

STAR PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS LETTER



October 2017

Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been an incredibly productive start to the new academic year and the staff and children have worked so hard over the past four weeks. I am really pleased with the huge effort that parents are making to ensure that their children are coming to school in the correct school shoes and uniform. Thank you for your continued support in this matter. It is really important that all uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name and class. This will help us to find any lost uniform. Lost property will be available to check every Friday in the playground, under the shelter, but unfortunately we are unable to keep lost property for more than one half term. At the end of each half term, any items remaining will be donated to charity.

We were very proud of all our wonderful singers who took part in the opening event of the new library centre. A massive thank you to all parents and children who dedicated some of their weekend to launch this event. Special thanks to Mrs Marshall for working so hard with our Star Musicians.

I was also delighted that our cross country team had the chance to take part in a competition held at West Ham Park. They all completed the challenging circuit. Watch out for more news about our "Daily Mile" ideas.

Our Big Walk was a huge success, despite the wet weather and we all really enjoyed the chance to exercise together in order to raise money for the playground. Sports clothing for the day was also very popular. Could I please remind parents to send back the sponsorship money as soon as possible, so that we can find out how much money we have raised.

Warm Regards,
L von Buchenroder (Ms Von)
Head Teacher

Book your parent evening appointments on parent mail now for Wednesday 18th October

School Book Bags



We have noticed that an increasing amount of children are bringing rucksacks to school. The problem with these are that they don't fit into the trays inside the classroom so have to be left in the cloakroom. We don't encourage children to leave the class during lesson time as this is very disruptive to the lesson. The school book bag and school rucksack fits perfectly into the trays, so we would please ask parents to send your child to school with those instead. These can be purchased online through parent mail or parents could pop into our reception to see if we still have any stock available.

School Census Day and Autumn Feast

Thursday 5th October was our school census day.

It is a day where the Local Authority ask all schools to send over various information. One such field is in regard to school dinners. The Local Authority then provide us with funding in relation to how many pupils have a school dinner. We were very pleased with the amount of children having a hot school meal on Thursday. The children and staff really enjoyed the Autumn Feast.



Spanish Day - Coming Soon... 20/10/17

Year 3 Camping

From 20th - 22nd September two year 3 groups spent the night camping at the Suntrap Centre in Epping Forest and what an adventure they had!!! They took part in many woodland activities such as exploration, forest art and den making. They even collected wood and learnt how to safely build campfires! Then as night fell they all got into their tents, tucked into their sleeping bags and had a good nights sleep under the stars.



Important Dates

Wednesday 18th October

Parents Evening

Friday 20th October

Spanish Day

Monday 23th October - Friday

27th October

School closed for Half-Term

Monday 30st October

School closed for staff Inset

31st October 2017

Children return to school

Spanish Languages Day - 20/10/17

We are very excited to be having our Spanish Languages Day on the 20th October. Children will have the opportunity to take part in a range of activities where they will learn about the cultures and traditions of Spanish speaking countries around the world. We will also be dressing up in Spanish inspired costumes... so look out for the flyer with more information and costume ideas.



Star **SPORTS** News

Winter PE Kit

As the colder weather is rapidly approaching, I wanted to clarify the schools position on PE kits. Children are allowed to wear black tracksuit bottoms for PE lessons. They will need a pair of plimsolls or trainers to change into for PE.

Star Winter Market

We are excited about our first ever winter market which is going to be taking place in early December. We are hoping that this will be a community event with exciting stalls, singing and bringing the community together to turn on the Festive Lights. A few parents have shared some ideas on how to make this event really successful and we would love to hear from you if you have any further ideas. Please contact Ms Washa through the school reception if you would like to be involved.

