



Message from Jeremy (Headteacher) regarding gate time changes

Dear mums, dads & carers

I wanted to write, firstly, to say a huge thank you for all your support since we reopened for start of the new school year in September. Despite all of the careful planning & preparation, none of us really quite knew how well the term would begin.

Getting 660 pupils safely in & out through 5 entrances, completely redesigning timetables including outside time, keeping classes separate from one another throughout the day, eating lunch in classrooms, organising extra daily cleaning & having to hold daily staff briefings in the playground – it all seemed rather daunting.

Yet, with this amazing staff team, your understanding & support & the good will & flexibility of your wonderful children, it has run more smoothly than we could ever have imagined.

We have been able to keep the whole school open for the whole half term, attendance has been high & punctuality has been amazing.

As you know, we have been tweaking the way we get children into school in the mornings to make it better for parents & children. It is now quicker & more efficient than it was at the beginning of September; we have tended to open our gates a little before 9am for parents that need to get away quickly & the children have become very good at getting their temperature taken, hand sanitiser applied & getting to their classrooms quickly & without fuss.

All this means that many children are in their classes by 9am, ready to learn every morning & the vast majority of children are in by 9:10. The few children who arrive after 9:15 are missing out on key learning time – up to an hour over the course of a week.

It is for this reason that, **after the half term holiday**, we will be **shortening the length of time that the gates are open in the morning**. They will still be **open at 9am** (or shortly before) & will now **close at 9:15**. 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.

All latecomers will need to come through the main visitor entrance; ideally we would like there to be no latecomers at all.

These timings will apply to all gates, including the nursery.

There will be no changes to the gate arrangements for the end of the day pick-up.

Thank you for your continued support; we really could not do our jobs without it.

Have a great half term holiday.

Jeremy Iver



Felix Project poster competition winners...

The fantastic Felix Project (the charity from whom we receive weekly food bags for our families that would otherwise end up in landfill) have asked Stebon to take part in a fundraising poster competition. The competition is in support of National World Food Day.

A big THANK YOU to everyone who took part in the competition and displayed your glorious artwork. Together we have all spread awareness about being eco-friendly, educated others on the benefits of being eco-friendly and changed aspects of our lives to benefit our climate - Well done!

Take a look at our 3 Stebon winners and the lovely woolly hats Felix Project have gifted them:

Did you know?

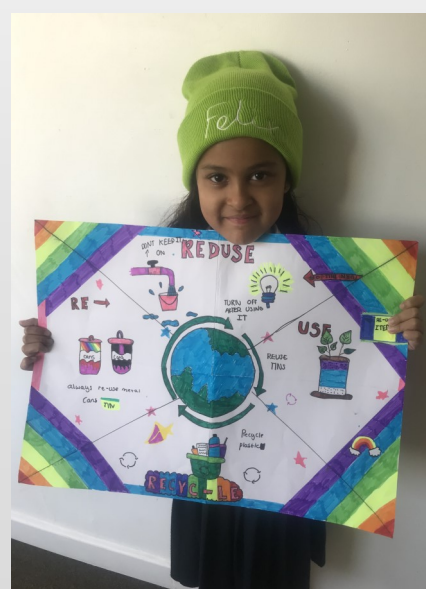
1.5 million adults in London struggle to afford to eat every day, 400,000 children are at risk of missing the next meal. Meanwhile, our food industry generates almost 2 million tonnes of good, edible surplus food each year!



Yahya (Nelson Mandela Class) and his poster on how to 'be more green'.



Sarina (Albert Einstein Class) and her poster on what can be recycled.



Tafsia (EF Class) and her poster on what to reduce, reuse and recycle.



Eco-schools Green Flag member

We are proud to announce that Stebon is now an Eco-Schools Green Flag member - hooray! Thank you to all the students and staff at Stebon for all their hard work to gain this award. With a special huge THANK YOU to the Eco-Stars team for all the great work they did last year to make this award possible. Keep up the GREEN work, helping to make Stebon and the planet a happy and healthy place to be!

The Eco-Schools Green Flag is an internationally recognised award for excellence in environmental action and learning.

This award has been honoured to us all thanks to you all of you; from litter picking, food waste recycling, and keeping to your green class promises (turning lights off when leaving the class).

Thank you all Stebon pupils and staff!

