



**Please note we have our staff INSET Day on Monday 12th April, school will be closed for pupils.
Our pupils will return to school for the Summer term on Tuesday 13th April.
We hope everyone has a lovely Easter holiday!**

Dear mums, dads & carers,

It feels, somehow, as though we've only just got everyone back in school & now it's time to say goodbye again! This time it's only for a couple of weeks though, I promise!

At the end of March last year, schools closed for the first time. I don't think there's anyone among us who expected the year that followed to be quite so challenging or unpredictable.

I wanted to write something to express my thanks to you all. In honesty, though, it's hard to find new things to say; new ways to thank you for the amazing engagement & commitment that you have shown in support of your children & in support of us - the staff at Stebon. A large part of how we have been able to succeed against the odds ... is you. You have helped us to not only avoid a disaster but to turn what could have been a catastrophe to our advantage.

The story of the last year reminded me of the story of Apollo 13. Apollo 13 was a NASA mission to the moon in 1970 that suffered a catastrophic explosion two days in, and where a crew of three, together with a young team back at mission control managed to negotiate the most extraordinary challenges and get the crippled spacecraft back to earth - with everyone in it still alive. It is widely regarded as one of NASA's most significant victories. For us, Covid-19 has been the explosion on our journey.

The British scientist and writer, Kevin Fong, has this to say about that mission. These are the words I want to say to you.

'The flight of Apollo 13 was the most extraordinary episode in the history of human spaceflight. A rescue against all the odds; a victory snatched from the jaws of almost certain defeat; a crew delivered from a moment of disaster had crossed hundreds of thousands of miles of space and returned safely home again.

There is so much we might learn from the people who flew and saved that mission, even today - perhaps especially today.

In the face of crisis, no matter how apparently insurmountable, we must act. We must do so urgently and decisively; we must delegate authority, defer to expertise and understand where in the system that expertise truly lies.

We must know when to lead and when to get out of the way. We must know when to follow but learn to take full ownership of the tasks that fall to us.

We must act together, across whatever distance, so that the whole becomes far greater than the sum of the parts.

And we must never, ever give up, no matter how impossible the future might suddenly appear. Because within all of that lies a kernel of hope and determination that might grow into something much more.'

Our own moon mission is not quite complete; we haven't quite touched down yet. But together we have the right crew doing the right things. We're on the right track.

Thank you & have a lovely holiday.

PS The lovely Kathleen is retiring today - I know you will want to join us in wishing her well for the future. She has been such a warm & friendly presence in our school office & will be (almost) impossible to replace. Put your feet up, Kathleen. You've earned it.

Kind regards

Jeremy Iver
Headteacher



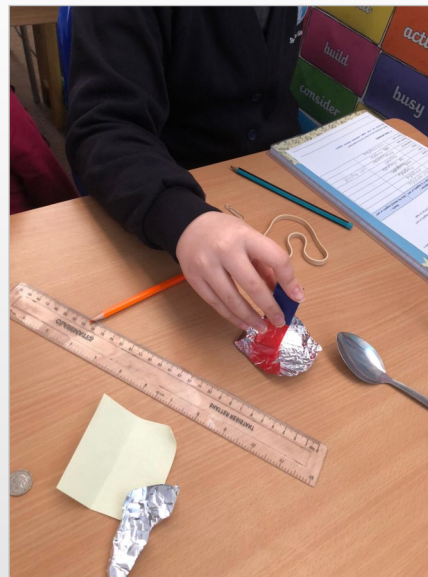
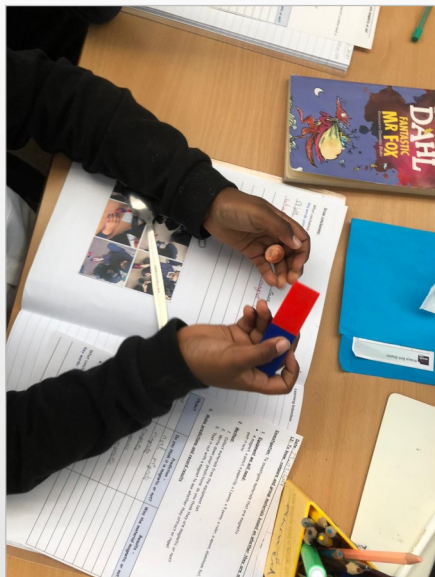
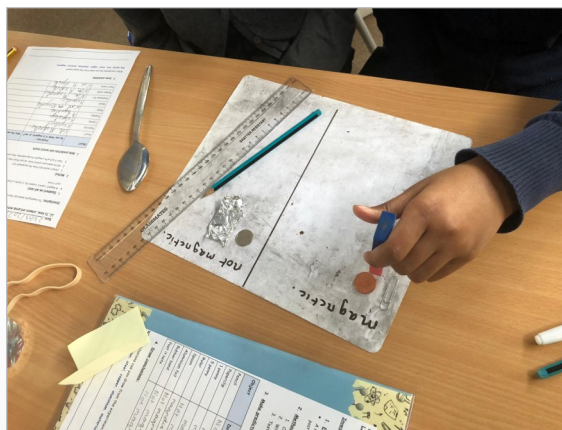
Our Promise To You

We made a video letter sharing our promise to the children when they returned to school, we thought we'd share with parents too!

The letter is in 3 parts - we are proud of you, we are here for you, and the future.

