



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

Headteacher's Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new term at St Stephen's.

We were very pleased to see your children return to school at the start of the Summer Term. I am sure, with your continued support, your child will continue to work hard and make good progress.

The Year 6 children have been busy preparing for their SATs tests and will be taking them during the week beginning 14th May. I would like to thank the Year 6 parents especially for encouraging their children to attend the Year 6 after school booster classes, the mental maths sessions before school and Easter School. On behalf of the staff of the school may I take this opportunity to pass on our best wishes for the success they deserve. We will be running a breakfast club for the Year 6 children at 8:15 a.m. each morning that week.

Ms Neena Lall
Headteacher

SUMMER TERM DATES 2012

Monday 16th April -School restarts at 8:55 am

APRIL

Thursday 26th April-Governors' Finance committee meeting 11am

MAY

Wednesday 2nd May-Photographer in school and Nursery

Thursday 3rd May- **PRIMARY SCHOOL CLOSED FOR ELECTIONS - Nursery Open**

Friday 4th May -Spelling Bee Final

Monday 7th May-**SCHOOL CLOSED-BANK HOLIDAY**

Monday 14th May-Year 6 SATs Week

Monday 21st May - Years 3 and 4 Sports Day at Newham Leisure Centre

Tuesday 22nd May -Years 5 and 6 Sports Day at Newham Leisure Centre

Thursday 24th May-KS1 sports day at West Ham Park 10am - 2pm

Thursday 24th May- Governors' Open Morning 9-11am

Monday 28th May-JUBILEE WEEK

Thursday 31st May-Summer music recital

Thursday 31st May-Children's centre Governance Committee meeting @ 5pm

JUNE

Friday 1st June-Kings and Queens Day -Dress up as a king or queen

Friday 1st June -Jubilee celebration lunch

Monday 4th June to Friday 8th June-Half Term holiday - School closes at 3:15 pm

Children's Centre and Day care will remain open.

Monday 11th June -School restarts at 8:55 am

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

STAFFING

Primary

- We welcome Chetan Patel to St Stephen's as a senior teacher who will be joining Year 4.
- I am delighted to inform you that Adam Bennett is now an Assistant Head Teacher at St Stephen's.
- To continue to ensure we have high quality provision for the Early years we have are pleased to welcome Doris and Daksha, Nursery Officers who are now working within the Reception classes.

Queen's Diamond Jubilee

To mark 60 years of The Queen's reign the Diamond Jubilee will take place in 2012.

The school celebrations will centre on a Jubilee week beginning 28th May 2012. Ending in a whole school 'Kings and Queens day' on Friday 1st June with a Jubilee celebration lunch and parade.

The Olympics 2012

With the London Olympic Games only a few weeks away, there is an excellent opportunity for you to enrich your child's experiences beyond the curriculum. Please endeavour to participate in related local events at this exciting time in Newham.

Our topic for the Summer Term is 'The Olympics'. Watch out for further details of events in school and year group visits linked to the topic over the next few weeks.

Water Bottles

As the temperature increases in the coming weeks it is all the more important that children are properly hydrated by drinking plenty of fluids throughout the day. All children in school have access to drinking water at lunch times in the dining hall. Many children also choose to bring their own water bottle from home to drink from during the school day. Please note water bottles can also be refilled in school as necessary. If your child does not currently bring a water bottle into school please consider sending them with one. Bottles are available for purchase direct from the school shop.

Footwear

I would like to remind the children that trainers are not part of our school uniform. Plain, black school shoes are required. Shoes must be well fitted and have enclosed heels and toes for health and safety purposes.

Trainers may be worn for PE only.

I thank you for your support in this matter.

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