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School's Out For Summer !

On behalf of the Governors and Staff of Stepney Primary School, may we wish you a great summer to rest, relax and enjoy yourselves. Who knows, we may even get some sun and a little less rain. For any who may be going to the Olympics, may it be a truly memorable experience!

A Fond Farewell to Mr Burton !

We bade farewell to Mr Richard Burton today. Mr Burton trained with us as a Graduate Training Programme (GTP) student and has since been teaching in our phase 2/3 team for the past two years as a qualified teacher. He is moving to teach at Lower Kersal Community Primary School in Salford, which will be nearer to his new home. We are all sad to see him go and we know this feeling is felt by Mr Burton. In the time he has been with us, he has proven to be an inspirational teacher and role model, as well as leading the school football team.

End of the School Year !

Today is the last day of this academic year. Once again, pupils and staff, ably supported by parents and carers, have been working hard to ensure that children make progress and raise attainment. Indeed, the year 6 pupils have had their best SATs results for over three years. Once we have the official figures in the autumn, we will report these to you. At the same time, we are fully committed to providing a broad and full curriculum that is both stimulating and enjoyable for our pupils. After all, it makes learning much easier if it is interesting! While everyone is in need of a very well-earned

and deserved summer break, may we ask that some things continue during the six weeks. Reading is a vital part of everyday living as well as school work. If children continue to read during this period, this will be a tremendous help to them. Also, if they can practise writing and maths this would be a bonus to them when they return. Having said that, rest and play are vital too!

Return Dates !

Pupils return to school on **Wednesday, 5th September 2012.** Staff will be in on the first two days for training and preparing the school.

School Out of Bounds !

Contractors and decorators will be working in the school for the whole of the summer holidays. The school premises are out of bounds to anyone but these workers and staff. Please ensure children do not come anywhere near the site for their own safety.

Free to Anyone !

We will be setting up tables today to display items we no longer require in school. If there is anything that parents/carers may like to have, we are inviting them to come and have a look and take the displayed items.

Boiler Room Meeting!

Contractors visited the school to agree final arrangements for the work on the school boilers. All the boilers and pipework in the boiler room are being removed and a new plant installed. Together with the repairs to the windows, this should hopefully make the school more energy efficient. Obviously, in a building built in the Victorian Era, it is always a difficult task

bringing it up to twenty first century requirements! Mr Browning met with the engineers today. Some work will also be carried out on the 16 metre high chimney, which needs some pointing and relining doing to it.

IMPORTANT: Reminder About Admissions !

Regrettably, some of our parents have been disappointed recently. They have found out that their younger children have not got places in our Reception class. Even though they may have other children in the school and even though the child has been in our nursery, this is no guarantee that they will be given a place. A few years ago, it was left to primary schools to allocate places but in recent years, this task has been taken over by the admissions team in the Local Authority. They allocate places for all pupils in the school but the Reception class has been particularly affected. According to the Local Authority Admissions Code, higher consideration is given to such factors as home address/catchment areas and children looked after by the local authority. We can only stress that parents/carers must apply direct to the LA either with first applications or with appeals against decisions. Unfortunately and frustratingly, it is out of the school's control or influence.

Interviews !

This week Mr Browning, Mr Morfitt and Mrs McDonald interviewed candidates for the part time Attendance and Admin officer post. This person will join forces with Mrs Purkins in September. One candidate, Mrs Zoe Harland was successful and we are looking forward to her joining us in the new academic year.

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