

# The Stepney Star

Stepney Primary School



*A Small School With Great Expectations*

Weekly Newsletter  
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## A WEEK OF INSPECTIONS!

While we were getting the boilers fixed on Monday, Mr Browning received the phone call from Ofsted to say that the school would be inspected on Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th. (The last time we were inspected was in February 2007). Over the two



days, the lead inspector, Rajinder Harrison, and her two colleagues have been observing lessons and going through all our data and paper work with a fine tooth comb. Until the final report is published by Ofsted we can not give you details of the grade we have been awarded. We can tell you that it went well. Many thanks to all of you who spoke to the inspectors and returned questionnaires to the school. We were told that there were many positive comments from you—we greatly appreciate your continued support.

Also, we had another inspection on Friday for our Basic Skills Quality Mark. This had been scheduled for months so, unlike Ofsted, didn't come out of the blue! This looks at all the work we do with basic literacy and maths work—those vital building blocks of skills that we all need in life. This went well.

## School Council

Last term we had a brilliant school council. The councillors received special certificates for all their hard

work. They were: Cameron Smith, Ellie Davidson, Shakeel Patel, Lauren Selby, Aida Macijauseas, Ashleigh Sarvent, Edward Prempeh, Julia Feltynowska, Aaron Sceats, Hope Dodsworth, Mikolay Chazan, Brina Prempeh, Akeem Ceesay and Frances Barrett. All the children were chosen by their classmates. New Councillors have been chosen for the Spring.

## Boiler Problems

May we apologise to all parents/carers for the closure of the school on Monday 11th January and any problems this may have presented to you. When we arrived at school the boilers were not on and had not been working over the weekend. Owing to the age and size of the building it takes at least half a day to get back to a suitable temperature. Indeed, it was very cold in all classrooms. The problem has been rectified and, hopefully, there will be no further instances where we have to close the school to pupils.

## Thanks from the RSPCA

We've had a letter from the RSPCA, thanking us for donating blankets and food for their animals. Before Christmas we also gave items to an appeal from one of our parents for looked after dogs. Many thanks to all who helped these two causes.

## Lateness

Another reminder that school starts at 8.55am. There are still children turning up to school well after the deadline. Our lessons begin straight away in the mornings so children who are continually late are missing

out on a great deal of valuable learning opportunities.

## Foundation Stage

### Assembly

Pupils, parents, staff and Ofsted Inspectors were treated to a super rendition of the Gingerbread Man story by our Nursery and Reception children. It takes a great deal of courage to stand in front of all these people but all the children did a super job. Other class assemblies for this term are as follows:

January 21st—Class 2/3A  
(Miss Atkinson)

February 4th—Class 4/5N  
(Miss Northen)

March 1st—Year 1

March 11th—Class 2/3B  
(Miss Baitson)

March 18th—Class 4/5B  
(Mrs Phelps-Jones)

March 25th—Year 6

### Dates for your diary:

#### School Year 2009-10

(all dates are inclusive)

#### 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

#### 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**

**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 Napolitaine.

**All Clubs cancelled until further notice**

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 Healthy 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.**