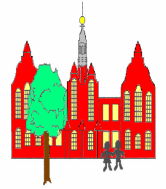


The Stepney Star

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Stepney Primary School



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Stranger Danger !

On Wednesday night, three of our year 6 pupils had been to Pearson Park, after school. They were walking back along Beverley Road at around 4.30pm, when a green car with three men stopped near them. The men started looking at them and getting out of the car so the children headed up Cave Street towards their homes. The car had turned around and started to follow them but the children had reached home. Their parents contacted the police. We have spoken to all the children about the dangers of going with strangers and what to do if they were approached. Please will you reinforce this message with your children and make sure all necessary precautions are taken for their safety.

Rainbow Writing Arrives at Stepney !

We are just starting a new initiative at Stepney to help children to improve their writing. As well as ensuring that each week we have one morning devoted to 'extended writing', we are linking this into 'Rainbow Writing'. In 'Rainbow Writing', we start with a basic sentence, such as 'The boy ran to the shop' which is not particularly interesting or detailed. We call this a 'grey sentence'. The idea is to make this into a rainbow sentence. Pupils can add 'Red' words (which are verbs i.e. doing words); then 'Purple' words (adjectives/adverbs i.e. descriptive words); then 'Orange' words (sentence openers); 'Blue' words (Connectives); and finally, 'Green' words (interesting clauses). By the time they have done this, they have constructed a detailed sentence. Even in the initial days of doing this, we are finding that children are finding it eas-

ier to write better sentences. Also, we are raising the profile of writing in general. Each week, children will bring a letter home asking them to think of ideas for the 'extended writing' that they will be doing in class. During every Tuesday morning assembly, we will be celebrating examples of brilliant writing and displaying them around the school. To support your child in this, please take time to look at their letters and talk with them about the present week's 'extended writing' assignment.

Library Furniture Arrives !

We had a delivery of new shelving for our school library. We are enhancing the provision of reading throughout the school, and this furniture will help us to revamp our library.

Cheer Leaders' Club !

Our new Cheer Leaders' Club started on Tuesday. Miss Middleton, the sports and dance coach we employ, took twenty girls onto the front playground to start learning some Cheer Leading routines. Everyone seemed delighted to be involved.

Appointments During the Day !

We currently have concerns with pupils attending medical appointments. We accept that sometimes appointments can only be made during the school day and pupils have to be taken out of school to attend these. However, some pupils are taking the full day off school while others are leaving in the morning for an appointment but then not returning to school. Mornings and Afternoons are counted as two separate sessions so it is imperative that pupils miss as little time as possible. Please ensure that your child is only away from school for the appointment and not all day.

Dinner Money

Is Now Collected On Mondays!

May we remind you that dinner money will be collected on the first day of the school week. Children will need to bring their total dinner money for the forthcoming week. This can be in any combination. For Example: if you wanted your child to stay for dinners on Monday. Tuesday and Thursday they would just need to bring £3 on the Monday of that week. At the end of the week, letters will be sent out reminding parents if they still owe money. Dinner prices are £1 per day, unless children are eligible for free school meals.

Assembly & Exhibition Dates!

Our phase assembly and exhibition dates for this term are as follows:

April 2012

- Attendance Assembly – Thurs 26th

May 2012

- Phase 4/5 Assembly – Thurs 10th
- Phase 2/3 Assembly – Thurs 17th
- Year 6 Assembly – Thurs 24th
- EYFS/Yr1 Assembly – Thurs 31st

June 2012

- EYFS/Yr1 Exhibition – Thurs 21st
- Phase 2/3 Exhibition—Thurs 28th

July 2012

- Phase 4/5 Exhibition – Thurs 5th
- Year 6 Leavers' Assembly—Thurs 12th

Other Dates for your Diary!

May Day Holiday:-

School is closed on Monday 7th May

Summer Half Term Holiday:-

School Ends on Thursday 31st May and reopens on Monday 11th June
School Ends for the Summer on Friday 20th July

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, Miss Northern Y4,

12.30pm Pet Care Mrs Crichton EYFS/Y1

3.15-4.15 Multi Skills Miss Richardson, Reception & Y1

Today's Menu: Savoury minced beef, mashed potato, broccoli. **Vegetarian menu** Cheese & Tomato Arrabiatta with Penne

Dessert Chocolate Sponge & Pink Sauce

Tuesday

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

3.15-4.15 Basketball Club Miss Richardson Years 1-6

Today's Menu Chicken Curry, Rice, mixed vegetables. **Vegetarian menu** Tuna Mayonnaise Baguette **Dessert** Lincolnshire Pudding

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 Roast Beef, roast potatoes, carrots & cabbage. **Vegetarian menu** Mediterranean Quiche **Dessert** Chocolate Crackle

Thursday

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

3.15pm-4.15pm All Sports KS 2 Miss Richardson

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

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

Today's Menu : Meatballs in Tomato Sauce, sweetcorn, greenbeans **Vegetarian menu** Vegetable casserole **Dessert** Coconut Shortcake & Custard

Friday

Today's Menu: Breaded fish, chips peas & mushy peas **Vegetarian menu** Hot Vegetable wrap **Dessert** Banana Muffin

Always available Jacket Potato, Homemade Bread, Fresh Fruit, Assorted Yoghurts, Fresh Juice, Milk