



## St Matthias CE Primary School Newsletter

Friday 19th January  
2023

### Latest news from school:

Year 3 had an amazing day at Hackney Museum- make sure you ask them all about what they know about the stone age!



### Strike

We are sending out a letter today with planned school closures as a result of strike action. St Matthias will be closed to children on **Wednesday 1st February**- please keep your children home on this day. This is a difficult decision that has not been taken lightly by the staff at our school. We ask that all members of our school community support our teachers as they take industrial action against our government.

**Hot Chocolate Friday! These children have started the year with exemplary behaviour and learning.**

Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6
Iqra	Joelianna	Winley	Olamide	Zena	Zavion

### Important dates:

#### Winter warmer mondays:

**11:00-1:30 Mondays  
9,16,23,30th  
St Matthias Halls-  
Soup and cakes.**

**Every Monday:  
Fresh produce from  
Felix project @ school  
entrance. 13:00pm**

**Y3 to Hackney  
Museum:  
Thursday 24th January  
2023**

**Y3 and Y4 to St Paul's  
Church Actor Theatre  
Tuesday 31st January  
2023**

**Planned Strike action  
(school closure)  
Wednesday 1st Feb  
Thursday 2nd March  
Wednesday 15th  
March  
Thursday 16th March**

**News from our classes: What has been the most memorable learning this week?**

<p><b>Year 1:</b></p> <p>Year 1 have had a great week. We have continued to reinforce class rules and we have been trying really hard. In writing we have been using our imagination to create a re-tell of our story I want my hat back. We have been challenging ourselves to extend our writing and taking care when structuring our sentences. In science we have been learning about seasonal changes and we now understand that different countries experience different weather to us.</p>	<p><b>Year 2:</b></p> <p>Year 2 have been learning about Judaism and why different symbols are important. In writing we have been looking at how to be persuasive letter in the theme of our book the Storm Whale.</p>	
<p><b>Year 4:</b></p> <p>Year 4 had a productive week after Ufton court. We have been looking at poetic devices and practising figurative language.</p> <p>Ufton was also a roaring success, the children were resilient in their approach to their activities and I am very proud of them!</p>	<p><b>Year 6:</b> In Science, we have been learning about how light travels and how we are able to see it. Did you know that light travels at 186,000 thousand miles per hour? Ask the class what else they have learnt!</p>	<p><b>Year 3:</b></p> <p>We've had the best and most informative trip this week! We have also really enjoyed taking part in Ms M's art lesson around tessellation and the concept of 'identity'. In science, we carried out a scientific experiment where we tested out the force of friction.</p>
<p><b>Year 5:</b></p> <p>In science, we classified five mystery animals based on their features and characteristics. In writing, we have started our retell of a chapter of Gorilla Dawn by Gill Lewis.</p>		

School value in focus this week: **Resilience**

Each week the class teacher nominates a pupil in their class who has shown the school value that was in focus.

The pupils who have shown excellent resilience are:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
<b>Xianna</b>	<b>Milan</b>	<b>Jaheim</b>	<b>Daniel</b>	<b>Kaiden</b>	<b>Amber</b>

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)

### Keeping Children Safe:

The safeguarding of the children at St Matthias is our number one priority. We adhere to stringent safeguarding procedures to protect the welfare of all the children who come to our school. We will endeavour to work with parents and carers as it is our duty as a school to protect our children and to keep them safe.

If you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to contact our designated safeguarding lead (Ms Durcan) or leadership team (Ms Martin/Ms Frohock/Mrs Blewett)

## THE FAMILY COACH SUPPORT GROUPS HALF TERM 3

FOR FAMILIES THAT HAVE CHILDREN THAT HAVE  
ADDITIONAL NEEDS ATTENDING A HACKNEY  
SCHOOL. NO FORMAL DIAGNOSIS OR EHCP NEEDED.

TO ATTEND ANY OF THE GROUPS  
PLEASE SEND US AN EMAIL:  
[FAMILYCOACH@HACKNEY.GOV.UK](mailto:FAMILYCOACH@HACKNEY.GOV.UK)

MONDAY

**Parkwood Primary School**  
Queens Drive  
N4 2HQ  
9.30am to 10.30am




TUESDAY

**Harrington Hill Primary School**  
Mount Pleasant Lane  
E5 9EY  
9.30am to 10.30am



**Holmleigh Primary School**  
Dunsmure Road  
N16 5PU  
2pm to 3pm



WEDNESDAY

**Comet Children's Centre**  
Halcomb Street  
N1 5RF  
9.30am to 10.30



**Online 5pm - 6pm**  
First come first served basis -  
please email to book and we will  
send you a link to join us.

THURSDAY

**Oldhill Community School**  
Oldhill Street  
N16 6LR  
9.30am to 10.30am




**De Beauvoir Primary School**  
Tottenham Road  
N1 4BZ  
2pm to 3pm




FRIDAY

**Daubney Primary School**  
Daubney Road  
E5 0EG  
9.30am to 10.30am



**St John and St James Primary School**  
Isabella Road  
E9 6DX  
9.30am to 10.30am



## A message to parents and carers

# Why are teachers going on strike?

TEACHERS WHO ARE members of the National Education Union (NEU) will be taking national strike action on Wednesday 1st February.

We do not want to strike, but the government have given us no choice. We are striking for education and we hope you will support us, despite the inconvenience it will cause.

**We are taking strike action because we are concerned that cuts to teachers' pay, and lack of funding for schools, are causing a crisis in education.**

- *The value of teachers and support staff pay has fallen by 20% since 2010.*
- *This has caused a crisis in recruitment and retention.*
- *More teachers, and school leaders, than ever are leaving their jobs and*

*the government cannot recruit enough teachers to replace them.*

- *Funding for schools has not kept in line with rising costs.*
- *This means that:*
  - *many schools face difficulties finding the teachers they need;*
  - *SEND children are not getting the support they need;*
  - *Schools are spending less on important equipment and resources;*
  - *schools are cutting back on extra-curricular clubs and classes.*

**This cannot go on, for the sake of education the government must change its policy on pay and funding.**

We have tried talking to the government - we have provided evidence about this crisis to them year after year, but they have ignored our warnings.

That is why we have reluctantly made the decision to take strike action.

We are calling on the government to increase pay for teachers and support staff, but they must also increase funding for schools.

### We are asking parents and carers to:

- **support** our strike action and our campaign to boost funding for education.
- **talk** to teachers at your child's school to find out more about our campaign and how you can support us.
- **contact** your MP and local councillors and tell them that you support NEU members taking strike action.



**Campaigning for children and education**

For more information visit [www.neu.org.uk](http://www.neu.org.uk)