



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

Headteacher's Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the start of a new year and a new term.

THE STAFF JOIN ME IN WISHING ALL OUR FAMILIES A HAPPY, SAFE, VERY PEACEFUL AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR!

The term ahead is set to be a busy time for everyone. Your continued support and interest in the school is paramount to our success and on-going developments and I look forward to this continuing.

Please look out for the range of services and activities for families with young children in the Children's Centre. Pick up our Activity Calendar from reception in both the school and nursery.

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

SPRING TERM DATES 2012

JANUARY

Monday 9th January -School restarts at 8:55 am

Thursday 12th January- Year 6 educational visit to the London Boat Show

Friday 13th January-Registration for family learning course-9am in family learning room

Tuesday 17th January-Year 6 SATs meeting 3.30pm in the school hall

Tuesday 24th January -Year 1 Phonics test meeting 3.30 in the school hall

Monday 30th January-MATHS WEEK

FEBRUARY

Thursday 2nd February-Timestablethon Fundraiser

Thursday 2nd February-Finance committee meeting 9am

Thursday 2nd February- Primary Curriculum evening 6pm-7pm in the school hall

Thursday 9th February-Children's centre governance meeting 5pm

Friday 10th February - Pupil Report Cards to parents

Friday 10th February-Half Term holiday - School closes at 3:15 pm

Children's Centre and Day care will remain open.

Monday 20th February -School restarts at 8:55 am

Stay and play sessions for 0-8 will run daily during half term in the Children's Centre

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

THIS TERM'S TOPICS

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Living Things	Artists	All about Africa	Adventure	Marvellous Monarchy	World war 2	China and Tibet

MEET THE LEARNING MENTORS

We have 2 learning mentors at St Stephens.

Jo Fleming and Lalita Varsani

If you wish to see the learning mentors please call in at the beginning or end of the school day or if this is not convenient they will arrange an appointment at another time.

The learning mentors role is to:

1. Help pupils recognise and reach their full potential
2. Help pupils overcome barriers to learning
3. Raise pupil attainment and achievement
4. Raise attendance
5. Support children in forming friendships
6. Develop pupil self esteem and confidence
7. Provide a support network

EDUCATIONAL VISITS

Our pupils' education is enriched through provision of a variety of visits which give the children access to expertise and resources not normally available in school. We are fortunate to have many facilities in the local area and in London. School visits and journeys have clear links to the curriculum.

School visits and journeys are co-ordinated by the Educational Visit coordinator-Adam Bennett. He ensures that all visits and journeys are well-planned, with regard to the equal opportunities for inclusion of all pupils and health and safety requirements. Teachers complete risk assessments for all visits and journeys.

Parents are selected from a list of reliable helpers on a rolling programme so that all suitable volunteers have a chance to attend trips. Some of the parents selected, fulfil the responsibilities and have followed the guidelines set out below on a previous trip. The main duties of parent/volunteer helpers on school trips and visits are:

- To ensure the safety and security of the children
- To engage fully with the children in order to enhance their learning experience
- To help ensure that all children, including their own, participate fully and independently in all activities
- To read any briefing information which relates to the trip.
- To remain with their group/class at all times
- To not allow their own child's social interaction and independence to be affected by their presence.

STAFFING

Primary

- Natasha Radford and Jenna Chapman will be leading EYFS and KS1
- Fozia Ramzan and Georgia Dawson will be leading KS2 (years 3-6).

WINTER WEATHER CLOTHING

Please ensure that your child brings a coat to school every day, now the weather is getting colder and wetter!

- Dress your child in layers of clothing that can be easily put on and removed.
- Make sure your child wears a hat in very cold weather - a lot of body heat is lost through the head.
- Protect hands with mittens or gloves for warmth.
- Remember, if your child's feet and hands are warm, it's usually a sign that they are dressed appropriately for winter weather.

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