



Scott Wilkie Newsletter September 2015

A warm welcome back to the new school year. I was away during the summer visiting my family who live in New Zealand. It was lovely to catch up with everyone. I hope you managed to get plenty of rest too and those lovely children helped out lots at home.

Nursery and Reception

A warm welcome to our new parents that have joined us in Nursery and Reception. Starting school can be a challenging time for parents and children alike. Please let us know if you have any concerns at all by booking an appointment through the school office.

Holidays 2015-16

School Closures this year

- Thursday 24th September - Eid
- Friday 20th November-staff training
- Friday 12th February

<p>Term 1 October Break Monday 26 October- Friday 30 October 2015</p> <p>INSET 1 September INSET 2 September</p> <p>School Closed 24 September-Eid</p>	<p>Term 4 Spring Break Friday 25 March to Friday 8 April 2016.</p>
<p>Term 2 Christmas Break Monday 21 December to Friday 1 January 2016</p> <p>School Closed 20 November</p>	<p>Term 5 June Break Monday 30 May 2016 to Friday 3 June 2016</p> <p>May day- 2 May 2016</p>
<p>Term 3 February Break Monday 15 February 2016 to Friday 19 February 2016</p> <p>School Closed Friday 12 February</p>	<p>Term 6 Last day Thursday 22 July</p> <p>Eid-Ul-Fitr Friday 7 July 2016</p>

Secondary Transfer Forms

Parents of Year 6 students should have received their secondary transfer forms. Please complete your form on line. If you have any difficulties completing the form then please contact Debbie in the office who will be willing to support you. If you are applying on line, remember to print 2 copies of your confirmation and hand one in to Debbie as proof of your application. The admissions section of the school website has all the appropriate links.

Reception Application Forms

All parents of children due to start reception in September 2016 must complete an application form online by January

15th. See the school website for details or contact Debbie in the office.

Assembly Rota

I attach the whole school assembly rota so that you have plenty of time to organise coming to watch an assembly.

Welcome to new staff

A warm welcome to our new teachers and teaching assistants. The Leadership Team works hard to recruit the best staff we can. I hope our new staff find working at Scott Wilkie as rewarding and satisfying as I have.

New Teachers:

Mr Owen = Key stage 1 leader.

Ms Armand = Y1

Welcome back to Ms Hodgkinson who has returned from maternity leave.

Parent Workshops

Teachers in every year group will be inviting parents in for a parent workshop to go over homework expectations. These workshops will be held this term at 9:00am in the KS1 hall. The sessions will be held with pupils and parents together. Teachers will be sending out letters to invite you in when they have selected their date.

Parents' Evening

Parents Evening this term will be held on Thursday 19th November. Please note the date and make every effort to attend.

Christmas Concerts

- KS1 parents-Wednesday 16th December at 9:30am
- KS2 parents – Wednesday 16th December at 1:30pm
- EYFS parents -Thursday 17th December 9:30 =am Nursery and 1:30 =pm Nursery.

Contact Numbers

Please make sure the office has an up to date telephone number for contacting you.

Medical needs

Please make sure the school has up to date information on your child's medical needs/ food allergies/Doctor/Dentist.

School Nurse

The school now has a School Nurse (Roseline Columbus). If you would like to make an appointment with the school nurse over any health or medical issues please book an appointment through the school office.

School Uniform

I am pleased to say that almost all children have started the new school year wearing Scott Wilkie's school uniform. Well-done parents! School uniform can be bought on line. See the school website. www.scottwilkie.newham.sch.uk/ Children should also have their P.E. kit in school, consisting of a T-shirt, shorts and plimsolls or trainers. Teachers will be also running daily fitness sessions, so please ensure your child either wears trainers and tracksuit bottoms as part of their school uniform. For health and safety reasons please ensure your child does not wear necklaces and bracelets to school. If your child has their ears pierced, please only send them to school wearing studs or very small sleeper earrings.

All uniform, coats and PE equipment should have your child's name in. This makes it easier to return lost property to the right child.

