

## Diary Dates:

### Mon 16th March

SRE consultation meeting with Ms Blewett and Ms Martin in the main hall.  
9:00am

### Tues 17th March

SRE consultation meeting with Ms Blewett and Ms Martin in the main hall.  
3:40pm

### Thurs 19th March

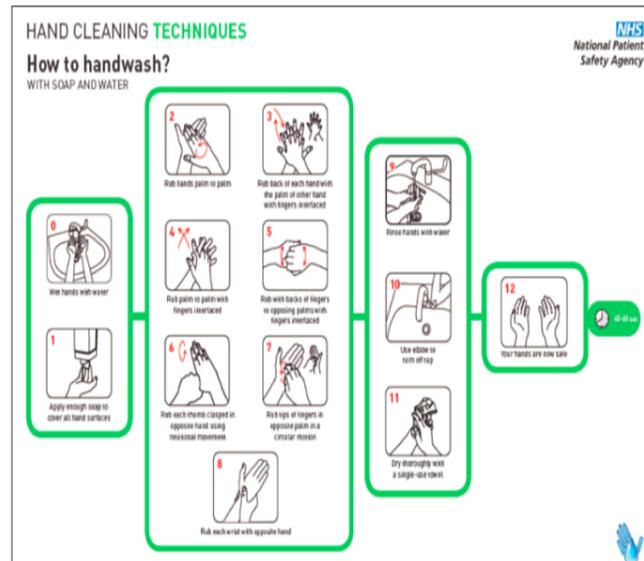
Science breakfast at 8:00am Parents welcome to join in main hall.

### Tues 31st March

Easter bonnet parade during morning assembly.

### Thurs 2nd April

Parents evening.  
3:30-8pm



## Celebrating Great behaviour at Golden tea

Nur: A'meirah	Yr4A: Leo
Rec: Sirach	Yr4S: Summer
Yr1: Diamond	Yr5A: Dejenay
Yr2: Le'Eriah-Afari	Yr 5S: Boye
Yr 3: Rosie - Mai	Yr6A: Shenyiah

## Spring 2 Newsletter 3 Friday 13th March 2020

### Message from the Headteacher

Dear parent, carers and children,

For now, St Matthias continues to stay open.

We are required to keep the school running as usual, following guidance from both Public Health England, the DFE and the local authority. This is the same for all Hackney Schools. The current situation in Hackney is 'Business as usual' with staff and children washing their hands frequently throughout the day. This is the best way to prevent the spread of the virus.

The advice from the government is that anyone with a fever (37.8+) and a new persistent cough should self-isolate for seven days. This website provides further information on action to take <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19>

If this were to be the case, it is important that you let us know and ring the school each day that your child is absent from school, to update us on how they are.

In the meantime we are ensuring the following at St Matthias:  
Handwashing thoroughly throughout the day with soap and water.  
Thorough cleaning of the school, both before, during and after the school day.  
Constant reminders to children to not touch their faces.  
Tissues used and disposed of appropriately.

We understand that this is an uncertain time for all and will keep you updated with any changes. If we were to close the school then we have a robust plan in place for how to best support both our families and children's learning during this time.

Please do come and speak to me if you have any concerns or questions,

All the best,

Mrs Blewett

### Sex education (SRE) Parents Meeting

St Matthias will be holding a consultation meeting on Monday 16th March at 9.00am and Tuesday 17th March at 3:40pm. The meeting will take place in the Main Hall and all parents are welcome to attend.



### Around our School — Ms Khan

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

I'm currently in my second year of teaching at St Matthias. Some of you may remember that I started as a Teaching Assistant back in 2016! I loved it so much that I decided to complete my teaching training at the school and then become a teacher here. I am now a Year 5 class teacher.



**What did you want to be when you were younger?**

When I was younger I was constantly changing my mind of what I wanted to be. Some days it would be an author other days a popstar. Eventually (when I got older) I realised I wanted to be in a position where I was helping other people.

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

As a child my absolute favourite books to read were any Jacqueline Wilson books and also any Harry Potter books. Currently I am reading nothing ! I have recently finished a book and need a new one to read (send me your recommendations!)

**What do you do when you're not working?**

My favourite thing to do is spend time with family (who live in Birmingham) I also love spending time with friends, cooking and eating. I am currently learning to drive and enjoy my driving lessons too.

**What do you like most about St Matthias?**

The children! They never fail to put a smile on my face. When I first came to this school as a Teaching Assistant I had no idea that I wanted to be a teacher. The dedication of the teachers, the support and warmth of the parents and the vibrancy of the children, all contributed to me realising that I was exactly where I wanted to be.



### St Matthias have enjoyed a very exciting British Science Week!

We swapped classes and carried out different experiments, went on a science trip to the Grant Museum of Zoology, wrote about a fossil discovery, worked on a science-related art project, completed daily 'explorify' activities and read science-related stories. Ask your child what they enjoyed the most!

## Easter bonnet competition



Children entering into competition will need to hand all Easter bonnets to Ms Henry by Friday 27th March ready to be presented at the Easter bonnet parade on Tuesday 31st March.

There will also be a chance to win Easter Hampers, please see Ms Henry who will be selling raffle tickets

from Monday 23rd March.

### Parents Evening - Thursday 2nd April

We are looking forward to seeing you all at Parents evening on Thursday 2nd April. We will be running sessions from 3:40pm-8:00pm. Sign up sheets will be available on Monday 16th March on all classroom doors, please book your ten minutes with your child/rens class teacher. The ten minutes is a great opportunity to talk about your child's progress and learning. If you have any other significant concerns and feel that you need a longer meeting then please do request to book a meeting with myself, Ms Martin or Ms Durcan the SENCO prior to this date. We look forward to seeing you all there on **Thursday 2nd April**.