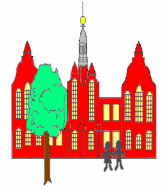


The Stepney Star

Stepney Primary School



A Small School With Great Expectations

Weekly Newsletter
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The School Learning Platform is at www.stepney.hull.dbprimary.com

Whole School Calendar on the Platform !

Our pupils and staff are now starting to get to grips with our learning platform. Already, some of them have been emailing each other, creating quizzes and surveys and completing their homework on the site. This is a 'closed' community i.e. people cannot email to anyone outside of the system and they can't receive emails from outside. There are plenty of e-safety checks in place. These include a 'whistle-blowing' facility, whereby children can notify staff if other children are sending inappropriate messages. All children have been warned that they could risk having their membership of the platform suspended or even deleted. We are now putting our whole school diary on the site so children can see what is happening in school. They can use this to add their own diary entries, which will only be seen by them. As well as the link on the school website's homepage the learning platform's address is listed above on this newsletter. Children are being provided with their own unique username and password. If there are any problems with these, then please see Mr Browning.

BBC Children in Need Day !

Last week, we raised £306.47. from the sale of buns and the privilege of coming in pyjamas, slippers and dressing gowns. A competition had been organised as part of Friendship Week, which tied in with the theme. Our youngest children were asked to draw a picture of their best friend and the oldest children had to compose a poem or short piece of writing on friendship. The winners, who received Pudsey Bear prizes, were:
Foundation Stage Tarrell; Yr 1 Connor;

Class 2/3A Hollie; Class 2/3B Saimah; Class 4/5A Alisha; Class 4/5B Julia; Class 6A Amelia; Class 6B Ronaldo. There was an additional prize for Nikola in Class 6B for a phenomenal poster. Well done to all the prize winners!

Phase 4/5 Exhibition !

We had over 50 parents and carers join us for yet another of our successful phase exhibitions. This week, it was the turn of our year 4 and 5 pupils, who have been studying India this term. As usual, we asked our guests what they thought, and their comments may be viewed on the November 2011 page of our website.

Wall Paintings !

We have been delighted to welcome a host of students from Hull College, who were here as part of the Prince's Trust. They have repainted our Stepney Nursery mural and created a new one. They have also painted some new playground markings in the Foundation Stage outdoor area with a road-way, a rocket and a snake!

Industrial Action !

You may have heard via the media, that a day of industrial action is planned across the public sector on Wednesday 30th November. Unless there are any agreements between the unions and the government on Pension issues in the meantime, this action will go ahead next week. This will affect Stepney Primary School. Members of our staff are represented by the following unions: NAHT, NUT, NASUWT, GMB and UNISON, all of whom have called their members to undertake industrial action on the day in question. As a result of this, the school will be closed to pupils on Wednesday 30th November.

Training Day!

May we also take this opportunity to remind you that the school will also be closed to pupils on another day next week - Friday 2nd December. This is not connected with the industrial action. Schools are allocated five designated training days each year. This is one of them and will involve training for staff on a new scheme of work for mathematics called 'Big Maths'. This has been used in some of our neighbouring schools, such as Thoresby Primary School and has contributed to strengthening pupils' skills in maths. In order for us to take advantage of 'Big Maths' we need to have this training, which is being provided by an external consultant.

Dates for Christmas Events !

The Christmas Secret Shop is on Next Week!

Thursday 1st December - all day for each class (PLEASE NOTE, THAT DUE TO PRICE RISES, MOST GIFTS WILL COST £2 THIS YEAR, please make sure your child as the right money)

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

Tombola Request !

As we are starting the run up to Christmas, we would be grateful for items to be donated for the Tombola and bottle stalls. If you are willing to help, please send the items to your child's classteacher.

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, 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: Bolognaise 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

SCHOOL CLOSED

Thursday

SECRET SHOP all gifts £2 each. Please make sure your child has the correct money.

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

SCHOOL CLOSED