



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

Headteacher's Newsletter

Issue 5

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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 and our drive for lifelong learning your child will continue to work hard and make good progress.

Last term senior teachers had the opportunity to visit Holland and I was fortunate enough to visit China. Both of these visits contributed to our global educational understanding and we shall be taking from the experience ways in which we can make St Stephen's even better.

We have a busy half term ahead of us with Parents' evenings, SATs week and Summer Fair.

The Year 6 children have been busy preparing for their SATs tests and will be taking them during the week beginning 9th 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 of SATs week.

Finally I would like to remind you that it is important to register your child for a place at St Stephen's Nursery after their 2nd birthday. Please go the reception desk in the nursery to do this. In September the nursery will be admitting children who were 3 before the 31st August 2016.

Thank you

Ms Neena Lall
Headteacher

SUMMER TERM DATES 2016

APRIL

Monday 11 th April	School restarts at 8:55 am Year 6 mock SATs Week
Thursday 21 st April	School dentist visiting Reception and Year 1 classes
Thursday 28 th April	Nursery and Reception parent consultation Day- Nursery and Reception CLOSED
Thursday 28 th April	Primary Parents evening 2-7.30pm

MAY

Monday 2 nd May	MAY DAY -SCHOOL CLOSED
Wednesday 4 th May	9am -Reception Class parent workshop
Thursday 5 th May	GENERAL ELECTION -SCHOOL, NURSERY AND DAYCARE CLOSED
Monday 9 th May-Thursday 12 th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Friday 20 th May	SEN Parent Forum
Tuesday 24 th May	Year 2 visit to Chalkwell seaside
Wednesday 25 th May	Year 6 Visit to Regent's Park Open Air Theatre.
Friday 27 th May	Summer Fair Nursery/Reception (2.45 start) Years 1-6 (3.15pm start)
Monday 30 th May- Friday 3 rd June	Half Term holiday - School closes at 3:15 pm

Children's Centre and Day Care will remain open.

Monday 6th June -School restarts at 8:55 am

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

ST STEPHEN'S CHILDREN'S CENTRE

I would like to remind all parents of the work of our "outstanding" Children's Centre based in the Nursery.

There is a range of adult learning classes, toddler groups, activities for under 3s, healthy lifestyle information and support for families. There will be one Saturday Stay and Play on June 25th between 10am-12pm.

The Children's Centre is also running a four week swimming session at East Ham Leisure Centre for parents and their children (under five) on Fridays starting from the 6th May 10-11am.

See the new calendar which will be out on 1st April for all other activities next term.

CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

It is with much sadness that I must inform you of the resignation of the Chair of Governor's, Mrs Lori Cox I am sure you will join me in thanking her for her contribution to St Stephen's, as a parent, Governor and as Chair of Governors.

I want to thank Mrs Cox for the commitment and loyalty given during her association with St Stephen's. On behalf of the Governors, children, staff and community of St Stephen's, I would like to express my sincere thanks for the contribution, the positive impact and balanced support over the years.

Below is a complete list of the school governors.

	<u>Name & Positions</u>	<u>Governor Type</u>
1.	Mr Abdul Shakoor	Authority Governor
2.	Mr Shashankar Jana	Parent Governor
3.	Mr Mobeen Zafar	Parent Governor
4.	Ms Neena Lall	Head teacher Governor
5.	Mrs Fozia Ramzan	Staff Governor
6.	Adam Bennett	Co-opted Governor
7.	Mrs Marsha Daniel	Vice Chair Co-opted Governor
8.	Ms Janet Mantey	Co-opted Governor
9.	Mr Sandipan Chowdhury	Co-opted Governor
10.	Mrs Julia Weeden	Co-opted Governor
11.	Vacancy	Co-opted Governor
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SPELLING BEE

Friday 4th of March 2016 was the annual St. Stephen's Spelling Bee Final, which sends the KS2 winners to Newham town hall in June, to compete in the annual Newham Spelling Bee contest. I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate Snehashon Chowdhury (5JW) on winning the Spelling Bee Shield. Well done to all the finalists: Umair Feroz, Tanusri Dabbara, Maryam Jeeva, Reeha Feroz and Hassan Shafeer.

In KS1 first place was awarded to Dhariya. Well done to all the finalists: Musfirah Eman, Janat Bano, Muhammad Yusuf and Zoheb Ahmed.

JOY CUP

The joy cup will be awarded to a member of each class each term. The joy cup is awarded to those children who have a joy for coming to school and embrace all that St Stephen's has to offer.

I would like to congratulate the joy cup winners for the Spring Term 2016.

RGD-Shannon Olivia Purcell RLP-Antonia Zaharia RMW- Andrei Bercea	3LC -Janat Rameez 3JC -Rania Ali
1CP-Sam Garla 1DT- Hana Bobat 1SH- Rares Tudoroiu	4DK -Aiza Azeem 4HA -Ayni Ali
2ZK -Abiha Khurram 2EW -India Kataria	5JW - Aleeza Kashif 5TN -Laaibah Shahid
	6SH -Jay Dubasia 6SR -Humera Master

SAFEGUARDING-

Stranger Danger- The community police came in on 14th March to deliver Stranger Danger assemblies to all the children in the primary school. They taught: 'Run, Yell, Tell,' to remember what to do if your child is approached by a stranger in the local community. Please reiterate this message to your children to make sure they know never to go with a stranger and how to keep themselves safe.

Prevent- I'm sure you have heard in the news about the Government's Prevent Strategy, aimed at identifying and preventing radicalisation of adults and young people. All staff and governors have now received Prevent training, which was aimed at keeping St. Stephen's pupils safe from these dangers.

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