

STAR PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS LETTER



September 2017

Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

It was wonderful to welcome the children back to school this week. I hope that all our families had a fantastic summer and that all our muslim families had a lovely Eid last Friday.

Thank you for ensuring that your child is in the correct school uniform. The children look very smart coming into school. As you know, the ordering of uniform can now all be done online. We are selling off all the stock we have left. Please do come to the school office if you require any assistance with buying the uniform online.

Our staff were extremely disappointed to return to school to find that Newham Council have pushed through with the Residents Parking Zone over the summer holidays, despite our concerns that this scheme will have on our community. As you know, we do not have a staff car park and staff are now facing a £600 permit fee in order to come to work. I know this has also affected many local residents. Please be very mindful of where you park around the school. We need to make sure that the safety of our pupils come first, so if you can avoid driving to school, please do so. Although I completely sympathise with parents dropping their children off under these new conditions, I would ask that you do not park on the double yellow lines outside the school entrance.

There is a very busy term ahead which begins with a year 3 camping trip on the 20th September. Important dates for the Parent Information Meetings are overleaf and clubs will recommence at the start of the next half term.

I am very much looking forward to another successful year at Star and working closely with the star community to make it a great year for all our children.

Warm Regards,

Ms Von

Head teacher

All change...

This year your child will be doing more PE than ever before. We are committed to keeping them fit and active and are pleased to have Ms Bennet leading the PE team. We have changed the PPA rotation so that children will now have two sessions of PE and a session of music during this time .

Please make sure that your child has the correct P.E. kit and that they bring it to school at the beginning of each week. All children must change into a kit for PE lessons.

Attendance

Just a small reminder that school starts at 8:50am. We look forward to working with you again this year to ensure that attendance at Star remains excellent and that your child reaches their full potential!

Welcome to the new faces at Star

I am delighted to introduce you to two new faces that I am sure you will become very familiar with over the next few weeks. Ms Barrack is our new school receptionist and Ms Washa is our brand new Community Wellbeing Co-ordinator. This is a new role at Star. She will be working very closely with parents in order to make sure that your children get the very best out of school. She will also be supporting parents and staff to make sure that our whole school community continues to the wonderful place it is.



Ms A Washa

Community Wellbeing Advocate

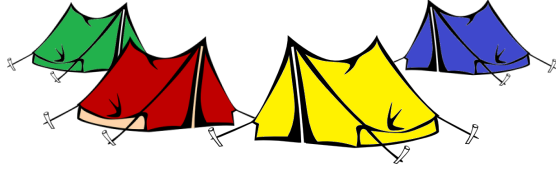


Ms C Barrack

Receptionist

Year 3 Camping Trip

Later on this month two groups of year 3 children will be off camping at the Suntrap Camping centre in Epping Forest where they will take part in all sorts of woodland activities! There will be a meeting at **9:30am on Tuesday 12th September** for parents of the children attending. This will take place directly after the parent information meeting.



Important Dates

Parent Information Meetings:

- Year 1**— Monday 11th September at 9am
- Year 3**—Tuesday 12th September at 9am (followed by camping meeting at 9:30am)
- Year 4**— Wednesday 13th September at 9am
- Year 5**—Thursday 14th September at 9am
- Year 6**—Friday 15th September at 9am
- Year 2**—Monday 18th September at 9am
- Reception**—Wednesday 20th September at 9am

Some Exciting Projects to look forward to...

Languages at Star:

We have decided not to continue with class French lessons this year. We have been doing this for a long time and think that its time to refresh our Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) provision. We will be having 6 languages days across the year where the children will get the opportunity to learn about the chosen language and about the traditions and cultures of the different countries that speak that language. We want this day to be inspiring for the children and would love for parents to be involved as well. The first day will be our Spanish Day on the 20th October 2017.



Main Playground development:

As you know, we have been fundraising to try and improve the main playground. We are going to be stepping up our effort this year and concentrating all our charity events on this project. The governors have agreed to action this project and we are now in the process of putting different designs forward to see which contractor we will be using. Hopefully your children will soon be enjoying a much improved main playground. We will keep you posted about the progress we make.



Star Primary School Term and Holiday Dates 2017/18

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Key:	
	Holiday+Weekend
	Training Day – School Closed
	Pupil Day – School Open