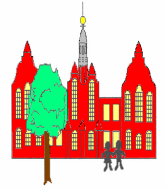


The Stepney Star

Stepney Primary School



A Small School With Great Expectations

Weekly Newsletter
Week: 7th — 11th November 2011
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VERY IMPORTANT! **Additional Training Day on** **Friday 2nd December!**

Please note that we have had to move one of our staff training days this academic year. Instead of having one on the 29th June 2012, we have moved this to Friday 2nd December 2011, when the school will be closed to pupils. We would like to apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. The reason for this is that we have managed to recruit a maths consultant for the day, to train staff on a new maths scheme called 'Big Maths'. This has proven to improve children's basic numeracy skills. We have only recently been told about it by Thoresby Primary School, whose results have shown great improvements over the last twelve months. In order for us to get things moving really quickly we need to have this training before Christmas. The decision to move the date was not taken lightly, as we had previously told parents a different day but, following discussions with the Local Authority, we have been able to reschedule it.

Notification of Absence!

We are having more children being taken out of school time for appointments. Please will you try and arrange appointments out of school time if possible. Furthermore, if you do take your child out, we need proof of the appointment for our records and you do need to let school know that a child will be missing school time.

Dates for Christmas Events !

We are pleased to announce the dates for our Christmas Events:

The Christmas Secret Shop!

Thursday 1st December - all day for each class

The Christmas Fayre!

Thursday 8th December - 2.45pm start

Christmas Concerts !

All are in December and start at 10.30am

Foundation Stage/Year 1 - Tues 13th

Phase 4/5 - Wednesday 14th

Phase 2/3 - Thursday 15th

Christmas Service at St. Mary's

Monday 19th December - 10am start

Thanks for the Harvest Festival Gifts !

We have just received a thankyou card with the following message:

"The residents of Tunis Street Sheltered housing would like to thank the children, staff and parents for their kind generosity for the gifts you so kindly gave to us all."

Yours sincerely P.Lawrence
(on behalf of all the tenants).

100% PE KITS

Many thanks to everyone who has been helping us with our school PE kit drive this autumn. In every class, the majority of pupils are now wearing the school kit for PE lessons. As well as ensuring that children are bringing a change of clothes in order for them to do PE, we have had many comments about how great it looks. The children are very proud of their kits and it helps to make the atmosphere around school even better. We have set a target for every child in the school to be wearing this PE kit by the end of this autumn term. We will be reminding pupils who have not brought their kit, and their parents. We are selling the kits at the school office for £7, which includes a bag. When we did our original costings for this, we found it was cheaper than shop bought ones!

Christmas Gift Box Appeal

May we remind you that we will be

collecting gift boxes as part of our Christmas Charity Appeal. Further details can be obtained from the school office and/or the school website. **We have some spare empty shoe boxes for anyone who needs one. Please ask at the office.**

DEADLINE FOR BOXES TO BE HANDED INTO SCHOOL: 23rd November 2011

Parents Afternoons/Evenings

Many thanks to all those parents/carers who attended our parents' events this week. Hopefully, you now have a good understanding of how well your child is doing in school and ways to help them make progress. If you missed this opportunity then please see the class teacher to arrange another appointment in the next few weeks. Of course, if you have any worries or queries at any time, then please do not hesitate to make an appointment with one of our staff. We are always pleased to help.

Playground Improvements

Our contractors, Sangwins, have been busy over the half term holiday, renewing the surfacing to the Foundation Stage Playground and the access way to the main playground. We have also had some new storage sheds and a playhouse delivered. It is our aim to improve this area of the school for our youngest pupils.

Exhibition Dates!

Now that pupils have had the opportunity to undertake more work, we are going to be holding our very popular phase exhibitions. Here are the exhibition dates for this half term:

