



## St Matthias CE Primary School Newsletter

**Wednesday 20th  
December  
2023**

### **Latest news from school:**

Wishing all our families a wonderful Christmas and new year filled with love and blessings. We have had a very special end to the term with the Nativity, our Christmas fair, a visit from Santa and our big family sing along. Such joy!



### **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.

### **Important dates:**

**Every Tuesday**  
**starting 16th Jan:**  
Sewing mornings

### **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

### **Friday 19th January**

Year 5 Sports Festival trip

<b>Spring 1:</b>				
<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)		
<b>PE first week back - please ensure pupils are in appropriate PE kit</b> <i>Y5 will not have PE in the first week back.</i>				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>INSET DAY</b>	<b>Y1 and Y2</b>	<b>EYFS Y3</b>	<b>Y6</b>	<b>Y4 Swimming</b>

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

<p><b>EYFS:</b></p> <p>We have had a very jolly and festive end to our Autumn term. The children were so excited to join in with the Family Singalong - and especially proud to perform one of their Nativity songs for everyone. They were very mature and sat so well in the Church too. We also loved having lunch all together, pulling crackers and wearing crowns. We hope you love all the Christmas crafts they bring home today too. We are very proud of them and all the hard work they have done. Well done EYFS!</p>	<p><b>Year 1:</b></p> <p>We have had an amazing Autumn term! I am so proud of all the children and how much hard work they have put into their learning. The hard work has definitely paid off. We showed off our amazing singing and signing, front row of the Christmas singalong. We are truly in the Christmas spirit and have written letters to Father Christmas explaining all the ways we have shown kindness and love to others this year.</p>	<p><b>Year 2:</b></p> <p>Merry Christmas from Year 2! This week we have been discussing why it is important to wash your hands. We also had a very busy computing day learning to be digital photographers. We have also used our addition and subtraction skills to create art by number paintings and have had lots of fun making Christmas elf signs, snowmen paintings and paper chains for our Christmas Party.</p>	
<p><b>Year 3:</b></p> <p>To end an amazing term year 3 had a computing day where they learnt about stop frame animation. Year 3 created flip books and discussed that animations simply make</p>	<p><b>Year 4:</b></p> <p>We have had a great final week, managing to fit in a brilliant mix of learning and Christmassy crafts! We completed our Geography unit on Rivers and did</p>	<p><b>Year 5:</b></p> <p>As the festive season approaches, Year 5 embraces the spirit of Christmas with joy and enthusiasm. We've enjoyed crafting xmas cards, singing carols, and learning about the life cycle of birds. This</p>	

pictures appear as if they are moving. To further develop their understanding year 3 created their own animation using the app 'Stop motion'. Well done year 3!

We also had a spiritual moment when we shared a wholesome Christmas dinner together; it allowed us to feel very connected.

fantastically on our end of unit quiz - showing just how much learning we've managed to hold onto. Year 4 would also like to give a special shoutout to the members of our class who have made big jumps in their times tables learning - keep practising over the holidays!

holiday season, we encourage our students to spread kindness and cheer. Wishing all our families a merry, bright, and peaceful Christmas! 🌲 ✨

#### Year 6:

In Computing, we made our own websites. We had to think about the purpose and audience for our sites and added key information and images to attract views. Year 6 shared their work with the rest of the class. Wishing everyone a restful Christmas break. 🌲 🌲

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)



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](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)



## THURSDAY 11TH OF JANURARY 8:45 - 9:45AM FAMILY COACH TRANSITION TASTER SESSION

For families that have children that attend a Hackney school and child had an additional need. No formal diagnosis or EHCP required.



### What to expect from the Anxiety Taster Session

Would you like to feel more confident managing your and/or your child's anxiety? If yes, come along to the Anxiety Taster Session! We will be covering the following:

- The link between thoughts, feelings and actions.
- Changing unhelpful thoughts.
- 5 ways of wellbeing
- Finding your calm space

#### WHO ARE WE?



**Hello!**  
**We are Emily And Rachel**  
**The Family Coach Service**

- 20+ years experience working with children and families.
- Committed to empowering families and reaching their potential.

#### WHAT SERVICES DO WE OFFER?



**Parent empowerment groups**  
 For parents of a SEN child that attend a Hackney school or lives in Hackney.

- A space for you to work towards goals
- Support of a wider community
- Celebrate successes and problem solve together.

**1:1 Family Coaching**  
 For parents of a SEN child that lives in Hackney.

- Identify a change you'd like to make
- 6 sessions
- Feel empowered to work towards achieving self directed goal

#### CONTACT US

If you have any questions please send us an email

[familycoach@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:familycoach@hackney.gov.uk)

We look forward to working with you soon!

### 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/>