<https://youtu.be/p1mRHPz1jM4>

Year 4 Rosa Parks class really enjoyed identifying and classifying materials that were magnetic and non-magnetic!



The children have been making memory boxes since they returned to school.

In Reception, Axel Scheffler class shared their progress. The children had lots of great ideas about what they could draw to put in our Memory box. They thought of a rainbow to say thank you to all the doctors and nurses who have helped us, a laptop to show that we did some learning at home and a mask to stay safe. Here are Arwa, Ridwan, Maryam, Tasmia and Bintu working together to decorate our Memory box!

We want to stay connected! You can go to our Twitter here:
[@stebon_primary](https://twitter.com/stebon_primary) or https://twitter.com/stebon_primary.



Our lovely **Kathleen** in the office will be leaving Stebon to retire.

We've been lucky to have her at Stebon for the past 5 years and wish her the best for the future!

After the holidays, we will be having a new member of the team, Alex. Please do give her a warm welcome.



SPICED PUMPKIN SOUP RECIPE



Simple nourishing and warming; the addition of lentils adds protein. If possible, don't peel vegetables, just give them a good wash. There are a lot of vitamins and minerals just below the skin.

Serves: 4

Prep Time: 15 minutes

Cook Time: 45 minutes

Utensils Required: knife, chopping board, saucepan, spoon

Cooking Method: cooked on hob

Difficulty Rating: xx

INGREDIENTS

- 1 onion
- 2 cloves garlic
- 800g pumpkin or squash
- 1 tbs oil
- pinch chilli flakes
- 1 teaspoon curry powder
- 100g red lentils
- 700ml any stock or water
- salt and pepper



METHOD

1. Peel and finely dice the onion and garlic.
2. Finely dice all of the pumpkin.
3. Warm the oil in a medium pan, add the diced onion, garlic and pumpkin and cook on a medium heat for 5 minutes, stirring frequently.
4. Add the chilli flakes, curry powder and red lentils, mix well.
5. Add the stock, bring to a simmer and cook gently with a lid on for 30 minutes.
6. Add the seasoning stir well.

UTENSILS



IMAGE DIRECTIONS



TIPS

Enjoy with lots of bread. Swirl in a bit of yoghurt to each bowl of soup and sprinkle with chopped parsley or coriander to make this into a great dish for a party.



Thank you to everyone who took part in Comic Relief.

We hope you enjoyed dressing up for the day and thank you for all your generous donations.

**As a school we raised over £500!
Well done!**

COMMUNITIES DRIVING CHANGE PRESENTS

Easter Egg Hunting Special

Hop on over for a fun, outdoor, egg-finding session
Take home some active challenges to explore our local parks

APRIL 7 • WEDNESDAY • 11-12 OR 12-1
BOW BREW GREEN SPACE

Book your time slot - limited places available
Text / email Ricky on 07507556908 or
jagdish.sian@bbbc.org.uk
Covid-secure guidelines in place





Term Dates 2020-2021

School open: Monday 22 February – Friday 26 March 2021

INSET (school closed): Monday 1 March 2021

Spring Holiday: Monday 29 March – Friday 9 April 2021

INSET (school closed): Monday 12 April 2021

School open: Monday 12 April – Friday 28 May 2021

May Bank Holiday: Monday 3 May 2021

Polling Day (school closed): Thursday 6 May 2021

Half term: Monday 31 May – Friday 4 June 2021

School open: Monday 7 June – Friday 16 July 2021

The school will be closed on Eid celebration days:

Eid-ul-Fitr: TBC 12 May or 13 May 2021

Eid-ul-Adha: Monday 19 July and Tuesday 20 July 2021

Entrance & Exit Times

Please ensure your children are through the allocated gate in time

Nursery: nursery gate between 9:00—9:15 am & 3:00—3:15 pm

Reception: fire engine entrance between 9:00—9:15 am & 3:00—3:15 pm

Year 1: pupil entrance between 9:00—9:15 am & 3:00—3:15 pm

Year 2: main entrance between 9:00—9:15 am & 3:00—3:15 pm

Year 3: fire engine entrance between 9:00—9:15 am & 3:15—3:30 pm

Year 4: car park entrance between 9:00—9:15 am & 3:15—3:30 pm

Year 5: pupil entrance between 9:00—9:15 am & 3:15—3:30 pm

Year 6: main entrance between 9:00—9:30 am & 3:15—3:30 pm

(For the gates that have more than one year group, both will come in at the same time, one on each side of the entrance.)

Please keep in mind for the summer term:

Breakfast club starts at 8am. Children will not be able to wait in the reception foyer before this time.

The gates are open in the morning from 9:00 - 9:15am for everyone, please try to drop off your children on time.

Remember to wear a face covering and to keep a safe distance from other parents when picking up your children and to collect them on time, the gate times for each year group can be found in the newsletter.

Parents can no longer drive onto the estate, please do not block drives, entrances /exits along Wallwood Street and double park.

Please also remember to be respectful and considerate of the local residents and park accordingly.

A Tower Hamlets helpline to support those who are eligible for the vaccine

There is a helpline available to support those who are eligible for the vaccine. Benefits of the helpline include speaking community languages; supporting those who are digitally excluded; tackling vaccine hesitancy and booking appointments directly with GPs.

Whilst not every young person is eligible for a vaccine right now, there will be conversations going on in households across the borough with parents/grandparents, and others, who are currently eligible, or will be soon. So you can get support by calling **020 7364 3030**.