



St Matthias CE Primary School Newsletter

Friday 6th
September 2024

Head Teacher’s Welcome:

What a fantastic start to the school term. Your children have come back to school filled with a true desire to learn and be back with their peers in class. A few predictable wobbles on the first day ended with a school full of smiles. We are impressed by how smart your children are- it is the best profile for uniform to date! Just a few classes working on PE kits and then we will all look the part!

Next **Thursday (12th September)** you are all invited to come in and meet your child’s teacher at the end of the day. Please come and say hello.

We hope you have seen our special garden taking shape- please let us know if you are a keen gardener as we need some volunteers around the school to look after the plants for a few hours each week! We have plans to plant out lots of lovely spring bulbs with the children.



Important dates:

**Thursday 12th
September**
Meet the Teacher
(3:30-4 in classrooms)

**Wednesday 16th
October**
Year 5 Trip to Hackney
Museum AM only

Friday 18th October
Year 4 Trip to Hackney
Museum AM only

Friday 18th October
Year 6 Trip to Hackney
Museum PM only

PE next week - please ensure pupils are in appropriate PE kit				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
		Year 3	Year 1&2	EYFS

Hot chocolate Friday!

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

EYFS	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6
Izra’il	Meela	Remie	Khalid	A'maiyah	Winley	Kelvin

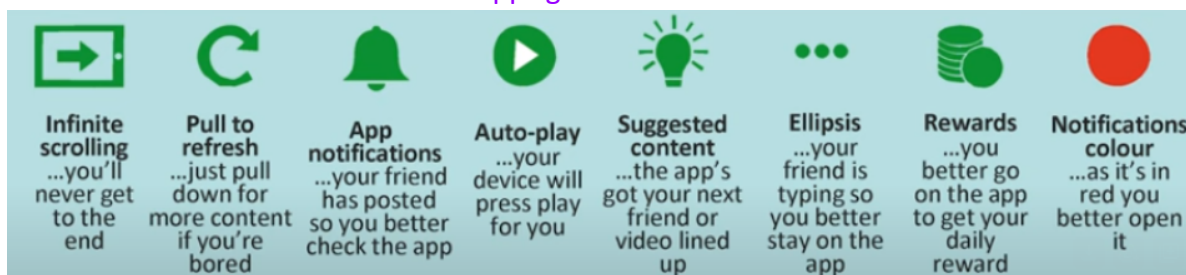
News from our classes: What has been the most memorable learning this week?			
EYFS: EYFS have had a fantastic start to the year! All the children have been engaged in the areas of the provision. We have been role playing traffic officers, making our faces with playdoh, having a party in the home corner, using cheerios to count in maths and building towers and trains. We have discussed our class rules and routines and have become familiar with our area. We have also welcomed some new faces to our class and already made fast friends!	Year 1: We have had a wonderful week back at school - everyone has been excited to see their friends and ready to learn! We reflected on how we feel moving up to Year 1 and practised lots of new routines to help us transition to our new classroom and timetable. We have appointed monitors to help keep our classroom organised and drafted class rules to keep everyone safe and happy in school! Well done to everyone.	Year 2: We have has a fantastic start back at school. Everybody has been excited to return and see their friends. We have been settling into our new classroom, learning about good presentation and discussing what roles and responsibilities we have now that we are in Year 2! We have also been practising our handwriting, phonics and number bonds to ten.	
Year 3: Year 3 have had an absolutely amazing start to the term! Everyone has come in ready to do their best learning! In PSHE we all identified what we are most proud of and set ourselves goals for the year. We also thought about what we need to do daily to achieve those goals. Well done year 3!	Year 4: Year 4 has had an incredible start to the year. Everyone has shown great collaboration skills to work together to make our class look and run smoothly. We have made a great start in all subjects and are asking lots of questions in order to further our learning. Keep it up Year 4 well done!	Year 5: Year 5 have been amazing this week, they have settled in really well, showing persistence and determination in the completion of their work. They have been very good role models especially in lining up after break times. This week we have been thinking about what kind of classroom environment we would like to create for ourselves, year 5 came up with some amazing principles to follow throughout the year.	
Year 6: Year 6 has had a fantastic week settling into being brilliant role models for the rest of the school. They have already shown incredible kindness and resilience, both in class and on the playground. This week, we have thought about what our goals are for this half term and for the year in general. We are looking forward to sharing all of the excellent work we do throughout the year.			
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:

EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Emerald	Kemal	Buruk	Selasi	A'meirah & Mouhamed	Alberta	Aaliyah

Tip for keeping pupils safe online (taken from saferinternet.org.uk)

How do apps get us to come back?



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 Blewett) or the deputy safeguarding leads (Ms Blewett, Miss Frohock, MS Thomas).

Please ensure you have the correct uniform and PE kit for September. Black shoes only (no logos/colours). St Matthias jumper, white shirt, tie, grey trousers/skirt.

For PE- white tshirt, blue st matthias jumper, blue or black joggers ONLY.

<https://myclothing.com/collections/st-matthias-church-of-england-primary-school-23799>

School uniform

Grey or black skirt	Grey or black pinafore	Grey or black trousers (not joggers)	White shirt (short or long sleeved)	Blue jumper with logo badge	Blue cardigan with logo badge	Navy and gold striped tie	Black shoes (can be 100% black trainers)

PE kit

To be worn to school on PE days

To be brought to school in a kit bag for after school club

Not having correct kit may result in not being able to take part in lesson

Jogging pants Navy or Black	Plain white T-Shirt	Or White logo polo	Blue jumper with logo badge	Or fleece top with logo badge	100% black trainers	Black plimsols

Please be aware that there is **new government guidance for unauthorised absence and irregular absence** came into effect from 19th August 2024. If your child has more than 5 days off across a 10 week period you run the risk of being fined and going to court. Hackney will be closely monitoring attendance at St Matthias. Please ensure no term time holidays. Only appointments with evidence will be authorised. Repeated sickness will be referred to the school nurse and without doctors notes will be unauthorised. Please ensure all pupils are in school every day as lateness and absence effects learning outcomes for our pupils! New government guidance: [Working together to improve school attendance \(applies from 19 August 2024\)](#) every child needs to have >95% attendance.

10 SESSIONS (5 DAYS) OF UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE IN A 10-WEEK PERIOD

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered where there have been 10 sessions (5 days) of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period.

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FIRST OFFENCE

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or irregular Attendance, the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days
Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days

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SECOND OFFENCE (WITHIN 3 YEARS)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or irregular Attendance, the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child to be paid within 28 days.
No reduced rate will be offered.

The following changes apply to unauthorised absence and irregular attendance [after 19th August 2024](#).

Please follow the link for the full government publication:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance>

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THIRD OFFENCE AND ANY FURTHER OFFENCES (WITHIN 3 YEARS)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or irregular attendance, a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented to the Magistrates' Court.

Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child.

Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on a parent's future DBS certificate, due to failure to safeguard a child's education.