



St Matthias CE Primary School Newsletter

**Friday 24th
November
2023**

Latest news from school:

Dear parents and carers,

The month of December is soon upon us where we look to share and celebrate in the joy of Advent and Christmas. On Wednesday the 13th of December, our Early Years will perform their Nativity (9:00AM). On Thursday the 14th of December, we will have our Christmas Fayre from 3:30-5:00.

We are very excited to announce our Christmas Singalong Extravaganza for ALL family members to attend! This will be on Monday the 18th of December at 9:30. Come along, bring your family, sing your hearts out and there will be Christmas treats after the performance!

Our last day of term will be Wednesday the 20th of December at 3:30, where we ask all children to come into school in their own clothes, festive if they choose!

Have a lovely weekend.

Upcoming Coffee Mornings

Please join us from **8:45-9:15** in the **Community Room**.

These are opportunities for us to share information with you about a range of subjects. We hope to see as many people as possible.

Autumn 2:

Thursday 30th November	Oracy (speaking and listening) <i>Moved from Autumn 1</i>
Thursday 7th December	EYFS and KS1 Maths
Thursday 14th December	KS2 Maths

PE after half term- please ensure pupils are in appropriate PE kit

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y4	Y1 and Y2	EYFS Y3	N/A	Y5 (swimming)

Hot chocolate Friday!

Pupils enjoyed hot chocolate this week. They have consistently displayed exemplary behaviour and learning.

Yr R	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6
Kameel	Daniel	Mustapha	Chantae	Deniz	Nathan	Noah

Important dates:

Thursday 30th

November:

Coffee Morning -
Oracy
8:45-9:15

Monday 4th

December:

Christmas Breakfast
Club
All welcome from
8am

Wednesday 13th

December:

EYFS Nativity
Time tbc

Thursday 14th

December:

Christmas Fayre -
times 3:45-5:30

Tuesday 19th

December:

Christmas lunch

Wednesday 20th

December:

Festive clothes day

Last day of term

Tuesday 9th January:

All pupils return to
school

News from our classes: What has been the most memorable learning this week?																				
<p>EYFS:</p> <p>We've had another busy week this week! We have been retelling our Everywhere Bear story and adding our favourite characters to the story. The children came up with lots of ideas and made some amazing drawings. We also looked at pictures of our families and talked about how we all have different families in all shapes and sizes!</p>	<p>Year 1:</p> <p>This week we have started looking at a new book 'Leaf' about a lonely Polar Bear that lives in the Arctic Circle. We have used some amazing expanded noun phrases to describe a polar bears appearance. In Science we have been learning to classify vertebrates into the 5 different category's.</p>	<p>Year 2:</p> <p>This week we have had a very focussed writing session publishing our letters to the Deputy Mayor of Hackney. In science we analysed some of our class lunches to identify different food groups and what changes we could make to make them more balanced.</p>																		
<p>Year 3:</p> <p>This week year 3 have been focusing on editing and publishing their anti bullying week letters ready to send off to the acting mayor of hackney. The children have all tried so hard to include key features of a letter and use their best handwriting. Well done year 3!</p>	<p>Year 4:</p> <p>We have been very busy this week! We have been learning about square numbers in maths, exploring the changes of habitats and food webs in science and diving into the concept of the prophecy of the Prince of Peace in RE. We've also been talking about the importance of retrieval practice in helping us learn more!</p>	<p>Year 5:</p> <p>This week, our Year 5 class engaged in impactful learning activities. They wrote thoughtful, informative letters to the Mayor of Hackney, advocating anti-bullying measures. In mathematics, we delved into the concept of negative numbers. Additionally, we explored the challenging living conditions in slums, enhancing our social awareness.</p>																		
<p>Year 6:</p> <p>Year 6 have been writing letters to Deputy Mayor Bramble to promote the importance of 'Anti-Bullying Week'. We have written suggestions to the major on how we can improve schools across Hackney and show kindness.</p>																				
<p>School value in focus this week: Service</p> <p>Each week the class teacher nominates a pupil in their class who has shown the school value that was in focus.</p> <p>The pupils who have shown excellent service are:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; text-align: center;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Year R</th> <th>Year 1</th> <th>Year 2</th> <th>Year 3</th> <th>Year 4</th> <th>Year 5</th> <th>Year 6</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Hansraj</td> <td>Angelica</td> <td>Martin</td> <td>Kayden</td> <td>Keylor</td> <td>Jeremiah</td> <td>Le'Shayne</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>							Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Hansraj	Angelica	Martin	Kayden	Keylor	Jeremiah	Le'Shayne
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<p>Online guidance for supporting your children at home:</p> <p>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.</p>																				

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 Baez) or leadership team (Ms Martin/Ms Frohock/Mrs Blewett)

Pupil Attendance and Punctuality

As a school it is really important that we keep accurate records of the children's attendance and punctuality. If your child is unwell, or will be absent from school for any reason, please telephone the school office and speak to Ms Janiece to report the absence. Alternatively you can email on: admin@st-matthias.hackney.sch.uk

It is important that we have this information by 9:00 am at the latest.

Speech and Language Update

Parents and carers of children on the speech and language caseload can contact our SaLT, Isobel, on Fridays at the details below.

	<p>Isobel Stockton Speech and Language Therapist Working days at St Matthias: Fridays Focus: All year groups Mobile: 07785 700 885 Tel: 020 7683 4262 Email: i.stockton@nhs.net</p>
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Talking Walk-in Dates

If you are a Hackney resident, your child is under 5 years old and you'd like to see a Speech and Language Therapist, please get in touch and you will be invited to attend an appointment. These are stay-and-play style sessions where your child can play and interact with others in a relaxed environment. A Speech and Language Therapist will talk to you individually about your concerns and observe your child. You will be given some advice and, if appropriate, you will make a plan together about the most appropriate next steps (this may include further assessment of your child or booking in for some therapy sessions).

Dates and Locations:

<https://gethackneytalking.co.uk/healthcare-professionals/tiwi-dates/>



