



St. Stephen's School
and Children's Centre
Learning for Life

Headteacher's Newsletter

Issue 2

31st October 2011

Dear Parents,

It has been an exciting and successful start to the year. This is due to the partnership between home and school, your polite and respectful children and the committed and hard working staff. Thank you

As the winter nights draw in and it turns colder please ensure you children are wearing coats that can be fastened and gloves/scarves as necessary.

For those of you who are celebrating the many festivals taking place this term, the staff and I would like to wish you a Happy Diwali, Eid Mubarak and a Merry Christmas!

Please read this letter carefully as it contains useful information about school events and dates for the rest of this term.

Ms Neena Lall
Headteacher

AUTUMN TERM DATES 2011

OCTOBER

Monday 31st October -School restarts at 8:55 am

NOVEMBER

Thursday 3rd November-Parents' evening for nursery, Years R to 5 -4-7pm

Thursday 3rd November-Day care parents' meeting 5pm

Wednesday 9th November- Friendship Day

Thursday 10th November- Year 2 educational visit to Madame Tussauds

Friday 18th November - Friends of St Stephens Meeting- 2:45 pm.

DECEMBER

Thursday 1st December -Governors' Meeting 6pm

Wednesday 7th December -Reception visit to the Snow Play at Stratford Circus

Thursday 8th December-Year 1 visit to the Snow Play at Stratford Circus

Friday 9th December - Year 2 visit to the Snow Play at Stratford Circus

Thursday 15th December -End of term Parent Assembly 9am

Friday 16th December-Nursery and Day care CLOSED -Consultation Day

Friday 16th December-Nursery and Reception Disco 5-6pm

Friday 16th December-Years 1-6 Disco 6.15 -8.15pm

Tuesday 20th December-Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 21st December- Christmas Holiday - **School closes at 12:30 pm**

Extended year Daycare and Children's Centre closes 1pm Friday 23rd December

Opens Tuesday 3rd January 2012 8am

JANUARY 2012

Monday 9th January-Pupils return 8.55am-SPRING TERM

I will inform you of any additional dates and events that may be set during the term.

RESULTS -July 2011

End of Foundation Stage Assessments

% of pupils achieving ELG 6+	2009	2010	2011
Personal, Social and emotional Development	66%	69%	73%
Communication, language and literacy	43%	47%	63%
Mathematical development	71%	62%	70%
Knowledge and understanding of the world	80%	78%	80%
Physical Development	92%	86%	90%
Creative development	82%	90%	81%

End of Key Stage 1

% of pupils achieving Level 2	2009	2010	2011
Reading	88%	80%	89%
Writing	85%	83%	89%
Mathematics	90%	93%	89%
% of pupils achieving Level 3			
Reading	22%	22%	31%
Writing	22%	12%	25%
Mathematics	19%	25%	27%

End of Key Stage 2

% of pupils achieving Level 4	2009	2010	2011
Reading	89%	88%	93%
Writing	57%	76%	88%
Mathematics	89%	91%	88%
% of pupils achieving Level 5			
Reading	36%	40%	39%
Writing	0%	4%	18%
Mathematics	45%	36%	46%

PARENTS' EVENING

Parents' Evening is on Thursday 3rd November. Your child will have brought home their termly report card which shows your appointment. We highly value our parent-school partnership and strongly encourage all our parents and carers to attend parents' evenings in order to discuss their child's attainment and progress.

STAFFING

Primary

- Maria Seikegba, one of our Education assistants, left in September having worked at St Stephen's for 11 years. She has left to spend more time with her young family.
- Mavis Margetts our long serving senior school clerk has retired. We wish Mavis all the best and thank her for all her hard work and endless commitment to the school. We have already recruited Yogini Patel who has taken over the post.
- Alex Smith had a baby boy at the beginning of October. Many congratulations to her and her new family.
- I am delighted to announce that Ken Davies, our dedicated Assistant Head teacher has been appointed Primary Deputy Head Teacher for January 2012.

Nursery:

- We have recruited a new Nursery teacher for blue room. Mr Harish Mistry will join us in January 2012.

Day Care:

- Linda Moody who has been a midday assistant in day-care for 14 years retired at the end of September.

Children's Centre:

- Rachel Johnson joined the team as Children's Centre co-ordinator at the beginning of September.

LOST PROPERTY

Please remember that your child's school uniform must be named. All unnamed items found will be placed in Lost Property which is located in the school hall. Please be kind enough to check if your child has his/her sweat shirt/cardigan/PE kit etc. before it is cleared at the end of term.

The Student Council and House Captains

The Student Councillors and House Captains for this academic year have now been elected. Members Jordan Greatorex, Eesa Raja, Ayesha Gani, Anum Israr, Zainab Bhariwala, Maryam Mir, Gabriel Weeden, Nathan Mburu, Hasnain Ahmed, Rafsan Ahmed, Ismail Muhammed and Zahin Raidah make up the School Student Council. They are currently working on an ECO project to help reduce the amount of electricity used in the school; saving money and energy.

The House captains are as follows:

Red House	Blue House	Green House
Ibrahim Muhammad (Captain)	Rogash Navaratham (Captain)	Subhan Abdul (Captain)
Mukraam Nazir (Vice)	Ishrat Tahrin (Vice)	Saqib Ali (Vice)
House Overseer - Zaid Ismail		

They have the responsibility of counting weekly house points and feeding back to the overseer who collates the points. The House Captains also deliver key messages to the children on how to earn points and how to be good citizens.

School Meals

After many discussions with the school cook and years 5 and 6 pupils, we have decided to introduce a sandwich voucher system for pupils in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 allowing the children to select the sandwich option twice a week only. The reason for this decision is to ensure that pupils try a range of food and are eating a hot meal at least 3 times a week. This will commence the week beginning 14th November.

Friends of St. Stephen's

The Friends of St Stephen's group helps run and organise school community events such as the school disco and summer fair. These are well attended events but take a lot of time and effort to run and organise and parents who have helped out previously have been a great asset. If you are a parent, carer, member of the local community or an ex pupil over 18 and would like to become a member of Friends of St Stephen's, please come along to our meeting on Friday 18th November at 2:45 pm or contact Mr Ken Davies on the school number or by email ken.davies@st-stephens.newham.sch.uk. Refreshments will be provided.

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