

The Stepney Star

Stepney Primary School



A Small School With Great Expectations

Weekly Newsletter
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Merry Christmas

We would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year. We finished our term with another rousing Christmas Service at St. Mary's church in Sculcoates. School reopens on Monday 4th January 2016.

KS 1 and Lower KS 2 Shows

This week, our year 1 and 2 classes performed their version of the nativity story in front of a packed hall of parents, staff and our Foundation Stage pupils. It was a rousing production of new songs, alongside the traditional story of Mary and Jesus. It was certainly an apt celebration of Christmas and a massive hit with the whole audience. Many thanks to all the staff who put this together. Our year 3 and 4 classes also delighted us with a brilliant Christmas production, which certainly put everyone in a Christmas mood.

Sleeping Beauty At Hull Truck

Our Key Stage 2 pupils walked the short distance to the Hull Truck Theatre to watch their annual Christmas Pantomime. Now, a regular event on our Stepney calendar, we returned to watch this year's production, which was Sleeping Beauty. Along with ice-creams for all at the interval, everyone agreed that this was an excellent way to spend a morning during the last week of a long autumn term. As always, our pupils were impeccably well-behaved. It's always a pleasure to take them on these things.

A Fond Farewell to Mr Darwood

On Tuesday, we had an extra assembly to say goodbye and good luck to Mr Darwood. After the 2012 Olympics, the government had decided to put extra funding into schools, specifically to improve the sporting and exercise opportunities for children and young people. As part of the 'legacy' of the Olympics, this Sports Premium funding was given out to schools. At Stepney, we had already been proactive in this field, by appointing a PE coach to lead this subject and it has proven very successful. Mr Browning met with the heads of Clifton and Pearson Primary Schools to see if the three schools could do something more innovative. This discussion resulted in us recruiting Mr Darwood, who was given the brief to improve interschool competitions across the three primaries, as well as oversea coaching of staff and pupils. Spending two days a week at both Clifton and Pearson and the other day at Stepney, Mr Darwood soon proved his worth. He has worked closely with staff as well as taking classes himself. Mr Darwood is now moving onto a new venture. He has secured a post at South Ferriby Primary School, where we know he will be a huge asset to them. Our very best wishes go out to him. Many thanks, Tom!

EYFS Christmas Fayre

This year, we are trialling some different things. Instead of a whole-school Christmas fayre, we have split it up into smaller events. In addition to the expanded version of the Secret Shop last week, our Foundation Stage staff put on a smaller fayre in their unit, which proved particularly

popular. They were overwhelmed with parents and pupils and it was a roaring success.

Year 5 Christmas Craft Exhibition

On Monday, year 5 held their exhibition. Parents and relatives were invited in to look at their children's work but also to join in making some 3D Christmas cards. It was wonderful to see the classrooms packed with industrious adults and pupils. Everyone certainly seemed to have a great time.

Charity: Mission Christmas

Many thanks for supporting our chosen charity this year. Two of the staff from Viking FM came to school on Wednesday to pick up the presents that had kindly been donated, together with £159 from our Christmas Jumper Day. They expressed their gratitude for the school's support.

SPRING TERM 2016 Dates

Spring First Half Term 2016
Monday, 4th Jan to Friday, 12th Feb
Half Term Holiday
Monday, 15th to Friday, 19th Feb

Spring Second Half Term 2016
Monday, 22nd Feb to Thursday, 24th March 2016

***There is an additional day on Friday 11th March, which is a staff training day and the school is closed to pupils.**

Easter Holiday 2016

Monday, 28th March 2016 to Friday, 8th April 2016

Spring Term Assemblies

14th January 2016 - Attendance Awards for the Autumn term
21st January 2016 - EYFS
28th January 2016 - Phase 1 & 2
4th February 2016 - Phase 3 & 4




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!**

At Stepney, we promote the British Values of  **Democracy, Individual Liberty, The Rule of Law** plus **Mutual Respect & Tolerance**

Our Stars of the Week Winners are:
We didn't have an awards assembly this week, due to the Christmas Church Service at St. Mary's, Sculcoates

Star Readers Winners
There was no assembly for this, due to Christmas productions

Mighty Maths Winners
This week's winners are:
Year 1 Judyta
Year 2 Sofija
Phase 3/4 Jakub & Malakai
Year 5 Bartek
Year 6 Josh

MENU 1

Monday
Today's Menu: Sausages with Gravy, creamed potato with seasonal vegetables **Vegetarian option:** Vegetable sausages.
Dessert: Madeleine sponge.

Tuesday
Today's Menu: Chicken Pie, Boiled potatoes, seasonal vegetables, **Vegetarian option:** Vegetable Pie. **Dessert:** Banana shortcake Crumble

Wednesday
Today's Menu: Chilli Con Carne served with Rice & home-made noodles, plus seasonal vegetables **Vegetarian option:** Omelettes with Roast Vegetables. **Dessert:** Orange &

Thursday
Today's Menu: Choose from Beef, Pork or Turkey, with Homemade Yorkshire Puddings roast potatoes and seasonal vegetables & Gravy. **Vegetarian option:** Roasted vegetable tart. **Dessert :** Fruit Cocktail

Friday
Today's Menu: Breaded Fish, Chips peas/beans served with bread and butter. **Vegetarian option:** Cheese Flan. **Dessert** Fruit Cocktail ad other dessert.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

All Clubs Cancelled until the New Term

Tuesday
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Thursday
School Christmas Disco
3.15pm to 4.30pm
Y1 to Y6

Friday
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Always Available Jacket Potato with various fillings, Sandwiches/Wraps, Fresh Fruit & Salad