

# The Stepney Star

Stepney Primary School



*A Small School With Great Expectations*

Weekly Newsletter  
1st —5th December 2014  
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**School Closed on Friday 5th Dec**  
Please note that the school is closed for Staff Training on Friday. No pupils will be at school on that day.

**Changes to the Cost of School Meals!**

At the autumn Full Governing Body Meeting on Wednesday night, it was agreed that from 1st January 2015, we will be charging 50p for a school meal, instead of the current price of £1. This is in line with the Local Authority's move to reduce the cost of school meals by this same amount. This applies to Key Stage 2 pupils only, as Key Stage 1 pupils are entitled to Free School Meals. We're hoping this will encourage more pupils to have school meals as we feel they give a healthy, nutritious alternative in the middle of the day.

**Phase 3-4 Exhibition & Kidblog !**

Thursday's phase 3-4 exhibition was a roaring success with over forty parents and carers joining us for an art and craft-centred morning. They helped the pupils to make mobiles on the tourism theme, that they have been studying this term. Miss Baitson also decided to introduce the kidblog site to parents. Instead of our usual questionnaires, parents were asked if they would add comments to a post that had been created for today. This is still open and we would welcome further comments from parents. Please feel free to look at any of the posts on our kidblog website and add messages. We now have over 3000 comments, which is a tremendous feat. Our thanks go to everyone who attended the exhibition and to staff who, once again, worked hard to ensure this was a success.

**Appointments During the School Day !**

May we remind parents to try and arrange appointments, whether medical or other for their children outside of school hours if possible. If you do need to take your children during school hours, please bring proof of the appointment.

**Christmas Dinner !**

This year's School Christmas dinner will be on Thursday December 11th.

**David Longthorne & The Barmston Drain Tree Planting Project!**

Our good friend, David Longthorne, popped into school on Friday afternoon. Every year our oldest pupils help David plant trees on the banks of Barmston Drain. David works for the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust. We feel that this is such a worthwhile project and really helps the pupils to think about ways they can help to protect and enhance the local environment.

**Thanksgiving Wishes !**

On Tuesday, Mr Browning led a special assembly about the Thanksgiving celebrations that have been taking place in America on Thursday. We have set up a special 'post' on the kidblog site and we've been encouraging as many pupils as possible to type in comments, thus sending our best wishes to our friends at Fairview Elementary in Nebraska. This has been really successful with well over 130 comments being posted by pupils in Stepney and Fairview.

**Parents Needed to Help Us**

We are currently undertaking a review of the SEN policy at school in

line with new procedures that have come out this year. We would be grateful to any parent or carer who would be willing to contribute or participate in co-producing our policy together with us. You are very welcome to attend the consultation meeting Thursday 4th Dec, 2-3pm. Please see Mrs Brocklebank or Mrs Wilde (our SEN coordinators) if you have any questions or offers of help.

**Please Help!**

**Love In A Box Deadline Extension !**

We are still collecting 'Love in a Box' donations from pupils, parents and staff. The deadline has been extended to the **12th December**. Please, please help.

**Asthma Forms**

If you have not returned your child's Asthma form to the school, will you do so as soon as possible. It is the Parents responsibility to inform the school if your child has Asthma and also to make sure your child has an inhaler in the classroom.

**Autumn Phase Exhibitions !**

The last of our autumn exhibitions begins at 9am on Thursday 4th December for the Foundation Stage.

**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.

**Christmas Productions**

Our Christmas productions this year are as follows:  
Year 1 & 2—Monday 15th December Reception & Nursery—Tuesday 16th  
Year 3 & 4—Friday 19th December  
These all start at 10.30am

**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 - Kacie, Kamil & Warren  
Phase 3-4 - Carla & Kori  
Phase 5-6 - Jakub, Jessica & Karleena

**Mighty Maths Winners**

Phase 1/2 Bartek & Nahim  
Phase 3/4 Samantha & Wiktor  
Phase 5/6 Jakub & Jessica

**Stars of the Week!**

EYFS - Mateusz  
Phase 1-2 - Alex & Demi  
Phase 3-4 - Daniel, Ellie-May & Patryk  
Phase 5-6 - Cailey, Jacob & Klaudia



**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 and Dumplings, Mashed Potato, Cauliflower and Broccoli.

**Vegetarian Option:** Quorn Mince and Dumplings

**Dessert:** Melting Moment Biscuit.

**Wednesday**

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

**Vegetarian Option:** Fish Cake.

**Dessert:** Milk Shake.

**Thursday**

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

**Vegetarian Option:** Vegetable Stir-fry.

**Dessert :** Jam love cake and Custard

**Extra-Curricular Clubs**

3.15-4.15 **Athletics** Years 3,4,5 & 6 Mr Dear  
3.15-4.15 **Story Time** Reception & Y1, Miss Webb  
3.15-4.15 **ICT Cancelled This Week**  
3.15-4.15 **Ipad** Mrs Rodgers  
**Mrs Smith Food Technology Club is now cancelled**

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  
3.15-4.15 **Maths** Years 2,3,4, &5 Miss Richardson  
12.30 **Phonics** Years 1&2 Mr Cameron

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

3.15-4.15 **Card Making** 50p Charge Years 5/6 Mrs Shepherdson (**Cancelled due to illness until further notice.**)

3.15 4.15 **Football Club** Years 3,4,5, & 6  
3.15-4.15 **Cookery** Years Rec, Y1 & Y2 (Limited to 6 Children)

**SCHOOL CLOSED TODAY**

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