November 2011

- EYFS/Yr 1 Exhibition - Thursday 10th

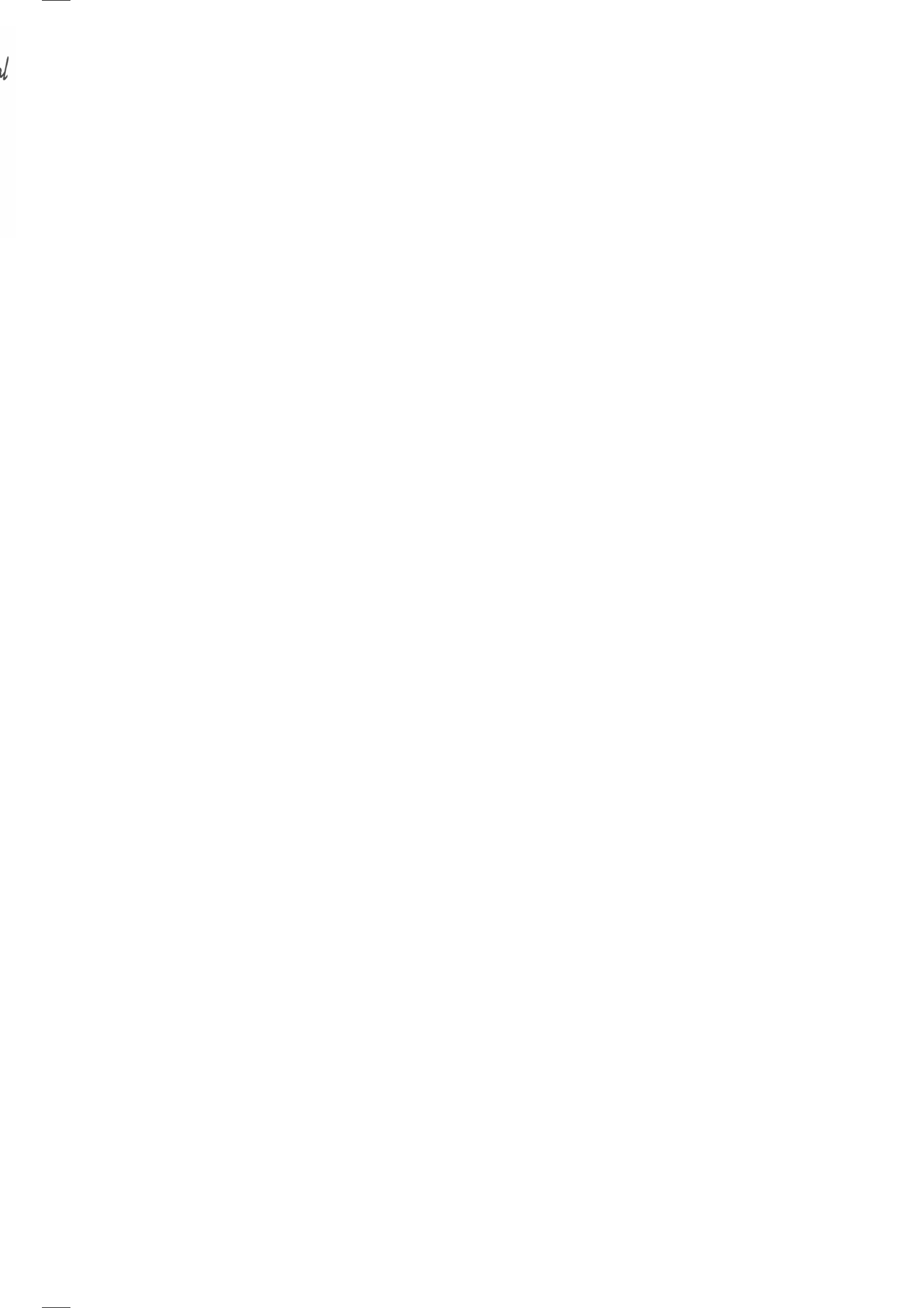
- Phase 2/3 Exhibition - Thursday 17th

- Phase 4/5 Exhibition - Thursday 24th

December 2011

- Year 6 Exhibition - Thursday 1st

Visit our website for more on these items



What the children need next week

Foundation Stage PE kits Monday and Friday.

Year 1 Bookworm on Friday morning. 8.55 –9.20. PE Kits Mondays.

Year 2/3A PE Kits Monday & Wednesday

Year 2/3B PE Kits Wednesday

Year 4/5A PE kits Wednesday& Friday.

Year 4/5B PE kits Wednesday & Friday

Year 6 PE kits Tuesday.

MENU 2

Monday

12.30pm Reading Club Mrs Phelps-Jones, Mrs Northern Y4,

12.30pm Pet Care Mrs Crichton EYFS/Y1

3.15-4.15 Multi Skills Miss Richardson K/S 2

Today's Menu: Bolognese Pizza, diced potato & baked beans. **Veg. option** Vegetable casserole. **Dessert** Fruit flapjack and custard.

Tuesday

12.30 Study Club **Y6** Mrs Brocklebank, Miss Patrick

3.15-4.15pm Basketball Club Miss Richardson Y1—Y6

Today's Menu: Beef Curry, Rice, sweetcorn & peas. **Veg. option**, Sweet and Sour vegetables, **Dessert**, Chocolate orange sponge and custard.

Wednesday

12.30pm **Friendship Club Years 4.5.& 6** Miss Saint

3.15-4.15pm **Sewing Club Y6** Mrs Chrichton

3.15-4.15 pm Football Club Mr Burton Y4,5 & 6 (**NOW FULL**)

3.15-4.15pm ICT Games Miss Atkinson & Miss Baitson Y2 & Y3

Today's Menu Chicken pie and gravy, boiled potatoes, cabbage & carrots. Veg. option, Fish pasta bake. Dessert Milk pudding and apricot sauce.

Thursday

3.15pm **Steel Drums** Mr Browning - Year 6

3.15pm-4.15pm All Sports K/S 2 Miss Richardson

3.15pm Cookery Club Rec—Y6 Mrs Heidstra, Miss Pullen (**NOW FULL**)

12.30pm **Study Club** Mrs Brocklebank & Miss Patrick

Today's Menu Savoury minced cobbler, roast potato, broccoli and cauliflower, **Veg. option** Vegetable crumble. **Dessert**, Chocolate sponge and custard.

Friday

Today's Menu Fish cakes, chips & peas. **Veg. option** Hot vegetable wrap. **Dessert**, Lincolnshire Muffins.

