

Scott Wilkie News

February 2017



Message from Ms Edge

We have had a very interesting half term at Scott Wilkie, with History Off The Page visiting twice and the children have been out on some very interesting visits, including going to the Law Courts in London and to a health and safety talk at the Tate and Lyle factory in Silvertown. I would like to thank all parents for their continued support for the school and the community.

For The Love of Reading

Thursday 2nd March is World Book Day - Children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character. Prizes will be given for the best homemade costume and we will be having a World Book Day lunch.

On **Wednesday 8th March** we are hosting an author visit - Jeremy Strong - Author of books entitled 'The Hundred-Mile-An-Hour Dog', and 'My Brother's Famous Bottom'. Children will have the opportunity to buy a copy of one of his books and have it signed by the author himself!

The School Book Fair will take place from March 23 - 30, where £1 book tokens can be used to get £1 off any book.

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.

Parents Evening

Parents Evening will be on Thursday 16th March 2017. 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.

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.

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.

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.

Uniform

Please see the school website for details of how to order school uniform for your child. If you would like the school to order a book bag for you, please see Mrs Parkes in the school office.

Birthdays—please be aware that it is not acceptable for children to dress how they want to on their birthday and that all children should wear school uniform to school every day unless there is a whole school special occasion or a non-uniform day.

Also, when children are celebrating birthdays, if they want to bring anything in for the other children it should be no more than a box of chocolates for the children to have one each. Please do not send your children in with party bags to hand out—as a healthy school, this is not something that we encourage.

Special Dates Term 4

21st February – Year 5 Romeo and Juliet Day

22nd February – Year 6 Visit to the Houses of Parliament

27th and 28th February — Reception to Places of Worship Visit to St John's Church in Stratford

28th February — 2R Place of Worship Visit to St Paul's Cathedral

2nd March—World Book Day (dress up as favourite character from a book)

6th March — 2A Place of Worship Visit to St Paul's Cathedral

16th March—Parent's Evening—school ends at **2.15pm** for all pupils

20th March—Nursery Visit to Ascension Church (am and pm)

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Curriculum Topics for Term 4

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—Paws and Claws / Growth and Plants

Reception—Traditional Tales

Year 1—Toys

Year 2—London

Year 3—Plants

Year 4—Electricity

Year 5—Materials

Year 6—Macbeth

Holiday Dates

The spring half term holiday is Monday 13th to Friday 17th February 2017 inclusive. Children should return to school and nursery on **Monday 20th February 2017**.

The school and nursery finish for Easter on Friday 31st March 2017 and re-open for the summer term on Tuesday 18th April 2017.

