

The Stepney Star

Stepney Primary School



A Small School With Great Expectations

Weekly Newsletter
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Change of Address Plea !

We are still finding it difficult to contact some parents. Please notify us of changes to address and phone numbers. We do have rare occasions when we have to get in touch with parents quickly and need contact details to be kept up to date. One day this week one of our youngest pupils fell over at lunchtime and gashed his head. It was clear that, despite the immediate medical aid that was given by trained first aiders, he needed to go to hospital to have a couple of stitches. Fortunately, his mum was easy to contact and came to the school promptly. Other times in the past, we have not been able to get in touch with parents: staff have taken their child to the hospital for treatment but the first time we have been able to contact parents was hours later at home time. This is clearly not a good situation, so please provide us with the correct information.

Christmas Fayre !

We had yet another successful fayre this week. Led by Mr Morfitt and his helpers, it was a most enjoyable occasion, complete with refreshments, raffle and stalls. Of course, such an event is not complete without a visit from 'The Man in Red'. Father Christmas graced us with his presence, much to the delight of all the pupils. Our profound thanks go to everyone who made this a roaring success. Christmas Hamper winners were 1st prize Aleksander Trzeczinski, second prize Levi Smart. Total amount raised was £750.

Christmas Dinner !

We all enjoyed a delightful Christmas Dinner on Thursday to start getting us in the festive mood. With the Christ-

mas tree looking wonderful, and Christmas music playing, everyone tucked into a great meal. Many thanks to the staff at St. Charles' kitchen for providing us with this.

Changes to the Cost of Meals!

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. .

The Ipad King Returns !

If there was ever anyone who deserved this title more, then it is definitely Mr David Andrews. This week, he has worked with year 2 pupils on a project focussing on Samuel Pepys' diary; and with year 4 pupils in creating their own apps with green screen technology and then with year 6 for even more programming skills. As usual, all our pupils were enthused and engaged with the work. It was wonderful to have David in again.

Healthy Body = Healthy Minds Launch !

We've had a few visitors into school this on Tuesday, for different reasons. A lecturer from Scarborough College came in to watch a student teacher's lesson; an advisor from our Local Authority came for the usual autumn meetings about data that all schools have and Mr Andrews was there as well. All commented on the staff, who were all wearing new Stepney PE shirts and the pupils, who were decked out in PE gear and tracksuits. That was because today marked the launch of our brand new Healthy Body = Healthy Minds campaign.

This is aimed at everyone increasing their fitness; improving their diets; taking part in more sport and, principally, having lots of fun doing physical activities. Mr Darwood, who is the PE coach and mentor working across Clifton, Pearson and Stepney Primary schools presented an assembly to everyone this morning. The hall was packed with staff and pupils as they listened to Mr Darwood's presentation and took part in a range of exercises. The response from the pupils was brilliant. Many have signed up for a range of new and exciting PE clubs, which we hope will boost our already packed array of PE events.

Kidblog Rules Okay!

We've opened more posts on our kidblog page and have already had loads of comments from pupils and staff. Some parents have started putting on comments as well - please feel free to do so. May we remind everyone that we check every single post and comment which goes on our kidblog pages to ensure that our e-safety rules are being adhered to.

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

On Thursday 18th December, we will be going to St. Mary's Church for our Christmas service, starting at 10am

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 - Kamil & Maria
Phase 3-4 - Sarah, Taylor & Wiktor
Phase 5-6 - Andrew, Connor & Shakira

Mighty Maths Winners

Phase 1/2 Maria & Mohammed
Phase 3/4 Maliik & Piotr
Phase 5/6 Karleena & Shaheed

Stars of the Week!

There are no more awards assemblies until after Christmas due to productions taking place.



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Monday

Today's Menu: Sausages, Mash, carrots and Cauliflower.
Vegetarian Option: Vegetarian Sausages
Dessert: Flapjack with Chocolate Drizzle.

Tuesday

Today's Menu: Breaded Chicken, Potato Wedges, Beans and Peas.
Vegetarian Option: Cheesy Bean Pattie.
Dessert: Marble Sponge and Custard.

Wednesday

Today's Menu: Moussaka, Boiled Potato, Broccoli and Carrots.
Vegetarian Option: Vegetarian Moussaka.
Dessert: Cherry Shortcake Biscuit.

Thursday

Today's Menu: Spicy Chicken Tomato Pasta, Diced Potato and Peas.
Vegetarian Option: Quiche
Dessert: Hungarian Chocolate Crunch and Custard

Friday

Todays Menu: Fish Star, Chips. Peas and Beans.
Vegetarian Option: Vegetable Goulash
Dessert: Fruit Muffin.

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** Mrs Desforges.
3.15-4.15 **Ipad** **Cancelled this week**
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.**)

Thursday

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

3.15 -4.15 Benchball **Cancelled.**

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