

The Stepney Star



Stepney Primary School



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Weekly Newsletter
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Christmas Wishes!

On behalf of the staff and pupils of Stepney Primary School, we would like to wish everyone a wonderful Christmas, enjoyable holiday and peaceful New Year. It has been a long term in which staff and pupils have been working extremely hard. There is no doubt that we are all ready for a well deserved break.

Christmas at St. Mary's!

Mrs Phelps-Jones has once again organised a memorable Christmas service at St. Mary's church in Sculcoates. As well as the usual readings, carols and hymns, we were delighted to have a few words from our very own Father Malcolm, one of our governors. This is always a highlight of our school year, and reminds us of the strong bonds we have with our local community. The one thing which tends to frustrate us each year is the music - whichever CD player we take along always seems to play up and stop working. This year, Mr Cameron's 'ghetto blaster' was commandeered for the occasion, so we had no problems with the soundtrack!

Phase 4/5's Tudor Christmas!

We were treated to a very different Christmas concert on Thursday. As Mr Browning explained to the packed hall, staff are passionate about pupils experiencing their subjects, rather than just reading about them on the internet and in books. This term, phase 4/5 have had a Tudor day at Gainsborough Old Hall; then another day looking at Tudor clothes and paintings at the Feren's Art Gallery and finally a visit from a chef, who helped them cook Tudor food. In addition, our very good friend, Sarah Middleton, has been teaching all

the pupils Tudor dancing. The production had traditional Tudor Christmas carols and a re-enactment of a meal served to Henry VIII. The papier mache swan and turkey, that Mrs Smith had made, looked truly scrumptious and provided the centre piece for a very lavish royal feast. Many people commented on the superb singing by the pupils and the confident speakers.

Phase 2/3's Christmas Production!

A brilliant performance from our two year 2/3 classes provided a wonderful alternative to the inclement weather outside. There is no doubt that both the pupils' singing and speaking skills are developing well. It was great to see the confidence in our pupils as they performed for another packed hall of parents/carers and older pupils. It has only been a week or so since these pupils put on their exhibition about the Great Fire of London, so there has been a quick turn around to get this production ready. Nevertheless, we witnessed a slick show, with delightful songs and a strong message about the Christmas story and messages of sharing and kindness. Many thanks go to staff and pupils for a polished concert.

Community Carol Singing !

On Wednesday, Mrs Rice, joined by Mrs Brodie and Miss Atkinson, took our new community choir to the Beverley Road residential home and sang a selection of carols to the ladies and gentlemen there. Everyone was delighted to see the pupils and listen to their beautiful singing.

A Great Nativity !

Foundation Stage and Year 1 performed their nativity to parents and carers on Tuesday. What a treat it was! Complete with super singing and amazing acting the show was certainly a hit with everyone. Weeks of work have gone into helping the pupils learn their lines and to produce the costumes so a big thank you goes to all the staff concerned.

A Brand New Look For 2013!

Two hundred and forty new chairs arrived at school today, which were dispatched to classes by Mr Browning and a team of willing year 4 pupils! We are having a massive revamp of the school over the next few months. Now we have had all our windows repaired; the school completely redecorated and a brand new boiler plant installed, the school is looking better and feeling much warmer! However, the furniture around the school is now looking past its best so we are having new tables, chairs and cupboards in every classroom. The Foundation Stage is getting a complete make-over with a whole new design. Furthermore, we are replacing the carpets upstairs, in year 1 and in year 6. After all, having two hundred people walking through the school every day soon makes carpets look faded. Our present carpets have not been replaced for many years, but with construction work being carried out, it has been pointless to have had them replaced up until now!

Date Clarification !

Please note that the starting date for the Spring Term 2013 is Tuesday 8th January, not 7th January as shown previously. Monday 7th is closed to pupils. This is a staff training day.



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What the children need next week

Foundation Stage PE Kits Friday.

Year 1 PE Kits Mondays.

Year 2/3A PE Kits Tuesday

Year 2/3B PE Kits Tuesday

Year 4/5A PE kits Wednesday

Year 4/5B PE kits Wednesday

Year 6 PE kits Thursday

MENU 1—Week Commencing 8th January 2013

Monday

SCHOOL CLOSED

Tuesday

3.15-4.15 Basketball Club years 1-6 Mr Rookyard

All other clubs cancelled

Today's Menu: Roast chicken with gravy. Roast potatoes. Cabbage, carrots. **Vegetarian option** Mixed vegetable Cous Cous. **Dessert.** Hungarian Chocolate Biscuit

Wednesday

3.15pm—4.15pm Football Club Mr Rookyard

3.15pm-4.15pm Community Choir

All other clubs cancelled

Today's Menu: Minced Beef & Potato Pie. New Potatoes, Broccoli, Cauliflower. **Vegetarian option.** Leek and Pasta Bake. **Dessert.** Ice cream with Fruit Puree

Thursday

3.15—4.15 All Sports Y2—Y6 - Mr Rookyard

All other clubs cancelled

Today's Menu: : Plain Omelette, mixed Vegetables. **Vegetarian option,** Jacket potato with Salmon Mayonnaise **Dessert** Laminton Sponge.

Friday

3.15pm—4.15pm Football Club Mr Rookyard

Today's Menu: Breaded Fish, Chips and Peas. **Vegetarian option.** Mediterranean vegetable Quiche. **Dessert** Carrot Cake.