

The Stepney Star

Stepney Primary School



A Small School With Great Expectations

Weekly Newsletter
October Half Term 2014

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Menu Confusion !

We have many pupils with different dietary needs and preferences at Stepney. This week, there has been some confusion. We've been in touch with our Kitchens (based at St. Charles Primary School) to verify the situation. They have confirmed that the only Halal meats we have are Lamb and Chicken. All other meats are non Halal. The dishes which contain pork are 'Pork Sausages', 'Pork & Stuffing' and 'Meatballs' (which contain port and non halal beef). We are very careful to ensure pupils have the correct dishes in accordance with their needs and beliefs but if we do make errors, please inform us straight away.

Half Term Holiday NEXT WEEK

The last day of school for this half term is Friday 24th October then the holiday runs from Monday, 27th October 2014 to Friday, 31st October 2014. We return to school on Monday 3rd November.

Changes to Clubs

Apart from the choir and sports clubs all other clubs will resume the second week back after half term. Owing to funding issues, we are having to stop a couple of our clubs next half term. There are currently four which are ICT/Ipad based, which will be cut to two a week. We will notify pupils whether they have a place on these during the first week back.

Attendance Prizes

We are continuing to reward pupils who have 100% attendance each half term. Last year, we gave our small tablets to the winners of the prize draw. This year, we are giving out 'Love to Shop' vouchers. This term, the winner is Jack Brant in Class 1/2.

Attendance So Far this Year

We are delighted to report that our attendance for the school year has started off with figures above the previous two years at this same point. The overall attendance for the year is **96.16%**.

We realise there has been various sickness bugs circulating recently and appreciate these have been a genuine reason for pupils' absences. Many thanks for your support in helping your children to have good attendances—this does have a profound influence on their learning.

Christmas Gift Box Appeal 2014

This year, we are working with 'Real Aid' (Registered charity No 1089316), who are based at Tickton, near to Beverley. They are intending to send these boxes to children in **Sierra Leone** and Eastern Europe who are living in extreme poverty. We have close links with Sierra Leone. Indeed, we were on schedule to send Miss Northen to Freetown this half term. However, due to the Ebola outbreak, any plans to send teachers over there or to have their staff visit our school have been cancelled. We would still like to help them though. Our school pupil council are keen for us to do the 'Gift Aid' donation again. The closing date for this is **21st November** so there isn't too much time to get the boxes sorted for this.

If you are interested in helping us out, we thought we'd give you advance notice before the half term holiday.

The suggested items to put in a Gift Box include colouring book & crayons, notebook/exercise book, pens & pencils, chalk, skipping rope or ball, soap & facecloth, toothbrush & paste,

comb, small first aid kit or plasters, new underwear, stocking fillers, puzzle or small toy (no batteries).

Please pack them into a shoe box, marked 'Girl' or 'Boy' together with the age. The box can be wrapped in decorative paper, but please ensure that the lid is wrapped separately and not sealed.

To comply with customs regulations, please do not pack: chocolate, sweets or any food items (they melt and do not travel well in hot climates), war related toys, anything sharp or breakable. If possible a donation of £2, taped underneath the lid, would be welcome to help towards the transport costs.

Please send any completed boxes into school.

Halloween Disco !

One of our most popular events is the Halloween Disco. This was held on Thursday 23rd October 2014. As usual, pupils came in fancy dress costumes and had a great time.

Autumn Phase Exhibitions !

These exhibitions begin at 9am
Phase 5/6 - Thursday 13th November
Phase 1/2 - Thursday 20th November
Phase 3/4 - Thursday 27th November
Foundation - Thursday 4th December

Autumn Term Dates

Autumn Second Half Term

Monday, 3rd November 2014 to Friday, 19th December 2014

Extra Day when the school is closed for Staff Training

Friday 5th December 2014

Christmas Holiday

The last day of school is Friday 19th December then the holiday runs from Monday, 22nd December 2014 to Friday, 2nd January 2015

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

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**Please bring your
PE Kit
to school on
Monday mornings!**

Rainbow Writing Winners

Phase 1/2: Kyle & Nikola
Phase 3/4: Amelia, Courtney & Evie
Phase 5/6: Hollie, Precious & Scott

Mighty Maths Winners

Phase 1/2 Jakub, Mohammed & Timur
Phase 3/4 Cara, Ellis & Patrycja
Phase 5/6 Andy, Scott & Shakira

Stars of the Week!

EYFS - Filip & Lily-May
Phase 1-2 - Joshua, Matthew & Poppy
Phase 3-4 - Karolina, Mahdiyah & Michal
Phase 5-6 - Abigail, Natalia & Rahma



MENU 1

Monday

Today's Menu: Omelette, Wedges, Peas and Sweetcorn.

Vegetarian option: Spaghetti Napoliteine

Dessert: Chocolate Sponge and Custard.

Tuesday

Today's Menu: Mince & Dumplings, Mash Potato, Cauliflower and Broccoli.

Vegetarian Option: Quorn Mince and Dumplings.

Dessert: Melting Moments Biscuits.

Wednesday

Today's Menu: Pizza, Diced Potato, Peas and Beans.

Vegetarian Option: Fish Cake.

Dessert: Milkshake

Thursday

Today's Menu: Chicken Curry, Rice, Green Beans & Sweet corn.

Vegetarian Option: Vegetable Stir-fry.

Dessert: Jam love cake and custard.

Friday

Today's Menu: Fish, Chips, Peas. and Beans.

Vegetarian Options: Cheese and Onion Pasty.

Dessert: Chocolate Rice Crispy.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

3.15-4.15 **Athletics** Years 3,4,5 & 6 Mr Dear

Other clubs will start during week 2

3.15-4.15 **Fixtures Night** For those selected to play in school competitions Mr Dear

3.15-4.15 **Choir** Years 2,3,4,5 & 6 Mrs Rice

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3.15-4.15 **Multi Skills** Years 1 & 2 Mr Dear

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3.15 4.15 **Football Club** Years 3,4,5, & 6

Other clubs will start during week 2

3.15 -4.15 **Benchball** Years 3,4,5 & 6 Mr Dear.

Other clubs will start during week 2

NB Lamb & Chicken are the only Halal meats we serve. Meatballs contain pork and beef.