



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

Headteacher's Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the final newsletter of this academic year. It has been a very eventful and productive year. The Nursery School had an OFSTED inspection on Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd May. The whole federation pulled together to showcase the excellent work the Nursery school does to ensure that your children learn and develop to their maximum potential. I will send copies of the report to you all once it has been published.

A number of our nursery and day-care children will be moving to reception classes in a variety of schools and I wish them a smooth and happy transition into their new school. We are very excited that we will have 3 reception classes in September who will be in the new extension of the school. All children will have the opportunity to meet their teacher for next year during a transition afternoon in the last week of term. Year 6 will be preparing for their end of term production performance and we will be bidding them farewell with a graduation assembly and a social leavers' celebration.

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 and for those of you observing fasts I wish you a peaceful Ramadan.

Ms Neena Lall
Headteacher

SUMMER TERM DATES 2014**JUNE**

Thursday 5 th June	Owl people and photograph educational workshop
Thursday 5 th June	Children's Centre Committee meeting at 5pm
Wednesday 11 th June	Music Recital at 9am
Thursday 12 th June	Dress up day- dress up as your desired future career
Friday 13 th June	Lords Cricket Ground Visit
Tuesday 17 th June	New reception parents' meeting- 9am
Thursday 19 th June	Year 2 visit to Chalkwell
Thursday 19 th June	Governors' Meeting 5.30pm start
Tuesday 24 th June	Reception Classes visit to Mudchute farm
Wednesday 25 th June	Day care parents' meeting 5pm
Wednesday 25 th June	Year 6 Production- 7pm (Tickets will be on sale in the entrance from the 16 th June).
Thursday 26 th June	1SL visit to Green Street Library
Friday 27 th June	1SH visit to Green Street Library

JULY

Tuesday 1 st July	Year 6 visit to Regent Park Open Air Theatre
Tuesday 1 st July	Inclusion visit to Discover Centre in Stratford
Monday 7 th July	SCHOOL CLOSED-TOUR DE FRANCE
Tuesday 8 th July	Years 5 and 6 Sports Day at Newham Leisure Centre
Wednesday 9 th July	Reception, Years 1 and 2 Sports Day at West Ham Park
Thursday 10 th July	Years 3 and 4 Sports Day at West Ham Park
Thursday 10 th July	Nursery, Daycare and Reception Parent Consultation Day
Thursday 10 th July	Reports cards to parents
Friday 11 th July	Year 5 visit to the Science Museum
Monday 14 th July	Nursery and Reception Sports day in School
Tuesday 15 th July	Teddy bears picnic- New reception classes
Tuesday 15 th July	Year 3 Visit to Siemens Crystal and Emirates airline
Wednesday 16 th July	Year 6 visit to the Olympic Park
Thursday 17 th July	Year 4 visit to the Design Museum
Monday 21 st July	Year 6 Graduation Assembly-9am-Only Year 6 Parents invited
Tuesday 22 nd July	Year 6 leavers celebration 5-7pm-Year 6 parents to join us at 6.30pm
Wednesday 23 rd July	Summer Holiday - School closes at 12:30 pm

Extended year Daycare and Children's Centre closes on Friday 15th August and reopens on Monday 1st September.

See Children's Centre for stay and play activities.

Monday 8th September 2014 -Primary School restarts at 8:55 am

Wednesday 10th September -Nursery School starts

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

REPORTS

Reception Class teachers have written the end of EYFS reports. These will be issued to parents on Thursday 3rd July and will also contain details of classes and teachers for September.

Reception Parents will have an opportunity to discuss this report with the class teachers on Thursday 10th July 2014 at the reception parent's consultation day.

Year 1-5 parents will receive a report card with details of attainment, classes and teachers for September on Thursday 10th July 2014.

Year 6 will receive their SATs and teacher assessment results.

