The Stepney Star

Stepney Primary School

A Small School With Great Expectations

Weekly Newsletter
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CONGRATULATIONS, MRS HUDSON

One of the highlights over the holiday period has been the fantastic news that Mrs Hudson has had another baby girl. Sophie Elizabeth was born on New Years Eve. Our best wishes go out to the family.

NEW FACES

We have three new faces to the staff for this term. Ms Thomas and Mrs Stephenson are with us on teaching practice up to half term.
In year 4/5 Mrs Phelps-Jones is being joined by Mrs Audsley to take over from Miss Allen.

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

Once again, we have concerns for some families with their attendance and punctuality. Our curriculum is geared to provide maximum teaching and learning opportunities. These start at five to nine when the children enter school and last to the end of the day. The emphasis is on enjoyment as well as hard work to make certain that the children get the best education that we can provide. This requires the children to be at school and in on time.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

Owing to the snow, ice and chilly conditions we have had to restrict access to the back playground. We have been salting the front playground on a daily basis and would like to thank everyone for their patience at the busy 'traffic' at the main entrance. While other schools have been closing, it is warm in the building and business as usual. The children have been kept in most playtimes this week but we will let them out for some fresh air as soon as we can, including on the field if possible. Please ensure your child has appropriate footwear and clothing for this.

GETTING IN TOUCH

Please may we remind you that if you have had new mobile phone numbers at Christmas please let us know as soon as possible.

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.

WEBSITE & CHILD SAFETY

Just a reminder that we keep our website up to date with the latest news. You can access a variety of information including copies of the newsletters and reports and policies. One of the most significant aspects of the latest round of Ofsted inspections is child safety procedures. Our most comprehensive and detailed 'safeguarding children' policy is available on the website as well as at the school office. Connected with this is the strict e-safety procedures we have in school. We take the security of children's details extremely seriously. We are also gradually building up galleries of children's work.

THE ONGOING SAGA OF PIGEONS & THE OUTDOOR CLASSROOM!

We have been having problems with the pigeons over the last month. During the holidays we had anti-pigeon guards attached to the window sills above the fire escape area but the 'cherry-picker' that the company had brought wouldn't fit in the back playground. We are therefore awaiting their return with scaffolding.
The outdoor classroom will be constructed during the Easter holiday.

Dates for your diary:
School Year 2009-10
(all dates are inclusive)
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

1st Summer Half Term
Tues 13th April— Thurs 27th May
Half Term Holiday
Fri 28th May—Fri 4th June
2nd Summer Half Term
Mon 7th June—Fri 23rd July

What the children need next week

Foundation Stage Appropriate clothing for playing in the snow. Please make sure that their names are on.
Year 1 Bookworm Tuesday 2.45pm. Can children bring a toy that they can talk about in class. Make sure it is named.
Year 2/3A Appropriate clothing for playing in the snow. Please make sure that their names are on.
Year 2/3B PE Kits Tuesday & Wednesday
Year 4/5B PE Wed/Thursday
Year 4/5N PE Wed/Friday.
Year 6 PE kits Tuesday Please make sure your child completes their homework and hands it in.

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK AND MENU

Monday

All Clubs cancelled until further notice

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Today's Healthy Eating Menu, Savoury Mince Beef with Vegetables and boiled potato, broccoli and cauliflower. **Dessert** Chocolate sponge and pink sauce. **Vegetarian option** Spaghetti Napolataine.

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Roast beef, roast potatoes, Savoy cabbage. **Dessert** Lincolnshire Dessert cake and custard. **Vegetarian option** Vegetable Pie.

Wednesday

All Clubs cancelled until further notice

Today's Healthy Eating Menu Chicken Curry, boiled rice, carrots and peas. **Dessert** Apricot shortcake & custard **Vegetarian options.** Macaroni Bake.

Thursday

All Clubs cancelled until further notice

Today's Healty Eating Menu Homemade Burger in a Bun, potato wedges, baked beans & sweetcorn. **Dessert** Semolina & Fruit puree. **Vegetarian option** Oriental vegetables with noodles.

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.