

The Stepney Star

Stepney Primary School



A Small School With Great Expectations

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Welcome Back !

On behalf of everyone at Stepney, may we wish you a Happy New Year and welcome you back for the spring term. We have had a great first week back to school, with staff and pupils quickly getting back into the swing of things!

Mrs McIlwaine Returns !

In the wake of Miss Northen leaving to join Pearson Primary School, our dear friend & colleague, Mrs Sarah McIlwaine has returned to help us out for the rest of this academic year. We have no doubt that she'll be an excellent addition to our team.

Parents'/Carers' Consultation Days !

Today, letters are going home regarding the upcoming parental consultation days. These are a chance for parents/carers to talk with their child's class teacher about the progress they have made and an opportunity to discuss any issues there may be. We always find it to be a positive experience, both for parents/carers and for staff. The dialogue that takes place is often crucial for highlighting both strengths of pupils and ways to help them move forward and progress. On the letters are tear-off slips that should be returned as soon as possible to school. These are to guide our staff in allocating time slots. Each phase group has been given a different day. These days are as follows:

Mon 26th January - Years 1 & 2
(Mr Cameron, Mrs Smart & Miss Stephenson)

Tues 27th January - Years 5 & 6
(Miss Atkinson/Ms Saint, Miss Patrick & Mrs Brocklebank/Mrs Wilde)

Weds 28th January - Years 3 & 4

(Miss Baitson, Mr Ingram & Mrs McIlwaine)

Thurs 29th January - Reception

(Miss Hatfield)

Fri 30th January - Nursery

(Miss Johnson)

Sports Clubs

If your child has been allocated a place at a sports club, you will have received a letter. Unfortunately, due to the high demand, we were unable to allocate a place to every child. There is a waiting list and pupils will be allocated places as they arise. We will ensure that all of them will have the opportunity to attend a club at some point.

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, the prices of our uniform have gone up slightly:
Book Bag-£4.00:Sweatshirts-£8.00
PE Kits (white T-shirt, a pair of red shorts in a PE bag) **£8.00**

Cost of School Meals!

May we remind you that from 1st January 2015, we have started charging 50p for a school meal, instead of the previous price of £1. This applies to Key Stage 2 pupils and any nursery children who are at nursery for the day and want a school meal. As always, 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. May we remind all parents that this

money needs to be paid. We still have a few parents who owe us school dinner money. The school is non-profit making when it charges for school meals. We do not have any funds to make up money not paid by parents.

Free School Meals !

If you consider that you may be eligible for Free School Meals, please see our office staff for the necessary application forms. There may be other benefits as well as free school meals!

Telephone Numbers Please !

Please make us aware of any changes to your existing contact details so that we can ensure that you always receive our messages, whether by call or text, especially if you have had a new mobile phone over the Christmas period. There are occasions when it is vital that we contact parents immediately, such as if a child has a medical Emergency. We usually ask for two or three contacts numbers.

Year 4 at Hull Ice Arena !

On Wednesday, Miss Baitson and her pupils completed a wonderful course of ice hockey training with a trip to the Ice Arena. They watched some of the hockey players training, then were involved with questioning them before the really fun part of the afternoon began. Donning helmets and skates, they took to the ice. In general, a great morning was had by all, although some found it easier and more confident on the ice. This has been a brilliant activity for our pupils. We would like to thank everyone at Hull Ice Arena for making it so great.

Spring First Half Term Dates

5th Jan 2015 to 13th Feb 2015

Half Term Holiday

16th Feb 2015 to 20th Feb 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 Josh, Mohammed
& Poppy
Phase 3-4 Ellie & Liya
Phase 5-6 Dominik, Edwin
& Louis

Mighty Maths Winners

These start next week.

Stars of the Week!

EYFS - Danila
Phase 1-2 - Klaudia, Kyle & Nahim
Phase 3-4 - Ahmad, Alanta
& Maryam
Phase 5-6 Jessica, Morgan
& Seraphimna



MENU 2

Monday

Today's Menu: Spaghetti Bolognese, Diced Potato, Peas and Sweetcorn.

Vegetarian Option: Cheese Pasta

Dessert: Sponge and Custard.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

3.15-4.15 **Active Dance** Years 4 & 5 Miss Middleton
3.15-4.15 **Story Time** Reception & Y1, Miss Webb
3.15-4.15 **ICT** Mrs Desforjes.
3.15-4.15 **Ipad** Mrs Rodgers

Tuesday

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

Dessert: Flapjack and custard.

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

3.15-4.15 **Superskills** Y1,2,3

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

Wednesday

Today's Menu: Lasagne, Potato wedges, peas and sweetcorn mix.

Vegetarian Option: Leek Pasta,

Dessert: Jelly or Icecream.

3.15-4.15 **Fun Footie** Years 1, 2 & 3 Mr Dear

3.15-4.15 **Dunkit Basketball** Y4,5,& 6 Mr Darwood

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

Thursday

Today's Menu: Roast Pork and stuffing, Boiled Potatoes. Broccoli and Carrots

Vegetarian options : Macaroni Bake

Dessert: Hungarian Chocolate Biscuit

Thursday

3.15 -4.15 **Active Gym** Years 1,2 & 3 Mr Dear

3.15- 4.15 **Tag Rugby** Years 4,5 & 6 Mr Ingram

3.15-4.15 **Cookery** Years Rec, Y1 & Y2 (Limited to 6 Children)

Friday

Today's Menu: Fish or fishcake, Chips and Beans.

Vegetarian Option: Cous Cous

Dessert: Chocolate oat delight and custard.

3.15 -4.15 Epic Footie Y4,5 & 6 Mr Dear.

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