The Stepney Star

Stepney Primary School

A Small School With Great Expectations

Weekly Newsletter
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Stepney Choir Sing At City Hall!
Mrs Rice took 11 of her choir to join 450 other children on the stage of Hull City Hall on Monday. They were taking part in the city-wide Festival Of Carols. Unfortunately, numbers per school were restricted by the event organisers so not all of our choir could attend. This follows on from our pupils' recent appearance on the Beatles stage in St. Stephen's shopping centre. Mrs Rice now has over 20 girls and boys singing with her choir and membership numbers are rising on a weekly basis. Their next gig will be at one of our neighbouring Residential Homes. We are all delighted with both the success and popularity of our Choir. It's all thanks to the talented Mrs Rice, who has been an inspiration since she joined us so we do all appreciate her enthusiasm, knowledge and expertise.

Tree Planting Again !
Last Friday, our year 6 pupils were busy planting trees with David Longthorne along Barmston Drain. On Monday, it was Mr Morfitt's turn! Actually, it wasn't a case of planting as putting up! Our Christmas Tree was erected in our school hall by our Chair of Governors and decorated. It signifies the start of our preparations for the festive season! Many thanks to Mr Morfitt. The tree looks great!

PGCE Students Start at Stepney !
We are delighted to welcome two PGCE (Post Graduate Certificate in Education) student teachers to Stepney. Mrs Openshaw is going to be working in our year 1 classroom and Miss King in year 4/5. Both are currently studying at Hull University. We hope their time with us will be both enjoyable and successful for them.

A New Addition to the Office!
Many of us have noticed a new member of our office staff. A very large cuddly teddy bear can be seen sitting in various places around the school's admin office these days. In fact, he is being raffled as part of the Christmas fayre by our admin team. Mrs Purkins may be seen in the playground every morning before school, selling tickets. If you don't catch her there, then tickets may be purchased at the Reception Desk.

Be Careful On The Bus !
We realise that some parents allow their children to travel by themselves on the bus. If you do, will you please ensure that pupils have the correct fares. We had to remind two of our pupils about this as a member of staff found them asking strangers for bus fare money. Both pupils have been told that they need to ask at the school office if they have lost their fares and definitely not ask strangers!

Dr Barnardo's Assembly!
Our Monday Assemblies are turning into 'special guest' events over the last three weeks. This week, we were delighted to welcome Bev Moriarty from this famous charity to explain to our pupils what they do and why they were set up. If you would like more information on this charity, which sets up homes for vulnerable children, then please click here.

Christmas Jumper Day!
We are having a special fundraising day on Friday 13th December. For £1, pupils and staff can come in their Christmas jumpers to raise money for Save the Children. If pupils don't have a jumper, there will be resources to decorate their sweatshirts for the day (these won't be permanent of course!)

Swimming Successes !
We are always extremely proud when our pupils are successful in events outside of school. In assembly, Mr Browning praised Caitlin and Jessica from year 6 for a highly successful weekend. Both girls were swimming for Kingston Upon Hull Swimming Club at a gala in Chesterfield. Each of them notched up Personal Best times in their events. Caitlin had brought in some brilliant official photographs of her in action for us all to see.

Advent Wreath !
For many years now, Mrs Carmichael has been making a special Christmas Wreath for the school. Many thanks go to her for yet another truly wonderful creation.

School Christmas Dinner
We are having our school Christmas dinner next Wednesday (11th December)

Christmas Fayre
We are looking for donations for our Christmas Fayre. We need Pink & Chocolate, Tombola Prizes (in a good clean condition) and Bottles. Any donations will be appreciated.

Christmas Production Dates
December 2013
- EYFS/Yr 1 Production - Mon 16th
- Phase 2/3 Production - Tues 17th
- Phase 4/5 Production - Thurs 19th
- Christmas Service at St. Mary's Church, Sculcoates - 20th December

Christmas Events' Dates
December 2013
- Christmas Secret Shop - Fri 6th
- Christmas Fayre - Thurs 12th

Child Protection: Please remember to report Child Protection concerns to Miss J. Atkinson

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

Rainbow Writing Winners

Our weekly winners are:
Year 1 Lottie & Mohammed
Class 2/3a Helin & Jagoda
Class 2/3b Ayaan & Ellis
Class 4/5a Lewis & Finlay
Class 4/5b Saimah & Sinead
Class 6a Cailey & Robert
Class 6b Alishia & Ellie

Mighty Maths Winners

Our weekly winners are:
Year 1 Matthew & Labiba
Class 2/3a Alanta & Owen
Class 2/3b Maleeka & Junior
Class 4/5a Taran & Abigayle
Class 4/5b Connor &
Class 6a Cailey & Kallum
Class 6b Callum & Therese

Stars of the Week!

Owing to the Christmas Secret Shop, we have not had an awards assembly this week.

Distinction Awards!

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MENU 2

Monday

Today's Menu: Cottage Pie, Boiled Potatoes, Broccoli and Cauliflower. **Vegetarian Menu:** Vegetable Pie. **Dessert**: Shortcake & Custard.

Tuesday

Today's Menu: Southern Fried Chicken, Diced Potatoes, Carrots and Peas. **Vegetarian Option**: Cheese and Pasta Bake. **Dessert:** Chocolate Crackle & Custard

Wednesday

Today's Menu: Roast Pork Loin with Stuffing & Gravy, Roast Potatoes, Peas and Sweet Corn Mixed **Vegetarian Option:** Cheese & Onion Pasty **Dessert:** Muffins

Thursday

Today's Menu: Ham Pizza, Potatoes Wedges, Mini Corn on the Cob. **Vegetarian Option:** Cheese & Tomato Pizza **Dessert:** Milkshake

Friday

Today's Menu: Battered Fish or Fish Cake, Chips, Peas and Baked Beans. **Vegetarian Option:** Mediterranean & Vegetable Quiche. **Dessert:** Chocolate Oat Delight & Custard

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Lunchtime ICT K/S 1
3-15pm-4.15pm Multi skills, KS1

3.15pm –4.15pm School Choir Y1 –Y6
3.15pm– 4.15pm Bench Ball KS2
3.15pm - 4.15pm French Y3-Y6
3.15pm—4.15pm Basic Maths Rec/Y1

Lunchtime Reading Year 2/3
3.15pm –4.15pm Football Club KS2
3.15pm 4.15pm Bug Club Whole school
3.15pm –4.15pm Story time Rec/Y1
3.15pm—4.15pm Football Club

Lunchtime Study Club Y6

All Clubs cancelled because of the Christmas Fayre

3.15pm-4.15pm Football KS2
3.15pm –4.15pm Sewing Year 5-Y6