

Diary Dates:

Coffee Mornings

Thurs 5th March

World Book day
breakfast at 8:30am

Fri 6th March

Mtg for Year 2 parents
to discuss end of KS1
assessments with Ms
Frohock. 3:40-4:00pm

Thurs 12th March

Reach and resilience
with WAHMS at 9am

Thurs 19th March

Science breakfast at
8:30am

Thurs 26th March

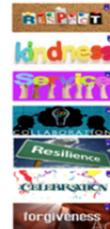
Wellbeing with Ms
Durcan at 3pm



Rights Respecting @ St Matthias

*This half term we are focusing on:
'The right to rest and play' (Article 31)*

*This week we would like to say well done to
Tabatha for showing kindness to others on
the playground! She has shown the St
Matthias values of kindness and
collaboration.*



Spring 2 Newsletter 1 Friday 28th February 2020

Message from the Headteacher

Dear parents, carers and children,

Welcome back after half term. We have had a great week of learning with some exciting trips and a brilliant turn out of year one parents for our reading showcase. We hope to do more of these so keep an eye out!

We are doing a big drive on attendance at St Matthias and want to ensure all children are in school every day. That way they are not missing out on crucial learning opportunities.

We are celebrating all those with excellent attendance and those with improved attendance with certificates and special trips this term.

A reminder that any time taken to go away during term time will be unauthorised and may incur a fine from the attendance service.

Together we will make sure all our children are accessing all opportunities at St Matthias.

Please do book a meeting with me to discuss how the school can further support your child's attendance if you are concerned.

Have a lovely weekend- keep warm and dry!

Mrs Blewett



Around our School - Mrs Blewett

How long have you been at St Matthias and what do you do?

I have been at St Matthias as the Head teacher for six months now. Before that I was head at another school in Hackney and worked with the university training teachers. I've worked with St Matthias for many years and it's a privilege to now be the head.



What did you want to be when you were younger?

I wanted to be a pilot or cabin crew or an astronaut. A job that would take me on adventures! I realised as soon as I left university I wanted to be a teacher.

What was your favourite book as a child and what are you reading now?

I loved Roald Dahl books as a child and also had a favourite book of poems my grandma gave me. Now I'm reading a book called practice perfect - a book about getting better at getting better.

What do you do when you're not working?

I like to go swimming and really enjoy cooking for friends. I live with my one year old son, his dad and a really mean cat called Mowzer.

What do you like most about St Matthias?

St Matthias is a very special place. It is warm and welcoming and the staff always have the children's best interests at heart. It feels like a family in the school. The children are a true credit to their community.



AFRICAN & CARIBBEAN PARENT SPACE



March 12th
2020

VENUE:

PEMBURY COMMUNITY CENTRE

1 Atkins Square, Dalston Ln,

Lower Clapton, London, E8 1FA

TIME:

09.30AM - 11.30AM

First Steps met with Hackney parents of African and Caribbean children & young people to ask about the things they would like to know more about & how it should be delivered.

We will be having interactive workshop sessions in the community discussing different topics related to parenting, culture and overall emotional-mental health & wellbeing.

We aim to have discussions on topics that are important to African and Caribbean heritage parents and parents of children with mixed heritage. Sessions will be shaped collaboratively with families throughout the year.

THIS MONTH'S TOPIC: PARENT SELF-CARE



Refreshments available

Homerton University Hospital
NHS Foundation Trust

firstSTEPS
early intervention & community psychology service



LATEST ADVICE FROM DfE and Public Health: 27 February 2020

There is currently no vaccine to prevent COVID-19. The best way to prevent infection is to avoid being exposed to the virus.

There are general principles anyone can follow to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses, including:

- washing your hands often - with soap and water, or use alcohol sanitiser if handwashing facilities are not available. This is particularly important after taking public transport
- covering your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throwing the tissue in a bin. See [Catch it, Bin it, Kill it](#)
- people who feel unwell should stay at home and should not attend work or any education or childcare setting
- pupils, students, staff and visitors should wash their hands:
 - before leaving home
 - on arrival at school
 - after using the toilet
 - after breaks and sporting activities
 - before food preparation
 - before eating any food, including snacks
 - before leaving school
- use an alcohol-based hand sanitiser that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available
- avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- avoid close contact with people who are unwell
- clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces



Tate Britain - Steve McQueen exhibit, Year 4 trip

Year 4 visited Tate Britain yesterday to have a look at the pictures taken of themselves last year in Year 3. It's an amazing exhibit with 1000s of Year 3 children from primary schools all over London being photographed and placed in Tate Britain's gallery. For more info: [tate.org.uk/whats-on/tate-britain/exhibition/steve-mcqueen-year](https://www.tate.org.uk/whats-on/tate-britain/exhibition/steve-mcqueen-year)