

# The Stepney Star

Stepney Primary School



*Small School With Great Expectations*

Weekly Newsletter  
Week: 17<sup>th</sup> July  
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## Leaver's Assembly

It has been another of those times when happiness has been mingled with sadness. We have been sharing many happy memories with our year sixes during this last week. This marks a milestone in their lives as they move on to the next stage in their schooling. These feelings are, of course, tinged with sadness. Children will be going their different ways. Some are going on to Endeavour, some to Newland School for Girls, some to St. Mary's College while others will be attending different secondary schools in this city and beyond. We wish them all the very best for their futures.

To mark this we had our annual Leavers' assembly, in which the children shared a special acrostic poem with us.

It was also a time to say a special thanks to our very dear friend, Father John Leeman, who is standing down from the governing body. John has been such an influential part of Stepney and will continue to be with our strong connections

to St. Mary's church. As a momento we presented John with signed Stepney autograph books from staff, governors and pupils and a Bonsai tree.



## Staff Changes

In addition to those staff leaving or rejoining the school there are two further changes. Mrs Bielby has decided to leave full time teaching to pursue some different projects. However, she will be returning in October to help cover the nursery class. The reason for this is that we're delighted to announce that Mrs Hudson is expecting another baby in December so will be leaving

us again during the Autumn term. Our very best wishes go to both ladies.

## Summer Holidays

This year we have seven weeks off on holiday. We would like to wish everyone a very enjoyable, healthy and safe time and we look forward to seeing pupils and parents in the Autumn.

## NEXT YEAR'S DATES

### AUTUMN TERM

Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> September  
2009 to Friday, 18<sup>th</sup>  
December 2009

### Half Term

School closes Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup>  
October  
Re-opens Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup>  
November

### SPRING TERM

Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> January 2010 to  
Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> March 2010

### Half Term

School Closes Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> Feb  
Re-opens Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb

### SUMMER TERM

Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> April 2010 to  
Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2010

### Half term

May Day Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May  
School Closes Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup>  
May  
Re-opens Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> June

## Year 6 Leavers Assembly Poem - Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2009

**S**adly leaving, I'll never forget our time here  
**T**ogether forever, forever together  
**E**verybody's changing  
**P**eople from all over the world  
**N**ever forget our glorious memories  
**E**veryone at Stepney is a big family  
**Y**ou'll always be a Stepney pupil

**P**upils of Stepney stick together  
**R**emember Stepney forever  
**I** love Stepney  
**M**emories of Stepney last forever  
**A**mazing years pass by quickly  
**R**eady to move up  
**Y**ears at Stepney are about to end

**S**o let's get ready for a new adventure  
**C**an't believe we're leaving  
**H**ere to learn  
**O**ur school is great  
**O**h no! Time to go!  
**L**ast days at Stepney

### Class of 2008/2009:

Dominic, Bethany, Alban, Kelsie, Jacky, Christopher, Michael, Steven, Jack, Koyenyi, Bethany, Josh, Marleigh, Courteney, Lauren, Kristina, Oskar, Rubina, TJ, Christopher, Sebastian, Charles, Imogen, Rosie, Sophie, James, Nazeem, Dawid, Jade and Billy.

### **Special Awards Winners 2008-2009**

**Bradshaw Shield for Contribution to the Arts – Jade West**

**Burhan Shield for Achievement – Christopher Norman**

**Playle Shield for Sporting Achievement - Alban Bicaku**

**Smith Shield for Achievement – Courteney Humphries**

**Shepherdson Shield for Behaviour – Rosie Smith**

**Outstanding Achievement Award – Michael Crichton (98/100 marks in his Maths SATs test)**

**John Leeman Shield for Personal Development – Steven Crichton**

**(This is a new award this year to celebrate all the work Father John Leeman has done for the school)**