



Scott Wilkie Newsletter May 2016 **Term 6**

Half Term for children

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

School Closures

The school will be closed on Thursday 5th May for the London mayoral election and Thursday 23rd June for Referendum Day.

The school will be closed on Thursday 7th July for Eid.

Professional Development

Mrs Quayum (Deputy Headteacher) visited Singapore to look at how maths is taught. She had a wonderful visit and has brought back lots of great ideas in regard to how we can continue to improve our maths teaching at Scott Wilkie.

Attendance

At Scott Wilkie we want our children to have as good an opportunity as any other child in the country of leading a fulfilling and rewarding life. In order to achieve this it is important that your child has good attendance. Evidence shows a child with poor attendance achieves less well than their peers and also struggles with friendships. If you are having problems getting your child to school then please speak to Debbie who will be able to support you. We want your child to have every opportunity to enjoy and achieve at school. The school will be ringing home daily if we have not heard why your child is away and we will begin to do home visits to find out why your child is not attending school regularly. The London Borough of Newham is also handing out penalty fines to parents with children who are persistently absent. If you do not send your child to school regularly you are jeopardising their life chances. Please support the school in improving your child's attendance.

Attendance figures so far this year.

100 % attendance is when every child attends every day.			
1A	95.7%	4B	96.3%
1M	95.1%	4W	96%
2A	96.1%	5A	97%
2B	96.5%	5M	97.1%
3H	95.4%	6S	97.6%
3N	94.2%	6T	94.8%

Text Messages

Many of you have noticed that we can now text you reminders etc. Unfortunately you cannot respond to school texts. If you are not receiving school texts please check we have your most recent mobile number.

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 children all parents or adults must in the first instance come to the school office to make an appointment. Please do not go into the school building unless this has been arranged. If parents need to speak to their child's teacher they must make an appointment through the school office.

Health and Safety

Please remember to send your child to school in sensible flat shoes. I recommend trainers. A number of children have also been coming to school wearing necklaces, rings and earrings. This is a health risk as it increases the risk of injury during playtime.

PE Kit

Please make sure your child has a PE kit to change into for PE. I suggest in KS2 PE kits are brought in on the Monday and taken home on Friday. Early Years and KS1 children can bring their kits in at the start of each half term and take them home at the end.

Uniforms

Scott Wilkie is a uniformed school. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing the correct uniform. Try to match head scarves to the colour of the uniform.

TV/DVD/Gaming

Research has shown that children who spend large amounts of time gaming or watching TV find it more difficult to concentrate in lessons. Please monitor how much time your child spends playing on their gaming consoles, iPads and watching TV. Try to have a set time every evening for TV once children have completed their homework.

Website and Links

Scott Wilkie School's website address is www.scottwilkie.newham.sch.uk/

The school has purchased a number of software programmes to support your child's learning at home. These are:

- Espresso

- Athletics
- Bug Club

Please ensure your child has time at home to spend on these programmes. If you do not have a computer at home please inform Hannah in the school office or the class teacher who will ensure your child attends a computer club.

Disability Access

If you have any problems accessing the school due to your disability please inform Hannah in the office. At Scott Wilkie we want all our parents to feel welcome and able to visit the school.

Curriculum Topics for next 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.

Nursery / Reception - Mini beasts/ Plants

Year 1 - Animals

Year 2 - Seaside

Year 3 - Animals including humans

Year 4 - All living Things

Year 5 - Exploring the World

Year 6 – North America

See the website for a more detailed breakdown of learning.

News

Student teachers have started their placements at Scott Wilkie. As a 'Good' school, Scott Wilkie is proud to support student teachers to become the best teachers they can.

Important Dates for the Diary

- Friday 27th May 2016 - new reception parents welcome meeting
- Wednesday 13th July 2016 – School Summer Fete

Cultural /Language Week

The week beginning Monday 4th July is Cultural Week. During this week we will be looking at celebrating cultural diversity. We will also be holding a British Day where we will look at someone who has achieved great things from humble beginnings.

SATs Week

Y6 SATs week is the week beginning 9th May. It is very important that every child in year 6 attends school every day that week. All year 6 children need to be in school for 8:00am for breakfast this week.

Enriching the curriculum

During this term some classes will have the opportunity to take part in an educational visit.

Below is a list of these events:

- Thursday 12th May – Yr 1 trip to Buckingham Palace for history
- Monday 16th May – Yr 6 trip to London Zoo
- Wednesday 18th May – Yr 2 trip to William Morris Gallery
- Thursday 16th June – Yr 3 trip to Museum of London
- Wednesday 22nd June – Yr 5 trip to Maldon
- Tuesday 12th July – Yr 6 trip to Chessington
- Thursday 14th July – Class RB and Nursery a.m. trip to Paradise Wildlife Park
- Friday 15th July – Class RC and Nursery p.m. trip to Paradise Wildlife Park

Sporting Activities

- Tuesday 17th May – Newham Mini-Games
- Monday 23rd May – Class dance mat competitions (Yrs 3-6)
- Wednesday 25th May – Yr 6 Hockey competition at Lee Valley Hockey Centre
- Wednesday 8th June – Yr 5/6 Quadkids at Macmillan Stadium
- Friday 10th June – Yrs 3 to 6 Multi Sports event at the Copperbox

Telling the Time

We have noticed that a large number of our children are having difficulties telling the time, especially using a clock face. To support the learning of telling the time we are encouraging children of all ages to wear (clock faced) watches in school.

Keeping your child safe

Please monitor your child's use of mobile phones. Check their phones often and especially their use of: Viber, Instagram, WhatsApp etc. Some children have been inappropriately using their phones. I advise that children do not take their phones with them to bed.

Last Day of the summer term at school is Thursday 21st July.

Last Day for Nursery is Friday 15th July.

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

K. Edge
Executive Headteacher