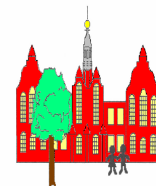


The Stepney Star

Stepney Primary School



A Small School With Great Expectations

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School Uniform Prices!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our parents/carers for all your efforts in ensuring that children attend school dressed in our Stepney uniform. Over the years we have aimed to keep our costs down as low as possible. However, due to an increase from our suppliers, from January 2015, the prices of our uniform will be as follows:

Book Bag - £4.00
Sweatshirts - £8.00
PE Kits - £8.00

The Best Christmas Service Yet!

Our Christmas Service at St. Mary's, Sculcoates this year, was arguably one of the best we have had. Beginning at 10am, Mr Browning and then Father James welcomed everyone. We then had a succession of year 6 readers: Jessica, Robert, Morgan, Patryck and Ellie who recounted the main parts of the Christmas story. These were interspersed with carols: phase 1-2 sang 'It was on a starry night', phase 3-4 sang 'Come and join the celebrations' and we all sang 'Calypso Carol'. Mrs Rice and her choir then entertained us with four great numbers: 'Angel Band', 'Indian Huron Carol', 'Father Christmas' and 'Said the Cat to the Mouse'. Mr Browning explained how our pupils' ukulele playing has improved since Mrs Rice joined Stepney as our musical expert. Our year 6 pupils strummed their way through 'Jingle Bells' while the rest of us sang. Mr Browning then addressed pupils, staff and the congregation of parents/carers and friends. He spoke about the tremendous efforts of our school community to send 'Love Aid' boxes to Sierra Leone, and then spoke about the Random Acts of Kindness, that

our pupils perform on a daily basis. Father James then gave a speech of gratitude to us and led us in prayer. The penultimate song was 'The Twelve Days of Christmas'. Mrs Rice organised us to every couple of rows of pupils, staff and parents performed actions for each of the different days. Our service concluded at 11am with us singing 'We Wish You A Merry Christmas'. It was a truly inspiring event! Our profound thanks go to St Mary's staff and to Mrs Rice.

Cinderella at Hull Truck!

Our Key Stage 2 year groups walked down to the Hull Truck Theatre on Wednesday morning to see a dazzling show. This year, it was the story of 'Cinderella'. Usually, these Christmas shows have one or two people in the cast, but this year it was seven, including some brilliant and versatile musicians, who played a range of instruments. As always, our pupils were perfectly behaved and a credit to the school, both when walking to and from the theatre and whilst watching the production.

Christmas Crafts!

Parents/Carers of our year 5/6 pupils enjoyed a wonderful afternoon, making Christmas Cards with their children. It was another enjoyable and fun afternoon. These are becoming more popular all the time. Many thanks to everyone who attended.

Reminder: Changes to the Cost of School Meals!

Just to remind you that it has been 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.

Love In A Box Donations Collected!

A 'Real Aid' van arrived at school to take away 36 'Love in a Box' donations from pupils, parents and staff. Many thanks to all of those who have contributed to this.

Phase 1-2's Whoops-a-Daisy Angel!

Our season of Christmas performances got off to a rousing opening with phase 1-2 giving us their rendition of 'Whoops-a-Daisy Angel' and it was excellent! It is clear that a great deal of work had gone into producing a show that captivated a hall full of parents/carers and other pupils.

Foundation Stage Nativity!

We were treated to a magical nativity by our Nursery and Reception pupils. Performing the 'Wiggly Nativity' to a packed house of parents and carers, we were entertained by brilliant singing and acting.

Phase 3-4 End in Style!

Our week of Christmas productions ended with a poetry & song-based spectacular from this phase. Many thanks to the staff who helped prepare the pupils for these fabulous productions.

Spring First Half Term Dates

Monday, 5th January 2015 to Friday, 13th February 2015

Half Term Holiday

Monday, 16th February 2015 to Friday, 20th February 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
There are no more awards assemblies until after Christmas due to productions taking place.

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

Stars of the Week!
There are no more awards assemblies until after Christmas due to productions taking place.



MENU 1

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.
Option: Leek Pasta, **Vegetarian Dessert:** Jelly or Icecream.

Thursday
Today's Menu: Roast Pork and stuffing, Boiled Potatoes. Broccoli and Carrots
Vegetarian options : Macaroni Bake

Friday
Todays Menu: Fish or fishcake, Chips and Beans.
Vegetarian Option: Cous Cous
Dessert: Chocolate oat delight 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** Mrs Desforges.
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.)**

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

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