work with Sandra Howes, HSBC Education Officer to explore how to:

- value money
- save
- budget
- make wise choices.

Our commitment has been recognised and St Matthew's will be receiving a certificate to celebrate this work.

Well done!



# We are here to help!

At St Matthew's, we care about what is happening in our families lives.

We are here to help and have a safeguarding/wellbeing team to support and protect our children and families.

If you need help with:

parenting

finances

food

housing

relationships

uniform and clothes

bereavement

mental health

special needs

physical health

data or IT

We can direct you to services that can help you.

For confidential support, you can come in and see:

Ms Adams

Miss Williams

Miss Pringle



**We Help Families**

The early help service supports children, young people and families across the Ladywood Locality.

If you live in any of the following areas we can support you!  
Holyhood, Boho & Jewellery Quarter, Loxalis, Newtown, Aikon, Nicholls, North Edgbaston, Bordesley & Highgate, Bordesley Green, Ladywood

Use our **Free and confidential** service, all you need to do is complete a **Family Connect Form** and we will do the rest. Scan the QR code to take you to the form.

You can get support with filling in a Family Connect Form. Ask your School, Health Visitor, Children's Centre, GP, Community or Faith Centre or ring the Early Help Teams, details below.

Phone/ Text/ WhatsApp us on: 07816886637  
Email: earlyhelp-ladywood@family-action.org.uk  
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1. Open the camera app on your phone/tablet.
2. Make sure your device is connected to the Wi-Fi or data.
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4. Follow the link that appears at the top of your screen.



# Coming up, in Spring 2:

**Art and Design week**, for the whole school, will be the 6th - 10th February

Reception - Painting - Mondrian/Pollock

Year 1 - Printing - Geller

Year 2 - Sculpture - Goldsworthy

Year 3 - Collage - Klee/Matisse

Year 4 - Mosaics - Gaudi

Year 5 - Painting - O'Keefe

Year 6 - Graffiti - Ever/Banksy

**What will we be covering and which artist/s will be inspiring us?**



Every child will have the opportunity to create individual pieces, which will be showcased in our St Matthew's Art and Design Gallery, on Parents Consultation Day.

## Spring 1 Class Assembly



Our Spring 1 assembly will be led by Year 3 and Miss Williams.

The focus of the assembly is the Holi, which is a Hindu traditional festival.

### **Other dates to look out for:**

#### **Number Day - 3rd February.**

It is an opportunity to dress up in number clothes and support other children, through the NSPCC Charity.

#### **Children's Mental Health Week - 6th - 12th February**

This year's theme is Let's Connect.

## Music Workshops/Concerts



This half term, we have lots of musically experiences in store for our pupils.

Reception and Year 1 will be having a Kodaly inspired workshop: learning about music through songs and rhymes.

Year 2, 3 and 6 will be attending concerts at the Symphony Hall.

Year 3 and 4 will be working with the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire.

Year 5 will be doing a music and arts project with the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra.

