



## St Matthias CE Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 31 March  
2022

### Latest news from school:

**Netball success:** Our school netball team represented the borough of Hackney at a London wide netball tournament. The team fought off stiff and experienced competition to be placed fifth out of twenty five teams. This is an amazing accomplishment! Many congratulations to the team and thanks to Mr McCarthy for coaching the team and organising this opportunity.

**Easter Art project:** Each class has worked on a piece of art depicting holy week. These will be displayed in St Matthias Church. Please do go and visit with your children as they are beautiful!

**Whole school assemblies:** We have returned to whole school assemblies. It is wonderful to have all the children together; we have been learning a new song. Hearing all the children sing with such enthusiasm is truly joyful.

**Lunch systems:** Our new lunch ordering system is now well underway and feedback from pupils is very positive. There has also been a good reduction in the amount of food waste which is also a good thing!

**School Parliament:** We have been meeting regularly; our last work has been to refresh the celebration assembly on a Friday. We had a competition to design the new certificate; we had a large number of entries so it was very difficult to choose. The pupils choose 6 designs all of which will be used in future assemblies.

**Year 5 meetings on Friday 29 April at 8.45 and 15.30:** This is an opportunity to find out about the residential that the pupils will be going on when they are in Year 6. There is the option of attending either the morning or afternoon meeting - both meetings will contain the same information. You are more than welcome to join the 15.30 with your child/ren.

**Ramadan:** If your child will be fasting during this time please can you let us know. Thank you

**PE:** Please can you ensure that your child removes any earrings (including studs) when they have PE; plus any hair that is shoulder length or longer needs to be tied back.

### Important dates:

**First day of  
summer term:  
Tuesday 19 April**

**Church birthday:  
Saturday 15 May**

**Diamond Jubilee  
celebratory tea  
party: Friday 27  
May**

**Multimedia Music  
performance:  
Thursday 30 June**

**Sports Day (Year 1  
- 6) Monday 11  
July**

**Sports Day (EYFS):  
Tuesday 19 July**

**Annual reports  
sent to  
parents/carers:  
Friday 15 July**

**Year 6 Leavers'  
celebration and  
graduation  
Wednesday 20 July**

<b>News from our classes: What has been the most memorable learning this week?</b>			
<b>Nursery:</b> We have loved reading the story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar and learning about healthy and unhealthy food. We enjoyed making our Easter Art and reading the Easter story. We have even tried Hot Cross Buns.		<b>Reception:</b> We have loved making our Easter Art with Ms Kimmie. We have learnt how to make a collage. We have also loved joining assembly this week - we feel very grown up.	
<b>Year One:</b> Year 1 have been protesting against the use of single use plastic in Humanities and are trying to ban plastic bottles in school!		<b>Year Two:</b> "We have enjoyed making our Easter art. Miss Darlene has helped us to create this using finger painting!" Chloe	<b>Year 6S:</b> We have enjoyed writing a script and recording a biased podcast about the True Story of the Three Little Pigs.
<b>Year Three:</b> "We're publishing our Cinderella of the Nile stories!" (Watch out for a photocopy coming home!)			
<b>Year Four:</b> We have enjoyed reading Journey to Jo'burg and Wreck of the Zanzibar. Two very different and interesting books.	<b>Year Five:</b> We have thoroughly enjoyed reading the book, Holes. The themes in the book were really thought provoking and we enjoyed having lots of discussion about it.		
		<b>Year 6A:</b> We thoroughly enjoyed finishing the text 'Black and British' by David Olusoga in our reading lessons and continue to generate interesting conversations.	
<b>Family Fridays:</b> Please come and join us on a Friday morning 8.45 - 9.15. No need to stay for the whole session if you are not able to.			
<b>Friday 22 April:</b> Maths strategies for supporting your child at home Part one  With Mrs Hutchinson	<b>Friday 29 April</b> How we teach reading - phonics  With Mrs Cherid	<b>Friday 6 May</b> How we teach reading - fluency  With Mrs Cherid	<b>Friday 13 May</b> Esafety - how we keep our children safe online  With Mr Souter
<b>Friday 20 May</b>  Catch up with Ms Redman and Mrs Hutchinson - your opportunity to share ideas and give feedback	<b>Friday 27 May</b>  Maths strategies for supporting your child at home Part two  With Mrs Hutchinson	<b>Friday 10 June</b>  Homework - strategies for supporting your child/ren  With Miss Frohock	<b>Friday 17 June</b>  EYFS - how young children learn  With Mrs Cherid

Friday 24 June	Friday 1 July	Friday 8 July	Friday 15 July
<p>How can we look after our children's wellbeing?</p> <p>With Mrs Durcan</p>	<p>Catch up with Ms Redman and Mrs Hutchinson - your opportunity to share ideas and give feedback</p>	<p>To be confirmed</p>	<p>To be confirmed</p>

**Please don't forget:**

Food for children's packed lunches. We have a healthy school and nut free status which means the food that children are bringing in must be in line with this.

Examples of healthy and nut free food/snacks which **are appropriate** (not exclusively):

- Sandwich/roll (not peanut butter/chocolate spread/jam)
- Pitta / Hummus
- Crackers
- Cheese
- Fruit/vegetables
- Yoghurt
- Water

Examples of food/snacks which **are not appropriate:**

- Cereal/granola bars (as most contain nuts)
- Sweets/chocolates
- Crisps
- Fizzy drinks / squash

Online guidance for supporting your children at home:

A reminder of the web address for our school YouTube Channel. There are lots of useful short clips; for example, maths strategies which we use at school.

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoP\\_ymSdwEBhB530cmcBW\\_g?app=desktop](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoP_ymSdwEBhB530cmcBW_g?app=desktop)