



We had a whole school topic event to end the week welcoming Go Green Eco Heroes into school to work with our pupils. They were introduced to the superheroes **Reduce, Reuse and Recycle** to learn all about the importance of looking after our planet. This links to our learning in Science on Environments so it was a great, practical way to learn all about the importance of protecting the environment.



Success for All
Phonics

How we teach Reading...

This week's curriculum focus is on how we teach **Reading**. We have a phonics based approach to teaching early reading. Phonics is simply a way in which we break words down into the smallest pure sounds for example, the sounds in the word 'cat' are /c/ /a/ /t/.

At the start of this academic year we started a new programme for teaching phonics called 'Success for All'. This was as a result of new guidance based on the most recent research into the best methods to teach reading. Our choice of new phonics programme is not a task we have taken lightly as we always strive for the best for all of our pupils at Mattersey, therefore much time and effort last academic year was put into researching the many options. We feel that 'Success for All Phonics' is best for your children. The scheme is Systematic as your child will learn new skills in a specific order and then learn to apply them by reading texts before moving on to the next skill. The main reasons we chose this programme are:

- It's a complete programme teaching phonic skills required for reading and letter formation skills required for writing.
- It has bright, engaging and memorable pupil friendly resources.
- It comes with specially written decodable reading books, available as hard copies and digital books that can be used at school and home to embed the pupils learning. These books cover a wide variety of genres to ensure the promotion of reading for pleasure at the same time as to gain the skills required to read.

This week pupils in Reception and Year 1 have started to bring home new reading books linked to the new programme. If you missed the parent workshops for phonics then don't hesitate to speak with Mrs Plant if you haven't done so already. **Please read as often as you can with your child at home to support them— it's amazing to see the progress they can make!**

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 10 October

Breakfast Club 8:15-8:45am

Flu Vaccination Consent Forms Coming Home (R-Y6)

Tuesday 11 October

Breakfast Club 8:15-8:45am

Open morning at the Elizabethan Academy—Y6

Mobile Library (PM)

Mattersey Munchkin Playgroup (2:00-3:00pm)



Wednesday 12 October

Breakfast Club 8:15-8:45am

Generation Pound After school club 3:15pm- 4:15pm **CANCELLED**



Thursday 13 October

Breakfast Club 8:15-8:45am

Harvest Service in church at 9:45am followed by a Macmillan coffee at 11am

KS2 Toots Music Lesson AM

PE Whole School PM

Lunchtime Club: Kixx Football/Multi-Skills (after school club **CANCELLED**)

PTFA Halloween Disco after school 3:15pm to 5:15pm

Friday 14 October

Breakfast Club 8:15-8:45am

PE Burrow Class PM

PTFA AGM 2:30pm

Break up for the Autumn Half Term (two weeks)



Future Dates:

Please note: We are trying to get a date for school photos to be taken and will let you know as soon as we have one.

31 October: Inset Day— please note school closed to pupils

1 November: Food Hub starts today for 8 weeks (more details to follow)

10 November: Flu Vaccination Consent Forms Return (R-Y6)

16 November: Flu Vaccination Day (R-Y6)

18 November: Children in Need – non uniform day

22 November: MPS Full Governing Body Meeting (3:30pm)

2 December: Flu Vaccination Catch Up Session (R-Y6)

8 December: Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day

12 December: PTA Christmas afternoon including Haughton Park Reindeers visiting school PM

14 December : Nativity Performance 2:00pm

16 December: Whole School Pantomime trip (AM)

20 December: Christmas Lunch Day

21 December 2022: School closes for the Christmas break

4 January 2023: Start of the Spring Term

Don't forget to regularly check Class Dojo and our school website:

Attendance Matters

There is overwhelming evidence that shows good attendance in school has a direct impact on learning and the progress that children make. Good attendance is 96% or more. Currently our whole school attendance for this half term is 90.95%. It's that time of year when there is lots of illness going round and, if your children are too unwell for school, we advise you to keep them at home. However; please note that the expectation is that if fit enough, you send your child to school. Please be reassured that if we think they are unwell, we will always contact parents to come and collect them. We are still mindful that in a post Covid world, people are anxious about illness but we do not want our pupils to miss out on key learning that could hinder their progress.

Many thanks, Mrs Wilson and the staff team

Please don't forget to regularly check our website at www.mattersey.notts.sch.uk
You can also sign up to an electronic version of this newsletter too!



Macmillan Coffee Morning

MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT

Venue:
Mattersey Primary School

Time: 11am
(following the Harvest Festival in Church)

Thursday 13 October 2022

Everyone welcome!



Thursday 13 October 2022

3.15 pm to 5.15pm

** DJ Sam **

** Party Games **

** Party Food **

*Please don't forget to return your
completed form by next
Tuesday...mmwrrrrr!*



Service in Church

on

Thursday 13 October 2022

at

9.45am

(followed by a Macmillan Coffee Morning in school)

Donations of food welcome

All proceeds going to:



Mattersey Primary School



Annual General Meeting

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Stay informed and get involved.

Refreshments available!

Friday 14 October 2022 at 2.30pm



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Member Association