

The Stepney Star

Stepney Primary School



A Small School With Great Expectations

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CHRISTMAS WISHES

On behalf of everyone at Stepney, we would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a restful holiday. Once again, the highlights of this year have been produced by the children. They constantly put in hard work and there is always a good learning atmosphere around the school. They are, of course, supported by you and it is greatly appreciated. As we always say, it is a team effort!



CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

On Tuesday, we had the first of our concerts. This was the first time that Nursery, Reception and Year 1 pupils produced a joint show. We were entertained by super singers, actors and costumes. As usual, staff managed to fit in preparations amidst the usual weekly timetable. On Wednesday, we had two performances from our year 2/3 classes, who performed an acrostic Christmas message. Many thanks go out to all those who made both events so magical.

FAREWELL

At the start of this term we had to call on the services of Miss Allen to help us out in year 4, while Miss Bonnington was off. As you may also know by now, Miss Bonnington has decided to look for employment nearer her home.

Unfortunately, Miss Allen could only cover for this Autumn term.

During this time, she has performed a sterling job and we are all very grateful for her hard work for the year 4 pupils, and wish her well in the future.

NEW FACES

In January we are having another change, which, all being well, should be stable for the rest of this school year. Mrs Phelps-Jones will be teaching the class on Monday, Tuesday and Friday with Mrs Audsley joining us to teach them on Wednesday and Thursday.

May we emphasise that it is not the school policy to change a class' teacher during the year. Owing to circumstances, that we had not expected or been able to predict, we have had to make these changes.

We also have two new student teachers. Mrs Thomas and Mrs Stephenson join us for the first half term of the new year. They will be teaching in Miss Northen's and Miss Atkinson's class, respectively.

SWIMMING AWARDS

This term, our year 4 students have been involved in swimming lessons at Ennerdale Leisure Centre. We are pleased to announce the following awards that they have gained:

Endeavour Award:

Aleksandra, Jakub, Aaliyah, Bryton, Charlie, Jack, Kian, Charlotte, Jack, Miryam, Jonathan, Jakub, Nathan

Grade One:

Rebecca, Brina, Emma, Callum, Samuel, David, Thomas, Bartek, Mikolay, Kaylam, Kyran, Ronaldo, Zak, Dominik, Billy, Harry, Ethan, Victoria, David, Tyrese, Codie, Dawid.

Grade Two:

Nikola

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.

Dates for your diary:

School Year 2009-10

(all dates are inclusive)

Christmas Holiday

Mon 21st Dec- Mon 4th Jan

1st Spring Half Term

Tues 5th Jan – Fri 12th Feb

Half Term Holiday

Mon 15th Feb – Fri 19th Feb

2nd Spring Half Term

Mon 22nd Feb – Fri 26th March

Easter Holiday

Mon 29th Mar – Mon 12th Apr



EVENTS FOR THE WEEK AND MENU

Monday

No Clubs on the first week of the 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

No Clubs on the first week of the new term

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

Wednesday

No Clubs on the first week of the new term

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

No Clubs on the first week of the 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.