

The Stepney Star

Stepney Primary School



A Small School With Great Expectations

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Welcome Back !

We hope that everyone has had an enjoyable and relaxing summer holiday. We are certainly starting the new year on a high following another successful school year in 2013-2014 with a super Ofsted inspection and an even better set of SATs results in years 2 and 6 as well as brilliant performances from all year groups. This is due to the hard work, determination and pride from adults and children that truly upholds our motto of 'A Small School with Great Expectations.' However, we are not content to 'sit on our laurels'. Staff have been working hard to prepare for the new school year; we have had a holiday free from contractors and the accompanying upheavals that this causes. Instead, the school has been thoroughly cleaned. There has been work done to the fire escape. All the paint has been scraped off so that safety experts could check that the metal work was in good condition then it has been repainted. We have also had a tree in the staff car park removed as it had become quite a nuisance, particularly with the sap from it, which was causing damage to cars' paintwork.

Staff Changes !

We are delighted to welcome two new faces to our teaching staff: Miss Sarah Stephenson and Miss Jasmine Johnson are two teachers who are joining the school to teach in phase 1/2 and nursery, respectively. Two staff weddings took place during the holidays. Miss Laybourne has now returned in September as Mrs Smart and Mr Ingram also tied the knot with his fiancée. Both enjoyed great weather on their special days, despite

adjacent days being rainy!

A Revamp to the Friday Morning Awards Assembly !

Owing to the increased number of teaching groups that we have this year, we have revamped our Friday morning awards assembly. If we had kept our previous system, it would have meant the awards assembly would have taken over valuable teaching time, so we are having a Star of the Week Awards only each week. This will give us more time to look at the work that each recipient has done. As the teaching groups are considerably smaller than last years' classes, more pupils will be receiving their Star of the Week Awards.

Golden Time

We are continuing to hold our 'Golden Time' session for pupils at 2.45pm every Friday. This is aimed at rewarding pupils for hard work during the week. One of the criteria for pupils being able to access the activities during this time is not to have had 2 detentions during the week. We have had a number of pupils who end up in detentions on a regular basis and we believe this will be an incentive for better behaviour on their part. Last year, this scheme proved successful but we are still looking to reduce the numbers who are given detention. Ofsted were impressed by the excellent behaviour and learning attitudes of our pupils and agreed that our good behaviour strategies were particularly effective and positive.

Dinner Money Reminder

May we remind you that dinner money needs to be handed into the class teacher each Monday for banking purposes. School Dinners cost £1

each day, apart for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. The government has brought in universal free school meals for these children.

PE Kit & Letters !

Please may we remind everyone that all pupils need to have the school PE kit of plain white T shirt and red shorts. This year, we are requesting that pupils bring their PE kit in on Monday and leave it in school all week so it is available at all times. In addition to their designated PE lesson, there may be other occasions when they will need a PE kit. The PE kits may be purchased quite cheaply either from the school office or at shops such as Boyes, Asda, Tesco. After our reminders about bringing the correct PE kit this week, our year 6 pupils set a good example to the rest of the school, coming in their school PE kit. It certainly looks much better to see a class in the Stepney colours. Well done to these pupils. All pupils will be expected to take part in PE, unless they have a letter from home supporting a genuine illness or other reason.

School Nurse !

Our school nurse, Mrs Metcalfe will continue to be in school on Tuesday mornings. If you wish to see her about any medical issue, then please contact the school so an appointment may be arranged, or pop to the school office on Tuesday mornings.

Phone Numbers & Contact Details

Please inform us of any changes to your phone numbers or addresses. It is vital that we can contact parents and carers in the case of an emergency.

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

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PE Kit
to school on
Monday mornings!**

Rainbow Writing Winners

These will resume next week.

Mighty Maths Winners

These will resume next week.

Stars of the Week!

Foundation Stage: Barbara & Sofia

Phase 1/2: Dylan, Keyshia & Pijus

Phase 3/4: Amira, Lilenana & Patrycja

Phase 5/6: Chloe, Sakila & Scott



MENU 2

Monday

Today's Menu: Spaghetti Bolognese, Diced Potato, Peas and Sweetcorn. **Vegetarian Option:** Cheese Pasta

Dessert: Sponge and Custard.

Tuesday

Today's Menu: Chicken Pie, Mashed Potato, Carrots, and Cabbage. **Vegetarian Option:** Vegetable Pie

Dessert: Flapjack and custard.

Wednesday

Today's Menu: Lasagne, Potato wedges, peas and sweetcorn mix. **Vegetarian Option:** Leek Pasta,

Dessert: Jelly or Icecream.

Thursday

Today's Menu: Roast Pork and stuffing, Boiled Potatoes, broccoli & carrots, **Vegetarian Option:** Macaroni Bake

Dessert: Hungarian Chocolate Biscuit.

Friday

Todays Menu: Fish or fishcake Chips and Beans. **Vegetarian Option:** Cous Cous

Dessert: Chocolate oat delight and custard.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

These will start in a few weeks time.

Please watch this space for further details