



To all the Stebon mums, dads & carers

Well, the end of term is suddenly upon us & what a term it's been! Despite being hit by chicken pox & some pretty awful winter viruses, your children have still loved coming to school & their achievements have been many.

The Y6 residential was a roaring success & has really bonded the pupils and staff together as a team. They have also been smashing their mock SATs this week; they are obviously up for the challenge!

Y5 are really standing out as especially avid & enthusiastic readers. Listening to them talking about books is a pure joy. They are also busy preparing for their Disney production in the spring term. That's one to look forward to.

What can we say about Y4 other than Shakespeare! Shakespeare! Shakespeare! Three amazing performances at the Greenwich Theatre. The children still walk the school corridors quoting lines from their plays.

Our rocket scientists from Y3 loved their trip to the Science Museum & have grown so much in maturity as they have made the move into KS2. Keep it up Y3!

Y2 have become our resident fire safety experts, honing their knowledge & skills during a visit to the Poplar Fire Station – where squirting the fire hoses was the most exciting thing ever!

For children in Y1, making the move from reception is sometimes quite daunting but these children have made massive progress & are becoming really good at working independently. This skill will serve them well for the rest of their lives.

The children in reception have settled beautifully into their new routines & have made great progress in learning to read. And what an adorable performance they put on for us this year! The Lucky Owl? Lucky us, I think.

And finally, for our youngest children starting in the nursery, what a start it's been! When you are 3 years old, it can be hard saying goodbye to mummy or daddy but these children come skipping happily into the setting, ready to get on with their day. What more could we ask for?

As a staff team we'd like to thank you so much for all of your continued support & for continuing to bring your children to school ready to participate & to learn – they are a credit to you & we've just loved teaching them! They are the reason we are here.

From all of us at Stebon, have a very happy holiday. Relax, enjoy yourselves & most importantly, look after one another. See you in 2020!



### Attendance – Every day matters; every minute counts

**Stebon's magic number is 97. That's because we're aiming for 97% attendance this year. This week's attendance was 86.33%. Come on Stebon!**

**Congratulations to  
Year 5 Martin Luther King class with a 96.33% record.**



### STEBON PRIMARY SCHOOL

#### Term Dates 2019-2020

**INSET (SCHOOL CLOSED) Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

Christmas Holiday: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2020

School Open: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020

**INSET (SCHOOL CLOSED) Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

Half term: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2020

School Open: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2020

**INSET (SCHOOL CLOSED) Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020**

Spring Holiday: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2020

School Open: Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2020– Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020

Polling day: Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2020

May Bank Holiday: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Half term: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020

School Open: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2020

**INSET (SCHOOL CLOSED) Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020**

The school will be closed on Eid celebration days

Eid-ul-Fitr: TBC

Eid-ul-Adha: TBC

### Cooking Club

Here are pictures from the cooking club end of term party for the news letter. Laibah made this cake all by herself from learning at cooking club so a big well done to her!





### Eco-Stars

This has been a busy term for Stebon and the Eco-Stars. At the start of term, we voted in new members to the team, we picked up where we left off at the end of summer term with our food waste recycling and litter picking schemes. We had our first recycling workshop where we learnt about all the different items that are recyclable and what happens to them when they go to be recycled. Year 3 took part in a mini protest, in support for School Strike for Climate. We launched the Switch It Off Day and are now working hard on our next green project at Stebon.

We would like to thank all the pupils and staff at Stebon who are working so hard to make Stebon a much greener place to be. Each week we are going to celebrate the different things we are currently doing at Stebon as we already do so much and are well on our way to becoming an Eco-School silver award member.



## strengthening families strengthening communities



A community based programme  
designed to promote good parenting

### Calling All Parents and Carers (Especially fathers)!

How can I develop a better relationship with my children? How can I manage their behaviour?  
How should I reward? How can I build on my own confidence? How can I share my experiences?

**It is not easy bring up children!**

**Strengthening Families Strengthening Communities**

13 Weeks course starting 15<sup>th</sup> January 9:30am – 12:30pm  
Lunch provided

To find out more contact Chanel on 0207 9874237

Crèche NOT available  
Stebon Primary School  
Burdett Estate  
E14 7AD



### Strengthening Families, Strengthening Communities

A behaviour management course for parents.

- SFSC is about helping you manage the behaviour of children starting to make their own decisions.
- It's about giving you confidence to do the right thing with kids who can be difficult and sometimes impossible.
- It is about sharing your behaviour management problems and solutions with other parents in the same boat.

