

# STAR PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS LETTER

June 2017

## Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

I can hardly believe that we have already reached the June newsletter. It has been another busy few weeks with many year groups going on school trips linked to our River Project curriculum. I know that these have been worrying times for parents concerned about their children's safety on trips. I am immensely proud that we have not let recent events stop our learning and exploring. I assure parents that we are taking every possible action to ensure that all children remain safe on all trips.

I was delighted to welcome our new Nursery and Reception parents to the school recently. We always look forward to the next generation of little stars joining our school.

Today will be the handing over of the reception outdoor area. The project has taken 11 weeks and we are so very pleased with the outcome. We will be having an official opening next week and I know our reception children can't wait to get outside and explore the new area. We have also created a Star Garden area towards the bottom of the field and next year, each year group will have a large planter in which to grow things. If there are any keen gardeners who would be able to do some volunteer work in our outdoor areas, we would be most interested in hearing from you. We want all children to have a chance to learn about growing plants and taking care of the environment as part of their holistic curriculum.

I look forward to seeing as many parents as possible at our Summer Festival on the 6<sup>th</sup> July 2017, where we will enjoy music performed by our pupils and share food from across the world.

Thank you for your continued support.

Ms Von (Head Teacher)



## Retirement News

It is with quite a heavy heart that we need to inform parents that both Mrs Tuck and Mrs Addy will be retiring at the end of this year. They have both served the school for well over 30 years and are part of the very fabric of the school. Although we could never possibly thank them enough for all they have done, we do wish them every happiness during their retirement. They deserve a well-earned rest. We will also be saying goodbye to a few other members of staff this term and welcoming new staff to the school. Children will be meeting their new teachers on the 10<sup>th</sup> July.



## Beat the Heat this summer!

Please ensure that your child is wearing sun cream before they arrive at school, especially if they are going out on any trips. It does get very hot in school and we are encouraging children to drink as much water as possible and remove all jumpers and coats.

## Attendance

Attendance has been very good is term. Thank you to all those parents getting their children to school every day. Let's try and break all records and get that magic 97% attendance this year!!!

On the 23rd May, 9 KS2 children took part in a Newham Summer Games swimming competition at Newham Leisure Centre. For the second year running our young swimmers have proven their natural athletic abilities and won an outstanding 5 medals!



### Reception visit to Chalkwell Beach

On Wednesday 7th June the children in Reception got to enjoy a day out at the seaside. They travelled by coach to Chalkwell beach in Southend. It was a windy day but that didn't stop anyone from having a great time building sandcastles, playing games, creating beach art and even a spot of paddling in the sea!



### Year 6 visit to Kew Bride

Last week, as part of their River Project, year 6 visited Kew Bridge. They walked along the foreshore investigating the different creatures they discovered along the way. There were Leeches, Crabs, Snails, Shrimp and Clams as well as many different types of birds which they identified using pictures. After their learning walk they tested the ph levels of the river, the experiment showed that in that area the water was neutral.



### Important Dates

Monday 3rd July

Parent "Book Look In" After School

Thursday 6th July

Summer festival

Tuesday 11th July

Festival of Voices—Year 5

Wednesday 12th July

Sports Day KS2

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July

Sports Day - KS1 am and Reception pm

Friday 7th July

Nursery Sports Day (am and pm)

Tuesday 18th July

Year 6 Awards Evening

Thursday 20th July

School finishing early at 1:00pm

Friday 21st July - Friday 1st

September

School Closed for the Summer Break

Monday 4th September

School Closed for Staff Training

Tuesday 5th September

Children return to school for the start of the Autumn Term

