

# STAR PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS LETTER



May 2016

## Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to all the parents of year 6 who have supported the school in helping their child to be well prepared for their SAT's test this week. I am sure the children have done their best, and will be equipped for their secondary school education.

So far, the attendance for the Summer term is excellent at 97%. Very well done to classes RW, 1C, 4R and the whole of year 6 who all had 100% this week! Let's keep up the good work! Please continue to ensure your child attends school every day, and on time! However we are understanding that on occasions children become unwell and need time off school. We have a letter from the Health Protection Department offering advice on MMR vaccination. Please take time to read it carefully.

I'd like to take this opportunity to highlight a very successful venture we have set up within the school for parents who want the opportunity to improve their spoken and written English. We have set up classes teaching English to parents. These take place at school on a Monday at 2:00pm. Ms Flores an ESOL English Language Instructor and teacher runs these classes. Letters will be sent out with more details, however if you have any questions on how to access these courses please make enquires at the office.

Warm regards,  
C. Wilson  
Head Teacher

### Class Photos

On Thursday 26th May the school photographer will be in to take class photos. Please ensure that all children come to school on time and are wearing correct school uniform. Thank you.



### Year 4 York Visit meeting

Please can the parents of the children who are attending the year 4 York visit make sure that they are able to attend the meeting on Wednesday 25th May at 5:30pm. At the meeting you will be receiving important information and packs regarding the visit.

### Cycling

Some of our year 4 and 5 children have been learning all about road safety and the correct way to ride bicycles. They took part in a Bikeability course with year 4 completing level 1 and year 5 completing Levels 1 and 2. Our year 5 children were able to ride safely on the roads with trained instructors.



### Star **SPORTS** News

It's never a dull moment when sports are involved here at Star! Next week we're taking part in the Newham Summer Games at Newham Leisure Centre. The games will consist of swimming and football based events.

There is also a cricket tournament next week with 8 of our finest cricketers travelling down to Flanders field to give it their best! Read all about how they got on in our next newsletter.

### Important Dates

#### Wednesday 25th May

Meeting for year 5 parents of children visiting York at 5:30pm

#### Thursday 26th May

Class Photos

#### Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June

School closed for Half Term

#### Monday 6th June

School open as usual

#### Thursday 23rd June

School closed for the EU Referendum

#### Tuesday 19th July

School closing early at 1:00pm

#### Wednesday 20th July - Friday 2nd September

School closed for the Summer Break

#### Monday 5th September

School open as usual for the start of the Autumn Term



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Dear Parent / Guardian

Re: Confirmed cases of measles in London

We write to inform you that there have been cases of measles reported in children in London in the past three months. Measles is a highly infectious disease, one in every ten children who catch measles need hospital care and the disease can lead to serious complications. Please help us control this infection and prevent further cases by ensuring your children are up to date with their MMR immunisation.

#### Signs and symptoms

The first symptoms of measles include irritability, runny nose, conjunctivitis (red eyes), cough and increasing fever that comes and goes. These symptoms may last up to 8 days. The rash starts from day 4 and lasts 4-7 days. It usually starts on the forehead and spreads downwards over the face, neck and body. You can see flat red or brown blotches which can flow into each other.

Please inform your GP by telephone if you believe your child has developed measles. Your GP will offer you advice and will also contact our office.

#### Exclusion

Please inform the school office if your child has suspected measles. Children are infectious before the rash appears and for several days after the rash appears so they should not return to school until at least 4 days after their rash began.

#### MMR immunisation

Two doses of the MMR immunisation is the safest way you can protect your child from measles, mumps and rubella. The vaccine may protect your child from getting the disease if it is given within 72 hours after contact with someone with measles. If your child has not had two doses of MMR, please contact your GP to make an appointment as soon as possible. The second dose can be given after 1 month of having had the first dose. If you do not know whether they have had two doses of MMR, please call your GP practice to check.

If your family is not registered with a GP, register now and make sure your child is protected by having the MMR vaccine. The MMR vaccine is free on the NHS and is available from your GP in London.

#### Further information

More information can also be found online at NHS Choices, regarding both measles and the MMR vaccination: [www.nhs.uk/Pages/HomePage.aspx](http://www.nhs.uk/Pages/HomePage.aspx)

Yours faithfully

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