The Stepney Star

Stepney Primary School

Small School With Great Expectations

Weekly Newsletter
Week 21/22 July & 2nd -5th Sept 2008
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End of Year

Once again, another year has flown by. As usual it has been another action packed and busy year. Pupils, staff and governors are ready for a well-earned break after all their hard work. Coupled with this has been the brilliant support given by parents/carers to their children and to their school. I would like to extend a big thanks to everyone involved in Stepney Primary School. In order for the children to progress and receive the very best education it has to be a team effort.

Years 2 and 6 have worked extremely hard towards their SATs exams and have been rewarded for their commitment and dedication. There's no doubt that we are all very proud of every pupils' work at Stepney. We aim to give them the best start to their lives and believe that the skills they learn at Stepney will give them an outstanding preparation for their future.

May I offer you all the best wishes for an enjoyable and relaxing summer.

Paul Browning
(Headteacher)

Farewell to Year 6

The saddest part of the school year has to be when we say farewell to our year 6 pupils. We have had a brilliant group of pupils this year. They have shown us, again and again, hard work, care towards the younger children and a tremendous amount of fun and team spirit. Indeed, their end of school production was exceptional. Well done to everyone: pupils and staff for a stunning performance. It is both a sad, exciting and slightly nervous change for them as they move off to their next schools. We all hope they settle in quickly and enjoy the next stage in their education.

Year 6 Special Awards

Luke Kelly – Bradshaw Shield for Contribution to the Arts
Jack Williams – Playle Shield for Sport
Nikita Kilvington –Shepherdson Shield for Behaviour
Abir Alom – Smith Shield for Achievement
Stephanie Ampofo – Burhan Shield for Achievement
Kasey Jones & James Wilson for School Councillor Awards

Wedding Bells, Welcomes and Congratulations!

During the summer holidays Miss Thurlow will be getting married and returning as Mrs Wilde. We all hope Miss Thurlow will have a fantastic wedding and a wonderful married life.

Also, Mrs Phelps-Jones and Mrs Hudson are expecting babies in early-mid Autumn. They will be returning for a few weeks in September before taking their maternity leave. We wish both ladies a healthy and relaxing holiday.

We are delighted to have Miss Northen and Miss Baitson taking their places for the year. Both of these teachers have trained with us as GTP (Graduate Training Programme) students and both have been highly successful, demonstrating to us that they are excellent teachers.

Entertainment News

Our dear friend, David Bunting, is now being employed to work on the animation 'Shaun the Sheep"!

School Lunch Costs Rise

Please note that from September 1st 2008 a school lunch will cost £1.20 a day.

Raffle Tickets Winners

Thank you to all of you who bought raffle tickets. All proceeds have gone straight into the school fund to pay for things for the pupils.

The winners were :
£100 = Gideon K Yeboah
TV = Sandra (tkt sold by LKelly)
Mobile Phone = R. Carrier
Rugby Shirt =Natercia Rodrigues
Cinema Tkts = Lee Morfitt
Wine/Chocolate = Mark Reveley

Dates for your diary:

School closes for the summer holidays at 3.15pm on Tuesday 22nd July.

School Year 2008-9

(All dates are inclusive)
First Autumn half term:
2nd Sept - 24th Oct 2008
Second Autumn half term:
3rd Nov – 19th Dec 2008
First Spring half term:
6th Jan – 13th Feb 2009
Second Spring half term:
23rd Feb– 3rd April 2009
First Summer half term:
21st April – 21st May 2009
We are on holiday on **4th May** for May Day.
Second Summer half term:
1st June – 17th July 2009

What The children need

Foundation Stage Children may bring in a favourite toy to play with on Tuesday
Year 1/2 Children may bring in a favourite toy to play with on Tuesday
Y3/4A Children may bring in a favourite toy to play with on Tuesday (not expensive electronic ones)
Y3/4B Children may bring in a favourite toy to play with on Tuesday (not expensive electronic ones)
Year 5 Bring in any music you would like to listen to (CDs)
Year 6, Bring in board games, DVDs, CDs for Tuesday
NB It is left up to parents'/carers' discretion if children bring in toys next week. Please check which toys, games etc your child is bringing into school. It'll be their responsibility to look after the games. The school will not accept responsibility for lost or damaged items.

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK AND MENU

Monday

All Clubs Cancelled

Today's Healthy Eating Menu Spaghetti Bolognaise, New potatoes sweet corn/peas **Veg option** Omelettes, Jacket potatoes with beans,, sweet corn/peas **Dessert** Apricot Cookie

Tuesday

All Clubs Cancelled

Today's Healthy Eating Menu, Roast Chicken, Roast potatoes, Cabbage/Cauliflower. **Veg option** Spaghetti Napolitano, jacket Potatoes, cabbage/carrots **Dessert** Chocolate fruit crispie.

School Closed

Dinner Money

Can we ask parents who are paying for school dinners to pay the correct amount to the class teacher. The school office does not have the register in the morning nor can we give any change. Dinners are £1.20 per day and can be paid on a Monday for the week. (£6.00)

SIGN POSTING HELP

At Stepney we offer the care from 8am in the form of our breakfast club. Although we have after school activities until 4.15pm we don't have an after school care service until 6pm. Instead, we have lists of child minders, after school facilities etc in the community. If you require such services please ask at the school office for the **EXTENDED SCHOOLS FOLDER**.