



St Matthias CE Primary School Newsletter

**Friday 15th
December
2023**

Latest news from school:

We have had a wonderful week filled with celebrations! We are so proud of our pupils in Nursery and Reception. They amazed us with their confidence and singing on Wednesday during their Nativity.



We would also like to say a big thank you to everyone who came to celebrate with us at the Christmas Fair yesterday. The children were so happy, visiting Santa and playing games. Thank you to all of those who supported us with creating things, cooking and running stalls. We couldn't have done it without you.



We are looking forward to seeing everyone on Monday at 9:30 in the church, for our festive family singalong!

Important dates:

Monday 18th December:

Family singalong
concert 9:30 am
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
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



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.

Spring 1:

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

PE next week - please ensure pupils are in appropriate PE kit
Some classes will not have PE because we finish school on Wednesday.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Y4	Y1 and Y2 Y3	EYFS

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
Kamirah	Maya	Tuana	A'meirah	Sarai	Saron	Armani

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

EYFS:

We have had such a lovely week - well done to Early Years who showed us their amazing singing and performing skills in our Nativity. We are very proud of all the children! We have also been busy singing more festive songs ahead of the Family Sing Along on Monday and writing our lists for Santa!

Year 1:

This week year 1 has tried so hard in their assessments!! They have put so much effort into their work and it has really paid off. We have also written letters to Santa to explain all the ways we have shown kindness throughout the year. Well done Year 1

Year 2:

Congratulations to Year 2 who have focussed so hard on their assessments. They have all shown great resilience and effort. We have also been preparing for our Christmas sing-along by practising all our signs and songs and we have been looking at how artists depict the Nativity in RE.

Year 3:

This week was assessment week. Year 3 have all worked extremely hard to try their best and be resilient through every challenge they faced. I am extremely proud of you all!

Year 4:

We have been writing a Christmas story about Kevin the carrot, teaching us about showing love to our community, especially in festive seasons. We have been especially resilient in our assessments this week!

Year 5:

This week, Year 5 students crafted motivational speeches inspired by "Ghost" by Jason Reynolds, exploring themes of perseverance and self-belief. They also tackled complex negative number problems in maths, enhancing their problem-solving skills. In science, they delved into animal life cycles, examining gestation periods and their links to mammal size.

Year 6:

This week the class has shown true resilience in their end of term assessments. The children have made so much progress and we are so proud! We celebrated our hard work with a trip to Lee Valley Ice Skating Rink. For many of us, it was the first time ice skating. We learnt quickly and helped one another and had the best

time!

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

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 **respect** are:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Aishat	Lais	Ruzgar	Samuel	Daniel	Zena

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

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)



Thursday, 1 February

Online Parent Workshop: Helping your child to manage anxiety and stress

Join our online parent workshop to learn effective ways to help your child manage anxiety and stress.

MHST are running workshops for parents on managing anxiety. This workshop is free and online, see link below to join:

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/online-parent-workshop-helping-your-child-to-manage-anxiety-and-stress-tickets-667426018187?fbclid=IwAR1kWYoeXU4y-LrsdtdAXjGjOFo_Q7bGUKhINMnnVW7yv-Xx87ICLa7-cpc

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/>

