

# The Stepney Star

Stepney Primary School



*A Small School With Great Expectations*

Weekly Newsletter  
Week: 14<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> Dec 2009  
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## STEPNEY PUPILS PRE-VIEW THE NEW HULL HISTORY CENTRE!

One of the benefits of the school being near to the city centre is that we are often asked to take part in new projects, such as when the refurbished Wilberforce House Museum reopened a few years ago. This time, our year six students have been the first group of children to visit the brand new Hull History Centre on Freetown Way. This won't be open to the public until January 2010.

The purpose-built building, opposite the Central Fire Station, houses collections from the Local Studies library, the Hull City Archives and the University archives. Our students had the chance to investigate significant documents about the city's history.

## CONGRATULATIONS, PAULINA!

Paulina, in Miss Northen's class, won a special prize in the Christmas Card competition held by Diana Johnson MP. Diana presented Paulina with the prize in our Friday assembly.

## THE GRINCH

As part of their Christmas treat, years 4, 5 and 6 went to Hull College to watch their production of the famous Dr Seuss book: 'How the Grinch stole Christmas' on Friday. Everyone agreed it was brilliant!

## CHRISTMAS SECRET SHOP

On Wednesday 9th December, we had our Christmas Secret Shop

which was a roaring success. Once again, Mr Morfitt had organised this so that all children had a chance to buy presents for parents/carers, grandparents and other relatives.

## SCHOOL CHRISTMAS DINNER

Mrs Rowe and her staff did another fantastic job of providing us with a delicious Christmas dinner on Wednesday. Many thanks to Mrs Holmes and the lunchtime staff for setting it up and running the event.

## NEW MOBILE NUMBERS

Please may we remind you that if you have new mobile phone numbers at Christmas to let us know as soon as possible when we start back in January.

## OUTSTANDING DINNER MONEY

Please will you check to see if you owe us outstanding dinner money. If children are staying for school meals and they are not entitled to free meals, then they have to pay. The cost is **£1.30 per day**. The school does not have the resources to pay for these. We will be grateful for your help with this as it is a problem for us when outstanding amounts build up.

## TURF, PIGEONS & OUTDOOR CLASSROOM!

We have just had the turf renewed in the Foundation Stage outdoor area. After years of poor quality grass this should now enhance the area.

You may also have noticed that we have been having problems with our feathered friends, the pigeons. In the next week or so we are having more anti-pigeon guards outside the Foundation Stage area.

For those of you who may be wondering what has happened to our planned outdoor classroom we are still waiting listed building permission. We first sent the forms off in July and we are still waiting. In the meantime, we have removed the old planters in readiness!

## CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

The **Early Years Foundation Stage** and **year 1** children will be presenting their Christmas concert on **Tuesday 15th December at 10.15am**.

The two **year 2/3** classes will be holding theirs on **Wednesday 16th December at 10.15am**.

Instead of having a **year 4,5,6** production we will be having an extended service, lead by these classes at St. Mary's Church, Sculcoates on **Friday 18th December at 10am**.

### Dates for your diary:

#### School Year 2009-10

(all dates are inclusive)

#### Christmas Holiday

Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Dec- Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Jan

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Spring Half Term

Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Jan – Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Feb

#### Half Term Holiday

Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Feb – Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Feb

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Spring Half Term

Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb – Fri 26<sup>th</sup> March

#### Easter Holiday

Mon 29<sup>th</sup> Mar – Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Apr

### What the children need next week

**Foundation Stage** PE kits every Friday. 50p each week to Jelly Baby man.

**Year 1** Learn lines for Christmas play, No PE due to concert practice. Bookworm cancelled until new term.

**Year 2/3A** PE Kits Monday & Thursday

**Year 2/3B** PE Kits Tuesday & Wednesday

**Year 4/5B**

**Year 4/5N** .

**Year 6** PE kits Tuesday

### **EVENTS FOR THE WEEK AND MENU**

#### Monday

**Martial Arts, Clubs Cancelled until New Term**

**Today's Healthy Eating Menu**, Braised Sausages, with Onion Gravy, potato wedges, mixed vegetables. **Dessert** Jam Sponge & Custard. **Veg. Option** Vegetarian Sausages

#### Tuesday

**Football Club Cancelled until New Term**

Roast Pork Steaks & Gravy, Roast Potatoes, mashed Swede & Carrots. **Dessert** Chocolate Crackle & custard. **Veg. Option** Vegetable Chow Mein

#### Wednesday

**Enterprise Club Cancelled until New Term.**  
**Needlecraft 3.15-4.15**

**Today's Healthy Eating Menu** Minced Beef & Potato Pie, Mashed potato, broccoli and carrots. **Dessert** Rice Pudding & Peaches. **Veg. Option** Cheese & Tomato Arrabiatti with Penne.

#### Thursday

ICT club (ICT suite) at 12.30pm **Cancelled until New Term.**  
Stepney Steel Drum Band (small year 6 room) at 12.30pm **Cancelled until New Term**  
Martial Arts (school hall) Years 4, 5 & 6 at 3.15-4.15pm **Cancelled until New Term**  
Cookery Club (staffroom) at 3.15-4.15pm **Cancelled until New Term**

**Today's Healthy Eating Menu** Roast Chicken, Boiled potatoes, Savoy cabbage & carrots. **Dessert**, Fruit Flapjack & Custard. **Vegetarian option** Curried Vegetables Pasty

#### Friday

**Today's Healthy Eating Menu:** Breaded Fish, Chips and Peas. **Dessert** Hungarian Chocolate Biscuit **Vegetarian option** Vegetable Risotto.

**Always available Flavoured Bread, Yoghurt or Fresh fruit, fruit Juice, milk or water.**