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The last day of the Spring term is Friday 1st April 2022.

School will be open for the Summer term from Tuesday 19th April 2022.

School will be closed to pupils on Friday 22nd April for a staff INSET day.

Dear mums, dads and carers,

So we come to the end of another term – the second term of our first fully uninterrupted year of schooling without Covid closures since 2018-19! Can you believe that? This alone is something to celebrate.

And yet, there have been so many other things to celebrate too. Our year 4 children blew us away on stage at the Greenwich Theatre with their Shakespeare performances. I'm sure all of the many parents and staff who came along would agree - they made us so proud.

And our children in years 2 and 3 feel like they're getting ready for Shakespeare – their 'Pantastic' performances this week have been amazing. It's worth remembering that the youngest performers are only 6 years old. Such confidence!

Our school has, this term, been awarded Arts Mark Gold status for the exceptional work that happens in school to promote the arts and enable access to culture. I'm particularly pleased for Atlanta who has been working on this for a long time. A special mention also needs to go to Jen, our performance specialist without whose expertise we would not be able to achieve half of what we do.

Stebon has also been re-accredited, this term, with 'Inclusion Quality Mark – Centre of Excellence' status. This recognises the outstanding work that goes on, often behind the scenes, to make sure that every child – regardless of background, special educational need or family circumstances – has access to the very highest quality teaching and learning. Lots of people were involved in this accreditation but, of course, it was Emily as inclusion lead who pulled it all together and made it run like clockwork. An amazing job.

It's nice to have the awards, of course, but the most important thing is the work that happens in school every day to make sure your children get the best possible education. And for this I hope you will join me in thanking every single member of staff for all of their hard & dedicated work. They are a special team of people. I would say that, of course - I am biased - but it's true!

Next term is the summer term – longer, lighter days and warmer weather. And plenty to look forward to: sports days, new themes in classrooms and the continuation of our hugely popular Explorers curriculum on Friday afternoons.

For all children it will be the final term of their current year and for our year 6 children, it will be the final term of their primary school careers. Between now and the summer holiday lie some challenges for them. They will be the first year 6 cohort to sit SATs tests since 2019. They've been working incredibly hard with their teachers to get into the best shape for these exams and they are ready to smash them! Go Y6!

Thank you for all of your continued work in supporting your children's learning, for bringing them to school, reading with them at home &, most importantly, for showing an interest in what they're learning - it really does make a massive difference.

Take care during the holidays; please look after yourselves & one another & come back safe & sound & smiling in the summer term.

I'd like also to take this opportunity to wish our Muslim families Ramadan Mubarak when it comes.

Kind regards,

Jeremy Iver (Headteacher)

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From fierce pirates, brave lost boys and girls to the terrifying crocodiles, Year 3 with the support of Year 2 delivered brilliant performances this week of 'Pantastic'! Well done Y2 & Y3 teams and everyone who has helped them to prepare for their big shows.



Y3 have been learning all about lever and linkage mechanisms. Making prototypes helped us to understand how they change movement. We then had great fun creating greetings cards that move and snappy monsters.



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It was Becky H and Alice's last day at Stebon today. We wish them all the best, good bye for now and good luck!



Explorers

We launched Explorers in the Autumn term and it has been a great success! The children have enjoyed finishing their destinations. Here are the Stebon Families:

Tower Hamlets Explorers	Burj Khalifa Explorers
European Explorers	Pompeii Explorers
Amazon Explorers	Thames Explorers
Mount Everest explorers	Ben Nevis Explorers
Aspen Explorers	Mariana Trench Explorers
Olympus Explorers	Galaxy Explorers
Compass Explorers	Sahara Explorers
Safari Explorers	Kilimanjaro Explorers
Everest Explorers	Fuji Explorers
Nile Explorers	

Ask your child which Family they belong to! Each Family will now begin their third Destination which they will complete over four weeks in the summer term.

