

The Stepney Star



Stepney Primary School



A Small School With Great Expectations

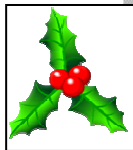
Weekly Newsletter

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Seasons Greetings to All Our Pupils, Parents & Friends !

Whether you are celebrating Christmas or enjoying a well-earned winter break, may we extend our best wishes to all of you and wish you well for the New Year. **School opens to pupils on Tuesday 7th January 2014.**

Christmas at St Mary's !

Christmas just wouldn't be the same at Stepney if we didn't go to our local St. Mary's church in Sculcoates for another memorable service. As usual, our classes, led by Mrs Phelps-Jones, sang the hits from their recent Christmas productions and some of our year 6 pupils read passages from the Bible. Of course, our choir, performed a selection of their favourite festive pieces under the able leadership of Mrs Rice. Our thanks go to the Church for allowing us to visit them and hold our service there.

Healthy Schools Award !

We have been awarded the latest Healthy Schools Award. Under the outstanding leadership and organisational skills of Ms Saint, we have been working on developing more healthy school meals and packed lunches as well as bringing other healthy elements into the curriculum. We will receive our certificate in the new year. Many thanks to Ms Saint and all concerned.

Phase 4/5 Christmas Production !

Continuing our theme of different Christmas celebrations, our phase 4/5 pupils took us around the world stopping off in Australia for their beach Christmas day barbeques, in Poland, Canada and India, to name but a few. It thereby gave pupils the chance to tell us about traditions in their native countries as well as

rounding off their term-long thematic unit on India. It once again linked in with the traditional Christmas story and it was wonderful to hear a selection of well-known Christmas Carols and songs.

Years 4, 5 & 6 see Endeavour Staff Christmas Panto !

On Thursday, Endeavour School staff entertained Stepney and other primary school pupils with their annual Christmas pantomime. Many thanks go to the school for inviting us to watch.

Attendance Hamper !

Many thanks go to Tesco Express for providing the Attendance Hamper. A few weeks ago, we sent out letters to parents of pupils who had achieved 96% attendance or above for this term. There were quite a number who have achieved 100% for the autumn. All these names were put into a prize draw and Mr Foston was asked to draw one name for the hamper. This was for Shakira's mum so congratulations go to her.

Little Red Riding Hood !

On Wednesday, years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 pupils all walked down to the Hull Truck Theatre to see Nick Lane's version of 'Little Red Riding Hood'. This has now become a highlight of the Christmas period for our pupils and, once again they loved every minute of it. It was pointed out to Miss Atkinson, that she was wearing her Red Riding Hood coat without her realising that she had made this connection. Many thanks go to Miss Atkinson for organising it, including ice creams for everyone as an extra special treat.

The Choir On Tour !

Mrs Rice and Mrs Brodie took our school choir to a local residential

home this week. With 24 pupils now in the choir and numbers looking to rise in the new year, the residents were treated to a wide selection of songs from our brilliant singers. There was not a dry eye in the house by the end of proceedings and everyone was thanked for providing such a wonderful performance for them. As usual, we have Mrs Rice to give special thanks to. What a star she is!

Phase 2/3 Extravaganza !

What a superb Christmas production from phase 2/3 on Tuesday! We were all treated to a wonderful performance which combined the traditional Christmas story with modern day festivities. We all enjoyed the acting and singing. Our thanks go to all the phase 2/3 staff for a truly memorable event.

Brilliant Nativity !

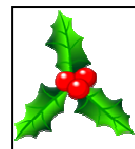
Year 1 and the Foundation Stage started the round of Christmas festivities with a brilliant nativity on Monday. Playing to a packed hall, they sang and acted their hearts out. A great production resulting from the hard work put in by both staff and pupils. Many thanks to everyone concerned.

Attendance

In our bid to improve attendance, our attendance officer Mrs Purkins and attendance assistance, Miss England are keeping everyone informed with the latest statistics, including the following line graph which shows how this year's figures compare with last year's. There is now a special tab on the website which is dedicated to attendance.

Christmas Fayre

We raised £567 from the Christmas Fayre and £84.55 on Jumper Day.



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

Owing to Christmas Productions, we have not had a Rainbow Writing Winners' assembly this week.

Mighty Maths Winners

Owing to Christmas Productions, we have not had a Mighty Maths Winners' assembly this week.

Stars of the Week!

Owing to the Christmas Service, we have not had a Friday Star of the Week assembly this week.



Distinction Awards!

Owing to the Christmas Service, we have not had a Friday Distinction Awards' assembly this week.

MENU 2

Monday

Today's Menu: Braised Sausages & Onion with Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Carrots & Broccoli **Vegetarian option:** Vegetable Sausages & Onions with Gravy. **Dessert:** Chocolate Crispy Bun

Tuesday

Today's Menu: Spaghetti Bolognese, Garlic Bread, Peas and Sweet corn. **Vegetarian option:** Spaghetti Napoliteine, Garlic Bread, Peas and Sweetcorn. **Dessert:** Chocolate Treacle Sponge & Custard

Wednesday

Today's Menu: Spaghetti Bolognese, Garlic Bread, Peas and Sweet corn. **Vegetarian option:** Spaghetti Napoliteine, Garlic Bread, Peas and Sweetcorn. **Dessert:** Chocolate Treacle Sponge & Custard

Thursday

Today's Menu: Roast Beef & Gravy, Roast Potatoes, Peas & Sweet corn Mixed Cabbage. **Vegetarian Option:** Leek Pasta Bake. **Dessert:** Jelly or Ice cream.

Friday

Today's Menu: Battered Fish, Chips Peas or Baked Beans. **Vegetarian Option:** Vegetable Risotto. **Dessert:** Flapjack and 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
3.15pm-4.15pm Basketball KS2
3.15pm -4.15pm Cookery Rec-Y3
3.15pm -4.15pm Eco Club Y4 -Y6
3.15pm -4.15pm Card Making Y5-Y6
3.15pm -4.15pm ICT Whole School

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