The Stepney Star

Stepney Primary School

A Small School With Great Expectations

Weekly Newsletter
Week: 14th — 18th November 2011

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Football Galore!

We had a truly football mad afternoon on Wednesday. Our coach, John Hawley was in the school hall with the year 4 pupils, practising their football skills; year 5 were on the school field playing some small matches against year 5s from Pearson Primary School. Mr Burton, Miss Northen and a teacher from Pearson were refereeing. Meanwhile, Miss Patrick, Ms Saint and Mr Browning accompanied the year 6 pupils to Pearson to play a round of mini matches there. In all the matches, everyone commented on the great attitude shown by Stepney pupils. As usual, we won some matches and lost others but all our pupils had a great afternoon.

Strike Action !

As you may have seen on the media, 'Unison' and the 'National Association of Headteachers' have both announced strike action on 30th November 2011. We are still awaiting the decisions of the other teaching unions and the unions representing our support staff. We will keep you up to date on whether or not this school will be closed on this day.

Sports Club Leaflets

We often receive leaflets about local sports events and activities. People ask us to distribute these. We wish to remind you that, as the events are not connected with the school and are outside school hours, it is the responsibility of parents and carers to ensure that these are checked out if there child wants to attend.

Foundation Stage/Year 1 Buzzing !

Our phase exhibitions proved to be extremely popular last year. It appears that the new academic year has got off to the same start. On Thursday, we had forty parents/carers packed into our Foundation Stage area and year 1 classes. Everywhere you looked, there were adults and children making things, playing or engaged in learning activities. There was a palpable 'buzz' around the place. Many thanks to all those people who joined us. An excellent morning!

Playground Designs !

Mrs Rodgers and the school pupil council had a visit from Elizabeth Cullen and some of her students from the Prince's Trust Programme today. They have been creating designs for the Foundation Stage playground. Miss Pullen also joined the meeting to look at the designs. We are expecting the work to be done on the 22nd and 23rd November.

Help with the Playhouse!

We have bought the playhouse for our younger children. Unfortunately, some of the older children have already been messing about with it. We would like to ask parents and carers to remind their children to keep away from this equipment.

Christmas Fayre Appeal

We are starting to prepare for our school fayre. We would be grateful for any donations that parents/carers wish to make for this event. Stalls will include a Tombola and Bottle stalls. Please send any donations to the school.

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.

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 !

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

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

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
- 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.

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Monday

12.30pm Reading Club Mrs Phelps-Jones, Miss Northern Y4,
12.30pm Pet Care Mrs Crichton EYFS/Y1
3.15-4.15 Multi Skills Miss Richardson K/S 2

Today's Menu: Chicken curry, rice, peas and sweet corn. **Veg. option** Spaghetti Napoliteine, **Dessert** Chocolate oat delight and custard.

Tuesday

12.30 Study Club **Y6** Mrs Brocklebank, Miss Pattrick
3.15-4.15pm Basketball Club Miss Richardson Y1—Y6

Today's Menu: Roast beef and gravy, roast potato, cabbage & carrots. **Veg. option** Vegetable Korma Bake, **Dessert**, Coconut shortcake 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 Sausages and gravy, mashed potato, broccoli and cauliflower**. Veg. option** Vegetable sausages and gravy. **Dessert,** Steamed sultana sponge and custard

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 Pattrick

Today's Menu Mediterranean chicken, rice, sweet corn & green beans. **Veg. option** Cheese and tomato arrabiatta with penne. **Dessert** Rice pudding with jam sauce.

Friday

Today's Menu Breaded fish, chips peas & mushy peas. **Veg. option** Vegetable Goulash, **Dessert**, Apple and Cinnamon muffin.