



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

## Headteacher's Newsletter

Issue 6

3<sup>rd</sup> June 2013

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the final newsletter of this school year. It has been a very eventful and productive year.

The last few weeks of term are always particularly busy and enjoyable. Year 6 will be preparing for their end of term production performance and we will be bidding them farewell with a new graduation assembly and a social leavers' celebration. September's reception children are looking forward to their 'teddy bears picnic' and all the children will have the opportunity to meet their teacher for next year during a transition afternoon in the last week of term.

The year has passed quickly and the children have worked extremely hard and achieved so much. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the children for all their efforts and achievements and thank all parents for their continuous support of the school and their children.

I am grateful to staff and governors for their commitment and loyalty so generously offered to the school. I am delighted that St. Stephen's has enjoyed another successful year where pupils have achieved well.

I along with the staff would like to wish you a restful and enjoyable Summer.

Ms Neena Lall  
Headteacher

**SUMMER TERM DATES 2013****JUNE**

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| Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June     | School restarts at 8:55 am   |
| Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June   | Music Recital at 9am   |
| Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June | Nursery and Reception classes Curriculum Day-Mark Making   |
| Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> June    | Years 5 and 6 Sports Day at Newham Leisure Centre  |
| Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June   | New reception parents' meeting- 9am<br>Years 3 and 4 Sports Day at Newham Leisure Centre         |
| Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June | Nursery and Reception Sports day   |
| Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June  | KS1 sports day at West Ham Park 10am - 2pm<br>Governors' Meeting 6pm start                       |
| Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June | Day care parents' meeting 5pm  |
| Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June  | Year 6 Production- 7pm (Tickets will be on sale in the entrance from the 20 <sup>th</sup> June). |

**JULY**

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| Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July  | French Day  |
| Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July   | Reports to parents  |
| Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July     | Summer Fair 3-6pm- We are hoping for good weather for the school summer fair. Please come along and join in the fun! The money raised goes towards School Fund and a chosen charity. All donations will be gratefully received. |
| Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July  | Nursery, Daycare and Reception Parent Consultation Day<br>Parents' evening for Nursery, Years R to 6 -4-7pm   |
| Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July | Teddy bears picnic- New reception classes   |
| Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July    | Year 6 Graduation Assembly-9am-Only Year 6 Parents invited  |
| Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July   | Year 6 leavers celebration 5-7pm-Year 6 parents to join us at 6.30pm  |
| Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> July  | Summer Holiday - <b><u>School closes at 12:30 pm</u></b>  |

**Extended year Daycare and Children's Centre closes on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August and reopens on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.**

See Children's Centre for stay and play activities.

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2013 -Primary School restarts at 8:55 am**

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September -Nursery School starts**

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

## REPORT CARDS

Class teachers have written the end of year report cards. These will be issued on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July and will also contain details of classes and teachers for September. You will have an opportunity to discuss this report with the class teachers on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2013 between 4-7pm.

## STAFFING

### Primary

- Halama Khatun will be leaving us at the end of the Summer Term to take a post in Tower Hamlets. I would like to thank Halama for her work at St Stephens and the substantial impact that she has had on our children's early reading I wish her well for the future.
- We have appointed Sarah Hooper, Amy Buchanan and Maryjane Wilson as permanent members of staff to start in September.
- We are pleased to welcome Emilie back from her maternity leave on the 1<sup>st</sup> July.
- Sarah Raven had a baby girl in April. Many congratulations to her and her new family.

### Nursery:

- We are in the process of appointing 3 new nursery nurses to join us in September.
- We have appointed a new admin assistant, Tracy Cairns to join the busy Nursery and Children's centre front desk from September.

### Daycare:

- We are in the process of appointing a new nursery officer in yellow room

## WHOLE SCHOOL TOPIC- MIND, BODY AND SOUL

In the second summer half term, the whole school will be studying the creative curriculum theme of *Mind, Body and Soul*. During this topic, children will be exploring all aspects of personal wellbeing including: health, positive contributions to society and happiness. As a central concept we will be using the work of the charity, 'Action for happiness.' Please take a moment to take a look at their website, to find out how you can make yourself and those around you happier.

<http://www.actionforhappiness.org/>

## SAFETY

The safety of our pupils is very important. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that children under 135cm in height should be using a car seat and that all passengers must be strapped in at all times.

Parking along the zigzag lines is not permitted. These restrictions are provided for safety reasons to ensure clear sight lines for both motorists and children outside schools. I appreciate your co-operation in this.

## HOME DINNERS

We encourage that all children remain at school during lunchtime where we provide them with a balanced and nutritious school meal. However, if you do allow your child to go home for their lunch it is important for safety reasons that the school is made aware. We therefore ask that you provide the school with a letter at the beginning of each week stating the days that your child is going home for their dinner.

## WARMER WEATHER

In preparation for the warm summer months, please ensure your child is protected from the sun. You can help us by:

1. Always covering the skin on the shoulders and neck
2. Bringing a plain hat to protect their heads
3. Ensuring your child brings a bottle of water especially on hot days.
4. Applying sun screen- at least factor 15 before you bring your child to school.

Please do not allow your child to bring sunglasses to school, as this is not a necessity. Hats may be worn to provide protection from the sun but should be plain and not a fashion accessory.

## OUR SUMMER SCHOOL UNIFORM

- White shirt/ polo shirt.
- Blue gingham/checked summer dress
- White leggings
- Grey Shorts/trousers
- Brown or black shoes or sandals - **not slippers or sling back or trainers.**

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