



Scott Wilkie Newsletter March 2016

Easter Holiday for Children

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

Extra Closures

The school will be closed on Monday 2nd May for the Bank Holiday.
The school will be closed on Thursday 5th May for use as a Polling Station.
The school is also closed on Thursday 23rd June due to voting on the European Referendum.

SATs Week

Year 6 SATs week starts on **Monday 9th May**. It is extremely important your child comes to school every day in this week.

Half Term

Monday 30th May 2016 to Friday 3rd June 2016.
Children start back to school on **Monday 6th June 2016.**

Staff Leaving

Mrs Timbars will be leaving Scott Wilkie I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for the hard work and dedication she has given to the pupils at Scott Wilkie.

New Appointments

Mr Nori will be starting with us after Easter and 3T will become 3N. I hope that you will warmly welcome him to our school community.

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. 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.**

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.

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.

Milk

We continue to offer milk to all EYFS and KS1 children at morning break time. KS2 children will be offered milk as a drink at lunchtime.

Curriculum Topics for Term 5

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 next term please look at the school website under the heading: 'Our Learning'.

Nursery

Traditional Tales and Mini-beasts

Reception

Growth and Mini-beasts

Year 1

Plants

Year 2

Plants and Animals

Year 3

Light

Year 4

The Vikings

Year 5

Living Things and Their Habitats

Year 6

Animals including Humans

Packed Lunches

I am pleased to inform you that only 23 children in total at Scott Wilkie are **not** taking up the Free School Dinners. Those parents who are still preparing packed lunches please make sure it is healthy.
Sandwiches should be filled with: ham, cheese, tuna, egg, cheese spread etc. Jam and Nutella chocolate spread are not recommended.
Additional options: cheese, crackers and yoghurt.
Vegetables: carrots, cucumber, peppers, celery.
Fruits: bananas, apples, pears, oranges, strawberries, blueberries.
Dried fruits: raisins, apricots and apples
Drink: water only please.

On Friday crisps are allowed as a special treat.
Chocolate and fizzy drinks are not allowed.

If your child is a fussy eater and you need help to improve your child's diet please contact Debbie in the school office who can put you in touch with the school nurse.

Educational Visits

Packed lunches for educational visits also need to be healthy.

Newham Smiles

On Wednesday 20th April the Newham Dental team will be visiting the school to look at the teeth of children in Nursery, Reception and Year 1. If your child needs any dental treatment following this examination, you will be notified.

Uniforms

Scott Wilkie is a uniform school. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing the correct uniform. You can purchase uniform online by going to the Scott Wilkie website www.scottwilkie.newham.sch.uk/
The uniform will be delivered to the school and given to your child to bring home.

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.

Enriching the curriculum

Educational Visits / Enrichment Days booked by teachers so far:

Monday 14th March – Reception to Mudchute Farm
Monday 14th March – Yr5 Place of Worship Trip
Monday 14th March – Yr 5 Badminton Competition
Wednesday 16th March – Yr 4 Geffrye Museum
Wednesday 16th March – Yr2 St John’s Church
Friday 18th March – Yr2 Canary Wharf
Monday 21st March – Nursery Ascension Church a.m.
Monday 21st March – Nursery Ascension Church p.m.
Tuesday 22nd March – Nursery Ascension Church a.m.
Tuesday 22nd March – Yr3/4 Athletics Cumberland
Wednesday 23rd March – Yr2 Football Vicarage
Friday 15th April – Yr5/6 Tri-golf Competition @ The Hub
Monday 18th April – SEN Paralympics @ The Hub
Friday 22nd April – Speechmaking Competition at Newham Town Hall
Tuesday 26th April – Yr4 Geffrye Museum
Tuesday 26th April – Yr3/4 Tennis Competition @ Cumberland School
Wednesday 4th May – KS1 Mini Olympics @ The Hub
Monday 16th May – Yr6 London Zoo
Tuesday 17th May – Newham Mini Games
Wednesday 8th June – Yr5/6 Quadkids @ Macmillan
Tuesday 14th June – Yr5/6 Athletics Quadkids Final @ Macmillan
Thursday 16th June – Yr3 Museum of London
Tuesday 28th June – Yr5/6 School Games Festival @ Macmillan
Monday 4th July – Cultural Week

Tuesday 5th July – EYFS Sports Day
Wednesday 6th July – KS1 & KS2 Sports Day
Tuesday 12th July – Competitive Sports Day
Thursday 14th July – KS2 Athletics Competition @ Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park
Tuesday 19th July – KS1 Disco
Wednesday 20th July – KS2 Disco

School Times

Please make sure that all children are in school by **8.55 a.m.** at the latest. School finishes at **3.15 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.

E- Safety - Keeping Safe Online

This term we have had a few cases where children have been writing unkind messages to each other on sites such as Facebook / imessages and instagram. I would like to inform you that it is illegal for children under the age of 13 years to use Facebook. Please monitor closely the computer use of your child especially if they have older brothers and sisters.

ICT Home Learning

I am receiving some fantastic reports from teachers about children’s home learning on Mathletics, Bugclub and Espresso. Well done parents. Please keep up the hard work.

Sleep Deprivation

I watched a programme recently that stressed the link between sleep and behaviour. Apparently many children in England are sleep deprived and are not getting the recommended number of hours sleep. Your child should be getting at least 11 hours of sleep. Allowing your child to play on the computer or watch TV/ DVD or computer games before sleep time prevents children from falling to sleep as their brains are too stimulated. Try and have a bedtime routine that means after bath time no electronic games are used. Children can instead do homework and be read to. Happy bedtimes!

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.

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