



## St Matthias CE Primary School Newsletter

**Friday 8th  
December  
2023**

### Latest news from school:

We have had a lovely week at St Matthias, preparing for all of our Christmas celebrations. Our pupils started to practise their festive songs on Wednesday, ready for our big family sing-along on Monday 18th December, which we hope you will all be able to attend!

We also want to say a big THANK YOU to everyone who donated to our Christmas chocolate tombola - we really appreciate your generosity and hope that you will all be able to attend our Christmas Fair next Thursday. We will continue to sell raffle tickets for the Christmas Fair throughout the week.

### Important dates:

#### Wednesday 13th

##### December:

EYFS Nativity  
9:30am  
St Matthias Church

#### Thursday 14th

##### December:

KS2 Maths Coffee  
Morning  
8:45-9:15 am  
Community Room

#### Thursday 14th

##### December:

Christmas Fair  
3:45-5:00  
School Hall

#### Monday 18th

##### December:

Family singalong  
concert 9:30  
St Matthias Church

#### Tuesday 19th

##### December:

Christmas lunch

#### Wednesday 20th

##### December:

Festive clothes day

Last day of term -  
finish at 3:30pm

#### Tuesday 9th January:

All pupils return to  
school  
8:30am

#### Thursday 11th

##### January:

Supporting your child  
with anxiety (Family  
Coach service) Coffee

**CHRISTMAS  
EVENTS**

**Joyful stuff for your  
calendar:**

Non Uniform- bring tombola chocolate!	Friday 8th December
EYFS Nativity @ 9:30 am	Wednesday 13th December
Christmas Fair 3:45-5:00	Thursday 14th December
Concert: Family Sing-along	Monday 18th December
Christmas Dinner	Tuesday 19th December
Festive dress/ any dress	Wednesday 20th December
Last day finish at 3:30pm	Wednesday 20th December
Back to school	Tuesday 9th January

### 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:**

<b>Thursday 14th December</b>	KS2 Maths
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#### **Spring 1:**

<b>Thursday 11th January</b>	Supporting your child with anxiety (Family Coach service) 8:45-9:45
<b>Thursday 18th January</b>	Storytelling (Mrs Cherid)
<b>Thursday 25th January</b>	KS2 Grammar (Ms Martin)
<b>Thursday 1st February</b>	KS1 Grammar (Ms Martin)
<b>Thursday 8th February</b>	Speech and Language (Speech and Language therapist)

#### **PE next week - please ensure pupils are in appropriate PE kit**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Y6</b>	<b>Y1 and Y2</b> <b>Y4</b>	<b>Y3</b>	<b>EYFS</b>	<b>Y5</b> <b>(swimming)</b>

#### **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
Kemal	Remie	Posi	Jamal	Lionel	Jeremy	Anniyah

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

##### **EYFS:**

EYFS have been practising our Nativity lines and songs so we are all ready for next Wednesday! We've enjoyed performing with our friends and using our singing voices. We also had some musical visitors who bought a keyboard and we enjoyed having a sing-along with them.

##### **Year 1:**

This week year 1 have been publishing their amazing Polar Bear fact files! We have been using our handwriting skills to ensure our presentation is beautiful. In geography we have been looking at Regents Canal and how it might be being damaged.

##### **Year 2:**

This week in year 2 we have been planning out our stories based around the book The Snowman. We have also been testing our maths facts skills but playing sorting games against the clock. We also had a go at making our own Christingles and discussed the symbolism of each part. We have also enjoyed practising for the Christmas

Morning  
8:45-9:45am  
Community Room

#### **Wednesday 17th** **January**

Year 5 trip to Salters  
Hall

#### **Thursday 18th** **January:**

Storytelling Coffee  
Morning  
8:45-9:15am  
Community Room

<p>Finally, we visited the church to listen to the older year groups practise their concert - we loved seeing the high ceilings and colourful windows!</p>	<p>We have designed posters in order to remind people to clean up our canals. We loved practising for our Christmas concert with the whole school! It put us in a festive mood.</p>	<p>sing along - if you need any help with the different signs for each song Year 2 will be happy to show you!</p>
<p><b>Year 3:</b> This week in year 3, we have been looking at volume/ capacity in maths. To help year 3 convert litres to millilitres we created a song. Parents please ask us to sing the song! Alongside this, year 3 have begun practising for our Christmas concert they are so excited to show off their amazing singing and signing.</p>	<p><b>Year 4:</b> We have been writing autobiographies pretending to be the main character from our reading book and it's been our best writing yet! We also had a computing day where we made podcasts about a variety of subjects. STM radio might be coming to a station near you!</p>	<p><b>Year 5:</b> This week, Year 5 delved into the fascinating world of animal life cycles, comparing gestation periods and linking mammal sizes to their respective durations. They honed their computing skills by filming and editing videos, and they analysed a motivational speech inspired by the character 'Ghost' from Jason Reynolds' novel.</p>

**Year 6:**  
This week the class reflected on their learning from their residential to Ufton Court. We developed our team-building and problem solving skills; learnt to ride bikes, took part in archery and cooked a range of dishes.





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

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 **service** are:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
<b>Kasey</b>	<b>Iqra</b>	<b>David</b>	<b>Arial</b>	<b>Jeremiah</b>	<b>Duwayne</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 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](mailto: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/>