STAFFING

Primary

- Mark Russ will be leaving us at the end of the Summer Term to travel. I am sure you will join me in thanking Mark for his outstanding work at St Stephens and the substantial impact that he has had on music, singing and performances I wish him well for the future.
- We are sad to be saying goodbye to Andrew Beech, a long serving teacher at the end of term, but very pleased for him having secured a promotion as Assistant Headteacher in another Newham school I am sure you will all join me in wishing him all the best in his new role.
- We are also sad to be losing Jemma Kendrick and Harish Mistry. We wish them good luck for the future.
- We have appointed Donna Treagur and Sapna Halai as permanent members of staff to start in September.

Nursery:

- We have appointed Sradha Joshi as a NQT to join us in September.

Daycare:

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

Children's Centre:

- Shabnam Begum will be going on Maternity Leave in July
- We are in the process of appointing term time Nursery Nurse to work with crèche children and other Children's Centre activities.
- We are in the process of appointing an extended year Nursery Officer to work with crèche children and other Children's Centre activities.

WHOLE SCHOOL TOPIC- THE FUTURE

The final half term of this school year represents another opportunity to create a whole school topic as we have done for the previous two years with 'The London Olympics' in 2012 and 'Mind, Body and Soul' in 2013. The theme for this year is 'The Future'. This topic will allow pupils to explore ideas about: their own futures and what they can do to influence them; the school's future as the new-build approaches completion; their new school if they

are leaving at the end of the year; the future of London, Great Britain and the world as a whole.

This topic will provide a fantastic opportunity for pupils to exercise their imaginations, work collaboratively and set goals that they want to achieve. Aspirations Day from 9-11am on Thursday 12th June is a chance for parents to come into class and share their experience of the world of work. All the children of the school will be dressed up in the outfits of what they want to be when they grow up and, in the afternoon, the drummer of Status Quo will be coming in to give a talk and demonstration of his skills - it should be an educational and entertaining day!

SAFEGUARDING-Films and Games

It has come to our attention that some children are being allowed unsupervised access to films and the internet. This has led to children reporting that they have watched films, video clips and played games that are rated 18. Children may become disturbed by these images as they are designed for adults.

It is of the utmost importance that children are supervised at all times when using computers, smart phones or tablets. These devices should not be kept in children's bedrooms and should be used in communal areas where thorough supervision can be maintained. Please adhere to age guidance when deciding whether to allow your children access.

BUILDINGS UPDATE

The school expansion is now developing at a fast pace with the main building framework for the new block, lunch hall and crèche all in place. The window frames and glass are about to be fitted which will enable work inside all the areas to be started. The garden has now been grassed with the new play equipment being fitted over the next couple of weeks.

The School Business Manager, Sustainability Manager and I will continue to meet with the architects, builders and landscape designers and will report back once further updates are available.

SCHOOL SWEATSHIRTS

From September 2014 we will be allocating specific sweatshirt colours to each year group. This will be introduced to the new reception classes from September. In year 1-6 this will be phased in. Once they are ready to purchase a new sweatshirt the new allocated colours will be available.

Nursery	Any colour
Reception	Blue sweatshirt
Year 1	Blue sweatshirt
Year 2	Blue sweatshirt
Year 3	Purple sweatshirt
Year 4	Purple sweatshirt
Year 5	Red sweatshirt
Year 6	Red sweatshirt

CHILDREN'S CENTRE AND DAYCARE

I would like to remind all parents of the outstanding work of St Stephen's Children Centre. They offer a range of services and activities for families with young children. Please contact Ruth Ansell in the Children's Centre for further information.

The centre provides:

- Courses for adults (crèche provision available)
- Activities for parents and children
- Health services
- Family support including parenting
- Housing and welfare benefit guidance
- Advice on employment

St Stephen's also offer Day Care provision within the nursery and children's centre. They are a fee paying provision for children aged between one and five years old, which is open from 8am-6pm, 48 weeks of the year. Please contact Julie Haley in the Nursery for further information.

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