



Scott Wilkie Newsletter January 2016

Teachers Training

Friday 12th February 2016

School will be closed for pupils.

Half Term Holiday for children

Monday 15th February 2016 to Friday 19th February 2016.

Children start back to school on **Monday 22nd February 2016.**

Parents Evening

Parents Evening will be on Thursday 17th March 2016.

Parents evening will start at 2:30 so please make sure you collect your child at 2:15pm on this day.

I will be expecting all parents to make the effort to meet their child's teacher.

School dinner food tasting and refreshments will be available as usual in the Key Stage 1 hall.

Lost Property

At Parents' Evening we will put out lost property for parents to check through. Please check the lost property box if your child has lost any clothing. **All remaining items will be disposed of at the end of term.**

Parent Workshops

We are currently running Triple P parenting classes on Wednesday afternoons and all parents are welcome to take part in this course which runs for 4 weeks. Please see Debbie in the office for details.

Maths Week

The week beginning the 8th February will be Maths Week at school. Your child will have a fun day of maths work. During this week KS1 and KS2 children would like to invite their parents into the mental/oral part of their maths lesson to show you how they are progressing in maths.

Teachers will be sending out letters to confirm these details.

Times tables

In order for your child to do well at maths they need to learn their times tables. Please help your child learn their tables at home by practising every day. By the time your child is in Year 4 they should know all their tables up to 12 x 12.

The Importance of Talk

In order for children to develop their speaking skills they need to be spoken and listened to. Please make an effort to turn off your mobiles and take off your head phones when you collect your child from school and talk to them about their day.

Attendance

Last year our attendance was 95.2%. a drop from previous years. The school target this year is 96%. I would like to congratulate all parents for the effort made to ensure their children have good attendance. Sadly there are still a significant number of children who are not attending school often enough. Debbie Parkes, our Attendance Officer, will continue to work closely with these families to ensure their children have the same life opportunities as other children in the school. In order for your child to be happy in school, form good friendships and reach their full potential they must attend school regularly. Home visits and meetings will be arranged with those families who have attendance issues.

Punctuality

A number of families are frequently late for school. It is really unsettling for your child to arrive at school after the class has started. I have asked Debbie to meet with families who are constantly late so that the school can support you in improving the situation for your child.

Curriculum Topics for This Term

Please support your child's learning in school by searching for information on the internet or taking your child to a museum or library.

For further details on what your child will be learning this term please look at the school website under the heading: 'Our Learning'.

Nursery / Reception

Traditional Tales

Year 1

The World Around Us

Year 2

Roles, Responsibilities and Aspirations

Year 3

Vikings and Saxons

Year 4

Villages and Cities

Year 5

Ancient Greeks

Year 6

Helping Others

Citizenship Week

This year during Citizenship Week the school is looking closely at British Values. Children will begin to understand what democracy means. Workshops have been planned and a consultant has been booked to work with the children on British Values. The school values are:

Caring

Scott Wilkie pupils are caring, sharing and friendly.

Resilient

Scott Wilkie pupils always try their best and never give up.

Respect

Scott Wilkie pupils respect each other and celebrate diversity.

The school will also be voting for a Head Girl and Head Boy this term. Good luck to our Year 6 candidates.

School Dinners

I am really pleased with the vast majority of pupils who are benefiting from free school meals offered to all pupils in Newham. I will be asking Debbie to contact the few families who have not taken up this opportunity yet. If your child does have a packed lunch please remember healthy options only such as:-savoury sandwiches, fruit, yoghurt, cucumber, carrot sticks, cheese and crackers. Crisps are allowed only on Friday. Fizzy drinks, chocolate and biscuits are not allowed on any day of the week.

Home Reading

Reading is extremely important for every child in our school. Please make sure your child has some special reading time at least 5 times a week and completes their home reading diary. Regular daily practise of reading does make a difference.

Research shows that reading to your child extends and develops their language significantly. Please make time to not only hear your child read but to read to them. I find the last 5-10 minutes before lights go out to be the best time to read to my child.

Special Dates Term 3

19th January – Yr6 Stratford Circus Theatre Trip
26th January – R.E. Conference for selected pupils
26th January – Yr3 History Off The Page Romans
27th January – Yr5 Junior Citizens Tate & Lyle Trip
2nd February – Yr1 Place of Worship Visit Gurdwara
5th February – British Heart Foundation (Non-uniform)
8th February – Yr4 Greenwich Trip – Maths Activity
8th February – Yr1 Trip to City Airport
11th February – Yr3 Place of Worship Visit Synagogue

School Times

Please make sure that all children are in school by **8.55 a.m.** at the latest. School finishes at **3.20 p.m.** Parents should make sure that their children are collected on time.

Please note that for the safety of your child no parent or adult should come into the school building without first reporting to the school office. If parents need to speak to their child's teacher they should make an appointment at the school office.

Volunteers

At Scott Wilkie we value the support and input of parents. If you are a parent and you have skills or time to volunteer your support in school please see staff in the school office.

Easter / Spring Break

Friday 25th March 2016 to Friday 8th April 2016.
Children start back to school on Monday 11th April 2016.

Extra Holidays

Monday 2nd May is a bank holiday and the school and nursery will be closed.

On Thursday 5th May the school is being used as a Polling Station

Every Child a Musician -Years 5 and 6

What a wonderful opportunity for every year 5 and 6 child to learn a musical instrument. Please ensure your child practises their instrument for 10 minutes a day and remembers to bring it into school on the day of their lesson.

Bikes

I am pleased to see so many children ride their bikes to school. For health and safety reasons please ask your child to refrain from riding their bike in the school playground.

Birthdays

A small reminder: if it is your child's birthday, you may bring in a box of chocolates such as 'Celebrations' to share with the class. As we are a healthy school, party bags etc., are not encouraged.

Thank you to all parents for your continued support and co-operation.

Keri Edge
Executive Headteacher