

# STAR PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS LETTER



December 2016

## Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

It was wonderful to see so many of you at the Christmas performances. Thank you for your continued support which means so much to the school and your children. I am so immensely proud of all the effort that children and staff put into the productions. I would like to particularly thank Mrs Marshall for all her hard work over this period. The singing at Star continues to be amazing and I know how much the children love the chance to perform.

This year our year 4's have been involved in a slightly different project and have been creating "Shooting Stars" for children in less fortunate circumstances. This has given them a valuable insight into the true meaning of charity work, particularly at this time of the year. Thank you for supporting the cake sale to raise money for this project.

We have had an overwhelmingly positive response to the festive lights in the playground. Many parents and members of the community have commented on how it has brightened up the school and surrounding area. As such we have decided to keep them on a timer over Christmas so that the school community can continue to enjoy them. I would like to wish you all a peaceful festive season. As always I am thankful for the wonderful parents, children and staff at Star Primary.

Merry Christmas to you all.

Ms Von



## **Nursery Places:**

We still have a few places left in our Nursery this year and we are now taking children in as soon as they turn 3. If you are considering taking a place or know of someone who would like a place for their child, why not pop into the school office and pick up an application form. Mr Carbutt and Ms Borley will be happy to discuss this process with you.

## **Staffing News!**

It is with a heavy heart that we are saying goodbye to two of our long serving members of staff. Mrs Tovey our attendance officer will be moving to a school closer to home at the end of January and Mrs Maybin, one of our TA's, has decided to take a much deserved break after working at Star for many wonderful years. I would like to thank them both for the immense effort they have put into Star over the years. We will miss them dearly.

Soon we will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Flores and Mrs Bagheri who are going off on maternity leave. We wish them all the best during this special time.

## **Important Dates**

- School Closes at 1:00pm on Tuesday, 20th December and there will be no 6 'o clock club on that day.
- School re-opens on 4th January 2017

Our Achievements this term...

Star's light is shining brightly as we celebrate being in the top ten primary schools in Newham for our combined KS 2 data! We are also in the top 2% of schools nationally for reading and maths!

We have had several successful educational visits this term, including Camping in Year 3, a trip to see the Gruffalo in Reception, Year 2 visit to the aquarium and Year 5 visit to the Imperial War Museum.

Visitors to the school have included the Greeks in Year 5, Vikings in Year 4, Community Police talk in Year 6 and a special visit from Winnie the Witch to the EYFS!

Over 40 clubs are now up and running at Star. For the first time ever we have been able to offer 3 clubs to Nursery children. Getting fit is high on the agenda with 50% of clubs aimed at getting children moving.

Staff have been getting in on the action as well, with a Staff Sports club running every Friday Afternoon and staff Thai Chi every Wednesday morning

We have been very busy doing charity work here at Star. This term we have raised lots of money for the Guide Dog Trust, Richard House and Children in Need. Thank you to everyone who contributed so generously.

Reading remains at the heart of everything we do. We have launched **The Reading Tree Project** into KS1 and KS2. All our children are trying very hard to get onto The Reading Tree!

Our Pupil Leaders have now taken up their roles and responsibilities within the school. The school council have appointed House Captains. We are very proud of our new Head Girl Naima and Head Boy Massi and their deputies (Erjon and Raluka).

We are now firmly on the map with lovely new signs all around the school. Our festive lights have been a big hit and our Christmas Productions were very successful. We even had snow in the Nursery!!!