



## Scott Wilkie Newsletter November 2015

### Teachers Training

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2015

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2016

School will be closed for pupils.

### Christmas Holidays

Christmas Holidays start Monday 21st December 2015 and end on Friday 1st January 2016. Children should return to school on **Monday 4th January 2016**.

### Parents Evening

Parents Evening will be on Thursday 19th November 2015. **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 new teacher.

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

### Lost Property

We have collected a lot of lost property since September. At Parents' Evening we will put it out 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.**

### Facebook

We have had a few bullying incidents to deal with involving children being unkind to each other on Facebook. Can I please remind you that Facebook is a social networking site for children over the age of 13 years. To prevent bullying and the risk of your child chatting to inappropriate adults, please monitor your child's use of the computer carefully.

### Parent Support

Being a parent is the hardest job in the world. Scott Wilkie is pleased to be able to offer positive parenting sessions to support our parents. These will be run by Jo Edwards, our SENCO. If you are interested in attending please let Debbie know in the office.

### 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.

### Parent Questionnaires

Thank you to all parents who completed the questionnaires (44). The response was positive, but we would like more returns next time round please. We do take your suggestions seriously. Here is a summary of the outcomes:

- My child enjoys school 95%
- My child is safe at school 96%
- I am kept well informed of my child's progress 95%
- My child is making enough progress at Scott Wilkie 97%
- Scott Wilkie helps me to support my child's learning 98%
- Scott Wilkie helps my child to have a healthy lifestyle 94%
- Scott Wilkie meets my particular child's needs 91%
- Scott Wilkie prepares my child to be successful at secondary school 94%
- Scott Wilkie deals effectively with unacceptable behaviour 91%
- Scott Wilkie takes account of my suggestions and concerns 85%
- Scott Wilkie is led and managed effectively 93%
- Overall I am happy with my child's experience at Scott Wilkie 95%

As a school we value the suggestions and views of parents. If you are interested in joining a PTA parent group please speak to Debbie Parkes in the office.

### Curriculum Topics for Term 2

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'.

#### **Year 1**

Ourselves

#### **Year 2**

Journeys

#### **Year 3**

Fire and Water

#### **Year 4**

Anglo Saxons and Scots

#### **Year 5**

South America

## **Year 6**

Electricity

### **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.

### **Children Special Dates Term 2**

9<sup>th</sup> November – Yr5 Kew Gardens Trip  
10<sup>th</sup> November – Yr3 London Zoo Trip  
16<sup>th</sup> November – Yr4 History Off The Page Saxon Day  
17<sup>th</sup> November – Choral Speech Making Group Trip - Stratford Circus  
17<sup>th</sup> November – Anti-bullying Performance KS1 / KS2  
19<sup>th</sup> November – Parent's Evening (school/nursery)  
19<sup>th</sup> November – Reception Trip (a.m.) to Fire Station  
30<sup>th</sup> November – Yr 4 British Museum Trip  
1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> December – Yr4 Bikeability (p.m.)  
3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> December – Yr3 Bikeability (p.m.)  
7<sup>th</sup> December – Y3 Robin Hood Pantomime Trip  
9<sup>th</sup> December – Y4 Robin Hood Pantomime Trip  
14<sup>th</sup> December – Y5 Robin Hood Pantomime Trip  
17<sup>th</sup> December – Y6 Robin Hood Pantomime Trip

### **Christmas Dates**

10<sup>th</sup> December – KS2 Ascension Church Trip  
11<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 Ascension Church Trip  
16<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 Christmas Concert a.m.  
16<sup>th</sup> December – KS2 Christmas Concert p.m.  
17<sup>th</sup> December – EYFS Christmas Concerts  
18<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper / Non-uniform Day

### **Children In Need**

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November we will have a non-uniform day for Children In Need – donations of 50p / £1 would be welcome please.

### **Fairplay House**

Year 6 will be going to Fairplay House on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December and they will return to school on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December. Please bring your completed form and payment to Mrs Cleland in the School Office

### **Special Dates Term 3**

12<sup>th</sup> January – Yr 5 History Off The Page  
18<sup>th</sup> January – Citizenship / British Values Week  
26<sup>th</sup> January – Yr3 History Off The Page Romans  
27<sup>th</sup> January – Yr5 Junior Citizens Tate & Lyle Trip  
8<sup>th</sup> February – Yr4 Greenwich Trip

### **Harvest Festival**

Thank you to all those families who donated to our Harvest Festival this year. The produce was gratefully received by Community Links who will arrange the donation to the homeless.

### **Party Bags**

It has been brought to my attention that party bags are creeping back into Scott Wilkie. During these difficult times I think it is too expensive to buy party bags for every child in the class. As a school we decided that a book donated by the birthday child would be a better option and a small chocolate from a box of chocolates such as: Quality Street, Roses etc.,

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

Keri Edge

(Executive Headteacher)