

# STAR PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS LETTER



December 2019

## Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our Winter Market event. I felt really privileged to be the Head Teacher of such a wonderful school event which was celebrated by the Star Community. I am most grateful to all the parents, pupils, marketers, staff and members of the community for braving the elements to create a special festive atmosphere at Star Primary.

I am delighted to tell you that Star Primary won first place in two categories in a recent speechmaking competition we took part in. Thanks to the wonderful speeches by Mary and Noor in Year 6 and input from our very talented Ms Owen, we knocked the socks off the other schools. Well done to all the Year 6 team who helped to write the speeches.

I also wanted to mention the fantastic effort from our Year 5 poets who held a recital of their poetry at Park Primary School recently. This was based on their experiences in the South Downs. Thank you to Ms Kelly who gave up her time to support the residential.

I am sure that you have enjoyed the Christmas concerts. Ms Marshall has worked very hard on the singing this year. Thank you to all those parents who supported their children's performance.

I would like to wish you all a peaceful festive season. As always I am thankful for the wonderful parents, children and staff at Star Primary.

Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Ms Von

## **Charity Work**

Once again our Year 4 children have been sending shooting stars into the community. This year we sent gift hampers to the elderly members of Canning Town. In school they were thinking about loneliness and how it affects elderly people. This has given them a valuable insight into the true meaning of charity work, particularly at this time of the year. Thank you for supporting the cake sale to raise money for this project. We raised an amazing £408.52! And we made the front cover of the Newham Mag!

## **Parent Information Meetings (PIM)**

### **Spring Term Curriculum Meetings**

**9:00am in the Community Room**

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January - Year 4

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January - Year 2

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January - Reception

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January - Year 1

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January - Year 3

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January - Year 5

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January - Year 6

Christmas Dinner  
and Christmas  
Jumper Day is on the  
20<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

All donations of £1  
will go directly to  
Save the Children

School  
re-opens on  
the  
7<sup>th</sup> January  
2019

Don't forget that if you need  
to use the six o'clock club  
facility, that you will have to  
re-enrol your child with  
Sherpa Kids before the 7<sup>th</sup>  
January. Star Primary will  
cease to run the six o'clock  
club on the 20<sup>th</sup> December  
2018.

Please make sure that  
you are signed up and  
regularly check your  
Parent Mail  
communication.  
Admin staff can assist  
you if you have any  
problems.

Our Year 5 and 6's will  
be singing in the  
community at Asda in  
Beckton on Thursday  
and Friday morning. All  
proceeds are going to  
Richard House.

## **Online Safety over the Festive Season:**

- Ask them to show you which social media apps they use and what they like about them. Talk about how they use them and what makes them so engaging
- Explain how you can use privacy settings to make sure only approved friends can see posts & images
- Check if any of their apps have 'geo-location' enabled, sharing their location unintentionally
- Show them how to report offensive comments or block people who upset them
- Check 'tagging' settings so that when others are posting or sharing photos online, your child's identity is not revealed. Also, get people's consent before sharing photos
- Encourage your child to come and talk to you if they see anything that upsets them
- Limit your child's screen time and supervise them online