#### You will...

- Find out what works from other parents.
- Get new ideas and support from people who can help.
- Develop behaviour plans especially for YOUR family.
- Make new friends.
- Receive a Strengthening Families Strengthening Communities certificate at the end of the course

*"Initially I thought the course would be about dictating to you how to bring up your children but I was really surprised to discover different ways of doing things with your family. I would recommend the course to anyone; I know I definitely look forward to Wednesday mornings". (Tower Hamlets parent)*

For more information, contact: Chanel Ahmed 0207 987 4237







### HEALTHY START VOUCHERS

Pregnant?

Children under four?

Don't miss out on FREE milk, fruit & veg worth £3.10 per child under four



Please pick up an application form from any of the services below

**NHS GP**

**Children's Centres**



**Dentist**

You qualify for Healthy Start if you're at least 10 weeks pregnant or have a child under four years old and you or your family get at least one of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income related Employment & Support Allowance
- Income based jobseeker's Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (family income of £16,190 or less per year)
- Universal Credit (£408 or less per month)

You also qualify if you are under 18 and pregnant, even if you don't get any of the above benefits.



**£3.10  
Per Week**

If you're pregnant, you'll get one voucher a week worth £3.10



**£6.20  
Per Week**

For each baby under the age of one, you get vouchers worth £6.20 a week



**£3.10  
Per CHILD  
(Age 1 - 4 yrs)**

For each child aged between 1-4, you get one voucher a week worth £3.10 per child



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**HEALTHY  
START**

# Stebon Primary School



## Newsletter

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**Gate opens 9:00**  
**Classroom doors open 9:10**  
**School starts 9:15**  
**Gate opens 3:15**  
**School finishes 3:30**  
**Nursery gates open at 9:00 and will remain open longer so that parents can drop off/pick up children in Reception-Y6**

### Ensuring every child has a healthy start in life

Are you over 18yrs of age and 10 or more weeks pregnant?

Do you receive one or more of these benefits?

- Income Support
- Income related Employment & Support Allowance
- Income based jobseeker's Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (family income of £16,190 or less per year)
- Universal Credit (£408 or less per month)

#### STEP 1:

Please pick up a form from your nearest children centre. Alternatively the form can be downloaded from [www.healthystart.nhs.uk](http://www.healthystart.nhs.uk)



**Where can I get a form?**  
All Tower Hamlets residents can collect a form from the following organisations:

- GP Surgeries
- Children Centres
- Idea Stores
- All early years settings

Further information and guide booklets are available on the healthy start website, also available in different languages.

#### STEP 2:

Get the form signed by a health professional on your next visit



**Finished? Great!**  
Now all you need to do is post the form (you don't need a stamp).



### HEALTHY START

**Are you under 18yrs and pregnant?**

You are automatically entitled to Healthy Start even if you don't get any of the listed benefits or tax credit.

Please apply if you haven't already or speak to your FNP nurse.

### So what do you get?



- If you're pregnant, you'll get one voucher a week worth £3.10
- For each baby under the age of one, you get vouchers worth a total of £6.20 a week
- For each child aged between 1-4, you get one voucher a week worth £3.10 per child



#### FREE Vitamin Vouchers

We'll also send you vouchers for free vitamin tablets for pregnant women and new mums, and vitamin drops for children

#### What if my family situation changes in another way?

Call the Tax Credit Helpline on 0345 300 3900 or your local Jobcentre Plus or benefits office if there has been any change that could affect your Child Tax Credit or benefits. This is really important because if we don't hear from them about changes, we might not send you the right number of vouchers.

If you've been getting vouchers for pregnancy and want to talk to us in confidence about a change to your personal circumstances, please contact our helpline on 0345 607 6823

#### I'm already getting vouchers for my child - what if I become pregnant again?

You'll need to send us a new Healthy Start application form once you're 10 weeks pregnant - then we can start sending you extra vouchers for pregnancy.



#### I'm pregnant with twins, do I get more vouchers?

When your babies are born you'll qualify for two vouchers a week for each baby for the first year - that's £12.40 a week to spend on milk, fruit and vegetables.



#### Reporting a problem

If you're having problems using Healthy Start vouchers in a shop or you know of someone who is using Healthy Start vouchers when they are not entitled to, we'd like to know. You can tell us online at [www.healthystart.nhs.uk](http://www.healthystart.nhs.uk) or call the Healthy Start helpline in confidence on 0345 607 6823.

## The Lucky Owl

Well done to Reception and Year 1 for their great Nativity performance! The Lucky Owl was a huge success, with Reception acting and narrating, and Year 1 supporting with their lovely singing voices.

