



### Disposable cutlery & plates—the end is in sight!

I wanted to write to keep you all in the loop regarding plates & cutlery in the lunch hall. At the moment, and for several weeks, children have been having to eat their lunch with plastic cutlery & off disposable plates.

We know that pupils using plastic cutlery is unacceptable; it is a situation that we have been working to end as soon as we possibly can. It doesn't seem right that we are teaching children about the impact on the environment of plastic pollution & then giving them single use plastics to use at lunchtime. They're also more difficult to eat with - especially for younger children!

Fortunately, the end is in sight.

The issue has been due to a problem with our current water tank. The capacity of the tank does not allow us to use the dishwasher during lunch times; if we do this, the pupils in the East wing of the school - the old building - do not have access to water during the afternoon session.

We began taking the steps necessary to replace this water tank in the autumn term but, as it is such a big job that can only be carried out when the pupils are not in school, the earliest the job could be done was during the February half term holiday. As soon as the water tank is replaced, our pupils will no longer be using plastic cutlery. This means we only have 2 more weeks to wait!

In the meantime, thank you for your continued understanding & patience.

Kind regards,

Jeremy Iver (headteacher)



### **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 96.57%. Come on Stebon!**

**Congratulations to Year 5 Martin Luther King class with a 99.66% record.**



### Trip to Madame Tussauds

Our parents had a great day yesterday at Madame Tussauds!



# Stebon Primary School



## Newsletter

2019-20  
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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

### STEBON PRIMARY SCHOOL

#### Term Dates 2019-2020

School Open: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January - Thursday 13<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

### Reminder

A gentle reminder that classroom doors will open at 9.10am so children are in class and ready to learn from 9.15am.

**We will be closing our pupil entrance gates to incomers promptly at 9.15am.**

After this time, you will need to use our main school office entrance to enter and register your child.

Please note Nursery morning sessions start at 9am and afternoon sessions start at 12.30pm.

Thank you for your continuous support and co-operation.

### Mother Nature Science Workshop

KS2 had an amazing science workshop with Mother Nature Science @MNScience UK, who run our exciting after school club. You can sign up online - limited spaces available.



### Swimming Hats

Swimming hats are available to purchase from our school office. They cost £1.30 each.



## WHAT ARE NUMBERS?

