The Stepney Star

Stepney Primary School

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Weekly Newsletter
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WELCOME TO A NEW SCHOOL YEAR

As usual, all our pupils have returned to school with an excellent attitude! Behaviour is always good but still seems to improve each year. There is no doubt that they are a tribute to parents/carers. Once again, we are immediately back into work mode. Staff have been planning and preparing exciting and stimulating themed work for the year. Through all of this we are still concentrating on developing literacy and numeracy skills. Of course, it is very much a partnership between home and school. If you have any worries or concerns please contact us immediately. This week's newsletter has a number of reminders but if you are not sure about anything, just speak to one of our staff.

YEAR 6—SECONDARY SCHOOL FORMS

Parents of year six pupils should have received letters from the local authority containing secondary school admission forms. It is vital that these are completed and returned so that places can be allocated at the secondary schools for pupils. If you have not received a form you must speak to the office staff or contact the local authority. Completed forms may be brought back to our office staff or parents can go online—details will be in the letters.

Welcome back to staff

This term, Mrs Brocklebank, Mrs Hudson and Ms Saint have returned after maternity leave. We are all glad to see them back. We are also delighted to welcome a new member of staff. Miss Pullen has joined our Early Years Foundation Stage staff and will be with us this year. This change is to replace Mrs Heidstra, who will be leaving at the next half term holiday on maternity leave. We would like to pass on our best wishes to all of them.

School Times and Attendance

May we remind you that school begins at 8.55am. As teaching and learning starts straight away it is important that pupils are in school on time.
It is also vital that pupils have good attendance to ensure they don't miss out on their learning. If they miss too much school this results in them falling behind their friends and their progress is impaired. Similarly, school finishes at 3.15pm. If you are going to be late, please let us know beforehand.

On Sale

Sweatshirts may be purchased at £7 each. Book and PE bags are £3 each. These are available from the school office.

PE Kit

Please ensure your child brings a change of clothes for PE.

Telephone Numbers

It is essential that we have up-to-date contact details for every child. We have quite a number of incidents each year when we can't get hold of any parents/carers for a child. On a few occasions this has been when a child has required immediate medical attention including being taken to hospital.
Please let us know of phone numbers which we can contact you on, either by calling or using our school-to-parents texting service.

Competition Winner

Last year our pupils submitted poster designs for a competition run by the local authority's 'Healthy Schools' Team'. During the summer these were judged and Luke Brodie's entry won. This will now be made into a sign which will be erected outside our school. Many congratulations to Luke.

Class Assemblies for this half term:

EYFS and Year 1— 23rd Sept
Year 2/3 classes—30th Sept
Year 4/5 classes—7th October
Year 5/6— 14th October

Key Dates to remember:

Curriculum summaries/ target sheets for pupils will be sent out on **17th September**
Extra curricular/after school clubs will start on the **week beginning 27th September**. This will give teachers a chance to tell children about the clubs they are running.
Parents afternoons/evenings will take place during the **week beginning 11th October**.

This Year's School Dates:

(All dates are inclusive)
Autumn Term 2010:
Tuesday 7th September 2010 to
Tuesday 21st December 2010

Autumn Half Term Holiday
School closes Friday 22nd October
Re-opens: Monday 1st November

Spring Term
Thursday 6th January 2011 to
Friday 15th April 2011

Spring Half Term Holiday
School Closes Friday 18th February
Re-opens: Monday 28th February

Summer Term
Wednesday 4th May 2011 to
Friday 22nd July 2011

What the children need next week

Foundation Stage PE kits Monday and Friday.

Year 1 Bookworm on Friday morning. 8.55 –9.20. PE kit Monday plus Thursday & Friday for Street Dance.

Year 2/3A PE Kits Monday & Wednesday

Year 2/3B PE Kits Tuesday & Wednesday

Year 4/5B PE kits Wednesday.

Year 4/5N PE kits Wed/Friday.

Year 6 PE Kits Tuesday. Please return your permission slips to school as soon as possible.

Monday

Today's Menu: Roast Pork loin & Gravy, boiled potatoes, peas & carrots. **Vegetarian option:** Leek & Pasta bake **Dessert:** Ice cream & Fruit Puree

Tuesday

Today's Menu: Southern Style chicken, potato wedges, baked beans. **Vegetarian option:** Omelettes **Dessert:** Banana Bread muffin

Wednesday

Today's Menu: Spaghetti Bolognaise, sweetcorn & broccoli **Vegetarian option:** Cheese & Tomato Pizza **Dessert:** Jam & Cream Scone

Thursday

Today's Menu: Meat & Potato pie, roast potatoes, mixed vegetables. **Vegetarian option:** Spaghetti Napolitano **Dessert:** Orange & Cinnamon muffin

Friday

Today's Menu Fish Fingers, chips and peas, **Vegetarian option:** Mixed vegetables & cous cous **Dessert:** Fruit & Jelly