School Dinners

School dinners are free to all primary aged pupils in Newham. If your child currently has a packed lunch we will be contacting you to ensure you are aware of the savings you can make and the options available on the school dinner menu. Both of our cooks offer a tasty variety of healthy meals at lunchtime. Research also shows that fussy eaters benefit greatly from school dinners. It is amazing what your child will eat with their friends.

Packed lunches

If you are sending in a packed lunch it is important that it is healthy. Chocolate, biscuits, crisps, fizzy drinks and fruit shoots are not allowed. I suggest instead: sandwiches, fruit, raisins, carrot and cucumber sticks, cheese and crackers and yoghurt. Water only should be drunk.

Fruit and Vegetables

Children in Key stage 1 will be receiving healthy snacks at morning break. KS2 children may bring in a piece of fruit for morning break.

Attendance

It is extremely important that your child attends school every day. The school's Attendance officer (Debbie) will be supporting families whose children are not regular attenders. The Local Authority has decided that they will be giving penalty fines to parents of children who fall below acceptable attendance rates or are consistently late for school.

No holidays will be authorised during term time.

E-Safety

For the safety of your children please ensure all computers are used in communal areas at home. Facebook should not be used by children under the age of 13 years.

We will be running a parents workshop on Tuesday 13th October.

If your child does have a mobile phone it is advised they do not have it in their room at night.

Monitor closely your child's use of their mobile phone and speak to them about the risks in texting or sending offensive messages.

Parent Volunteers

We are looking for parents who can help teachers out in class. If you are interested in being a parent volunteer please book an appointment with Hannah (School Business Officer) through the office. You'll enjoy it! Scott Wilkie children are lovely to work with.

TV and Play Station

Please limit the amount of time your child watches TV or plays on their play station. Research has proved that children who watch too much TV have poor concentration and don't achieve as well at school. As a suggestion please only let your child have their TV time once they have done their home reading and homework.

Reading and Homework

Your children will be expected to read at home every night and complete their reading diary. You may write comments in the reading diary. Times tables and spellings should be

practised every day. Please also make sure that your child completes any other weekly set homework.

Reading to your child

An important notice to all parents-research has shown if parents read a story before bed to their child this greatly improves their child's chances of becoming great readers and doing well at school. If you are short of books at home please speak to Hannah or alternatively join the Custom House Library. Happy bedtime reading!

Harvest Festival

The Harvest Festival Assembly this year is on Friday **2nd October**. We will be collecting tinned and packaged food, which we will donate to the 'Homeless.' Please hand in your donations at the office. You are welcome to attend the assembly, which will be held at 11:00am

Curriculum Topics for Term 1

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

Year 1 Seasons

Year 2 Health and Growth

Year 3 Europe-A holiday destination.

Year 4 A city Study-London

Year 5 The Ancient Egyptians

Year 6 The Battle of Britain.

Exciting Curriculum

Friday 25th September –Nathan Fox GB Athlete visiting
Monday 28th September KS1 mini Olympics for selected children.

Black History month will begin week beginning 12th October

Monday 19th October -SEN Paralympic sports event

Friday 23rd October KS2 cross country run

Friday 6th November Y3/4 dance mat competition.

Monday 16th November Y4- Saxon day

Tuesday 17th November – Anti- bullying performances

Tuesday 24th November y5/6 handball competition for selected children

Monday 7th December Y3 Pantomime

Wednesday 9th December Y4 Pantomime

Monday 14th December Y5 Pantomime

Educational Visits booked so far

Monday 5th October Y5- Royal Observatory

Monday 9th November Y5-Kew gardens trip.

Speech and Language Therapist

A speech and language therapist has been appointed to work for a day a week. She will be running regular workshops for parents. If you have any concerns with your child's speech please book an appointment with Ms Edwards - SENCO.

Fair play House

Year 6 will be going to Fair Play House from Tuesday 8th December to Friday 11th December. I will be expecting all Year 6 children to be given this opportunity to attend. This week is really a life time experience for our children.

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

K. Edge
(Executive Head teacher)