



## St Matthias School Newsletter

Autumn Term 2  
Friday 8th November 2019

Dear parents and carers,

We have had a busy week of learning at St Matthias.

This week was parliament week where children had the opportunity to be social activists. This has been a perfect chance to teach children more about democracy and how change starts with them. As a school, we have been giving suggestions to the School Council and have been voting for things from our favourite fruit in Nursery to our RE class ambassadors. This will hopefully encourage the children to think more about how they make an impact on their environments.

Your child will have a reading book in their bag and they will be keen to share it with you. Please can you ensure children are reading each day when they come home from school. We recommend 20 minutes a day. This could be reading independently, reading aloud to you or, of course, sharing a story together. Our children at St Matthias love reading and this love is also down to all the work you do with them at home. So keep it up!

We have a busy term ahead and look forward to seeing you all on parents evening on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December. We will be running appointments from 3:30 until 8:00 as we want to make sure we also accommodate parents who find it difficult to get to school because of work. Sign up sheets will be posted on classroom doors from Monday 25th November.

We hope you like the school photographs- the children were beautifully turned out for the occasion. - please apply directly online, instructions inside envelope, as photographer can then process quickly.

Wishing you all a good weekend,

Mrs Blewett

# Celebrating Great behaviour at Golden tea

NUR- Raeann

REC- Winley

YR1A- Daniel

YR2A- Deniz

YR3A- Emilio

YR4A- Gabriella

YR4S- Natty

YR5A- Rebecca

YR5S- Beren

YR6A- Sheniyah



100% Attendance  
Nursery & Rec

### It's getting colder!

Please ensure your child is wearing appropriate clothing for the weather. They need to come to school wearing a warm, waterproof coat and sensible footwear.





Year 4 were visited by an Anglo-Saxon this week! We learnt about the vicious Vikings and how the battles meant Kings kept changing. It was very exciting to act out the different battles and find out more about life in Britain in the 9th Century. Year 4 have also made their very own rune stones which they'll treasure forever!

### Punctuality & Attendance

At St Matthias we take punctuality and attendance very seriously. The school gates open each morning at 8:50am, children attending breakfast club are welcomed from 8:00am. Punctual arrival in the morning helps children value punctuality, and avoids disruption for the rest of your class. All lateness is recorded and monitored, so it is important that your child arrives at school on time. Thank you for your cooperation!





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### The pantomime is coming to St Matthias!

Dear Parents and carers,

We love the pantomime at The Hackney Empire, however last year when bookings opened the only available date was at the end of January. We would have missed out on the pantomime as part of our end of term celebrations and getting into the Christmas spirit.

*Oh no, oh no, oh no... Christmas without a pantomime we hear you say?  
Of course not!!!!*

We have been lucky enough to book the Nationally Acclaimed Big Foot productions to come into our school. They will be touring the country with their production of Jack and the Beanstalk and will be here with us at St Matthias on:

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 9:00am**

This will be for the whole school to attend.

We have also managed to secure funding for this, so this year the production will be paid for by the school. Meaning all children will get to see the pantomime with no cost to families. We know Christmas is an expensive time of year and hope this will go some way to help. Bringing the pantomime to us also means the winter weather will not affect our enjoyment of the day.

We can't wait to tell you all about it!



#### Coffee Mornings

21st November - EYFS Maths coffee morning

12th December - Maths coffee morning

Do you enjoy being a part of St Matthias community? Would you like to have an input in projects at St Matthias? If so, our PTA need you! Please see Ms Henry if you are interested. We look forward to hearing from you.