

STAR PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS LETTER



March 2019

Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we are coming to the end of another eventful term at Star, I'd like to take this opportunity to inform parents of some of the amazing work that our pupils and staff have been doing.

There is a real buzz of excitement around the school as children are celebrating another of our popular Languages Days. This time it's all things Portuguese. As I am writing this newsletter some children are enjoying a very active Portuguese dance workshop and working up an appetite for our delicious themed lunch. If ever you needed an excuse to have a Nando's meal today would certainly be a good day for it!!!

We celebrated our much anticipated World Book Day a few weeks ago. We were so pleased with the great effort that children (and more importantly parents) made to dress up as book characters. It was really very difficult to choose class winners. A massive thank you for all your efforts. Our staff love to get involved to help inspire children and I was very impressed with the staff photo that we managed to take before the start of the day. Have a look on our school website for some photos from the day.

I am excited to announce that we now have an operational school Twitter account. You can follow us @Star_Primary Please respect this platform as a way of sharing information with parents about what we are doing in school. We are very proud of our positive school ethos and this is one way in which we can celebrate success together. Any negative usage will be blocked. Please remember that if you have any worries or concerns that you can come a talk to us directly.

Our Year 6's are super excited about their trip to the Lake District next week. We will be climbing mountains, jumping into the Lake and overcoming some big physical challenges. Year 6 parents please be reminded that we set off at 6am on Monday morning!!!! Please don't be late. We also cannot guarantee the exact time we will return, so please be patient. We will update you via parentmail.

Make sure you book your parents evening appointments for next week. If you need any assistance doing so, the office staff will be happy to help you.

Have a wonderful Easter break and please do make sure that your children are saying safe online!

Regards,
Ms Von

Portuguese Languages Day

Friday 22nd March is the fourth of our very special Languages Days here at Star, with a focus this time on Portuguese. It is a very colourful day with all the children creating Rio carnival masks at home and wearing them to school where they took part in many Portuguese themed lessons and activities. There were dance lessons on the top hall and the children in Early Years made a delicious Brazilian Vinaigrette with the help of some very kind parent helpers. It was a great day all round... lunch being a particular highlight with Peri Peri Chicken!



Important Dates

Monday 25th - Friday 29th March

Year 6 residential trip—Lake District

Thursday 28th March

Parents Evening (Nursery - Year 5)

Thursday 4th April

The Big Dance

Friday 5th April

Early closure at 1pm

Monday 8th - Monday 22nd April

School closed for the Easter Break

Tuesday 23rd April

Start of the Summer Term

Monday 6th May

School closed for May Day

Big Dance

On Thursday, 4th April the entire school will be participating in the Big Dance. Over the last term all children from reception to year 6 have learnt 3 different dance routines. The Big Dance is an opportunity for all children to showcase their learning in PE over the last 11 weeks working in collaboration not only with their class but year group and key stage.

At Star we are very excited about our Big Dance performance and demonstrating our enjoyment that we have shared in physical activity. Working as a team and being proud of our inclusive approach to PE and learning.

The Big Dance will be filmed and as parents and carers you will have the opportunity to view the Big Dance on the website once it has been edited. Please can we remind you that your child will need the correct PE kit in school on Monday, a white round necked t-shirt, black shorts or jogging bottoms and PE trainers or plimsolls.

e-safety Home School Agreement

As you know, e-safety is something that we take very seriously here at Star. We have produced an e-safety booklet which you will receive today. We hope that parents will use this booklet to help them make better decisions about keeping your children safe online. We are aware that some children and in fact some parents are part of large Whatsapp groups. These groups can become very negative and serve as a platform to target individuals. As a school we are trying to start a debate with you about how we use such platforms and what example it is sending to your child. We are asking you to set firmer boundaries so that as a school community we can start to better protect our children's childhood. Even with very young children, you need to control the amount of time they are spending in front of tablets and phones. Please go through the booklet carefully and make time to talk to your child about it. We are here to support you in this. We are asking parents and children to sign an e-safety agreement and return this to school. This will show your child that school and home care about keeping them safe online.

A massive thank you to Ms Patel, Mr Carbutt, Mr Bond and Mr Norton for producing the booklet.

Sports Update

On Tuesday 5th March Star Primary took part in a sports event at Newham Leisure Centre. We entered teams in Tag Rugby, Hockey and New-Age Kurling.

Our young Stars showed great determination with our New-Age Kurling team reaching the final! After a very close game we lost out by one stone but it was still a great experience competing against other Newham schools. Our Hockey team was lucky enough to meet famous England Hockey player Emily Defroand!



HEADLICE NOTICE

Unfortunately from time to time we have an outbreak of Head Lice in a particular class. This is easily treated with over the counter products. Please make use of the Easter break to check your child's head and apply any treatments if necessary.