Each Destination has a focus on chosen Behaviours. Please ask your children which Destination they are completing and how they can get better at these Behaviours next term.

Exciting news! We are opening a new 2 year old provision and taking 2 year olds at Stebon from April. Your child may be eligible for 15 hours of free education and childcare. Interested, or know someone who could be? Ask at the school office for more information.

Our school hall is available during the evenings, Monday to Saturday (after school) and all day on Sunday. If you would like to enquire about booking the hall, please call the office or email admin@stebon.org.uk

Key dates for Spring-Summer 2022

Spring Holiday: Mon 4 Apr – Mon 18 Apr 2022

School open: Tue 19 Apr – Fri 27 May 2022

INSET (school closed): Fri 22 April 2022

May Bank Holiday: Mon 2 May 2022

Polling day: Thurs 5 May 2022

Half term: Mon 30 May – Fri 3 June 2022

School open: Mon 6 June – Fri 22 July 2022

*Good Friday: 15 April 2022

*Easter Monday: *18 April 2022

The school will be closed on Eid celebration days

Eid-ul-Fitr: TBC Tue 3 May 2022

Eid-ul-Adha: TBC Mon 11 July 2022

KS2 SATs week: Mon 9 May–Thu 12 May 2022

Start & End of the day arrangements Spring 2022

Gates open for soft start from 8.55 - 9.10am

Children will be greeted at their gates and hand sanitizer used before entering.

Nursery	Nursery gate, open at 8:45am
Reception	Peace garden gate
Y1 & Y2	Main gate
Y3 & Y4	MUGA/climbing frame gate
Y5 & Y6	Office gate

Parents to all come through main gate to collect, one way route out.

Nursery	Nursery gate - 3.30pm
Reception, Y1 & Y2	Classroom doors - 3.15pm
Y3, Y4 & Y5	Playground - 3.30pm
Y6	Office gate - 3:30pm

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Tower Hamlets Explorers:
Nature Lovers

New kids & family programme at Poplar Union this spring

Sunday 3 April - Bun Making & Spring Planting workshop

<https://poplarunion.com/event/bun-making-spring-planting-with-e5-poplar-bakehouse-sunny-jar/>

Wednesday 6 April - Film screening of Peter Rabbit for the whole family

<https://poplarunion.com/event/pop-corn-presents-peter-rabbit-2018/>

Thursday 7 April - Nature Trail & Easter Crafts for the whole family

<https://poplarunion.com/event/nature-trail-easter-crafts/>

Thursday 12 May for 6 weeks - Family Photography Course for ages 4+

<https://poplarunion.com/event/family-photography-course-with-pierre-bureau/>

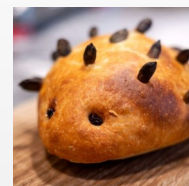
Tuesday 31 May - Deaf Brass workshops with Sean Chandler for ages 7-18

<https://poplarunion.com/event/deaf-brass-workshops-with-sean-chandler/>

Every Tuesday (ex. school holidays) - Drama Club for ages 6-10

<https://poplarunion.com/event/kids-drama-club/>

Full family programme: <https://poplarunion.com/events/platform/kids-family/>



Mawadd's mum Assmaa made some lovely Egyptian falafel and Fava beans for the mums to eat during coffee morning.

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EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB

MILE END PARK LEISURE CENTRE AND STADIUM

Looking for something to keep the kids entertained this holiday? Why not spend it with us. Our holiday club activities include:

- Trampolining
- Football
- Swimming
- Arts and Crafts
- Under 8 indoor adventure playground
- Plus much more

Free funded spaces are available for children on Free School Meals. Children must attend a Tower Hamlets school, be aged 5-16 and be in receipt of free school meals to access this offer.

To register your interest please email:
mileendparklc@GLL.ORG

4TH - 14TH APRIL
5-16 YEARS
FREE FUNDED SPACES
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- Standard day: 9am - 5pm
- 4 day week: 9am - 5pm (Monday - