

STAR PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS LETTER

November 2015

Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents and carers that attended Parents Evening. We had a very good turnout and the teachers were really pleased with the response they had from supportive parents. If for any reason you were unable to attend, please make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher after school.

Thank you also to those of you who completed the School Parent Questionnaire. We are in the process of analysing your opinions and comments which I'll report back to you shortly.

Now that the weather's getting colder it's the perfect opportunity to snap up one of our very reasonably priced Star School coats! The coats are reversible with one side being fleece and the other waterproof so no matter how cold and wet the weather gets we'll be ready for it! Coats are available to purchase from our school uniform shop which is open every Tuesday afternoon from 2:30pm - 3:30pm.

Warm regards,
C. Wilson
Head Teacher



Farewell

A very sad farewell to our school cook Mandy. Thank you so much for keeping us all so well fed over the years you've been with us, we wish you all the best for the future.

Attendance

Attendance for the first week back this half term was 96.7%. This is a good start but let's see if we can ensure it is even better in the coming weeks. Very well done to class 4D with 100% and to classes 5C and 5S with 99% attendance! This is a great start.

At Star we believe that improving attendance will have a positive impact on improving academic attainment at school. Please bear in mind we do not consider minor illnesses such as a cold, cough, headache or tummy ache to be an illness that prevents your child attending school and children should only be kept at home if necessary.

Did you know...

- Drinking lots of water and getting plenty of sleep helps prevent winter colds.
- Exercise helps boost the body's immune system helping you stay healthy!

Thank you for your support in ensuring your child is in school and on time every day.
It really does make a difference.



Reception Parents Phonic Workshop

On Tuesday 17th November at 9:00 am we held a Phonics Workshop for all Reception parents in the Community Room. These workshops are a great way to learn all about how we teach phonics in the lower years and how you can help your children at home. If you were unable to attend please speak to your child's teacher for available resources.

Parent Governor Voting

Please be aware that the deadline for voting in regards to the Parent Governor position was, Wednesday 11th November, at 12:00pm noon. Any votes received after 12:00pm noon were sadly invalid.

Armistice Day

On Tuesday 11th November we held a 2 minute silence to show our respect to all the brave soldiers who have been injured or lost their lives fighting, so that we may live freely in this country and have the right to decide for ourselves how we live. We have been selling a number of Poppies to show our support for the British Legion and will let you know the exact amount raised, once we receive a certificate from them.

School council members from years 5 and 6 went along with our Head and Deputy Head Boy and Girl to Central Park in East Ham where they will took part in an Armistice Day event. Schools from all over Newham came together to place flowers and wreaths at the cenotaph in remembrance of all those who been injured or lost their lives fighting for the freedom we have today.

Shakespeare School Festival

On Thursday 5th November, 30 extremely talented KS2 children bravely got up on stage at Stratford Circus Theatre and performed the magnificent tale of William Shakespeare's 'Macbeth'. It was said that the children were lucky to have had the opportunity to perform on stage but the luckiest ones of all were the spectators who were treated to an amazing rendition of the classic play. The children's performance was outstanding and their behaviour was superb!!!
A real credit to the school!



Important Dates

Friday 4th December

2:00pm Year 1 Christmas Concert

Tuesday 8th December

2:00pm Year 2 Christmas Concert

Thursday 10th December

2:00pm Reception Christmas Concert

Friday 11th December

10:00am Nursery AM Christmas Concert

2:00pm Nursery PM Christmas Concert

Tuesday 15th December

2:00pm Year 3 Christmas Concert

Wednesday 16th December

2:00pm Year 4 Christmas Concert

Thursday 17th December

Years 5 and 6 singing in the community

Friday 18th December

School closing early at **1:00pm**

Sports

What a great start to the year! Last week our boys football team played a match against St Joachim's in what can only be described as an 8 goal thriller!!! The action was end to end with both teams giving their all, finally it was our young Stars who found the extra reserves of energy to see the game off 5 - 3.
Well done boys!!!

Football fever seems to be spreading throughout the school as a mixed team of year 3 and 4 boys and girls took part in a tournament at the University of East London. They managed to get all the way to the quarter finals which is a huge achievement as this was the first time they'd played together!

Our girls football team are looking very promising as well, after losing their first match by the narrowest of margins they've been training extra hard and are looking very sharp. With matches coming thick and fast in the upcoming weeks they'll be looking to impress and secure their first win of the season.
Good luck girls!!!



After School Clubs

We are pleased to announce that our after school clubs will start up again on Monday 16th November. Please return the pledges with your child's choice of clubs as soon as possible and we will do our utmost to ensure that they are able to attend at least one.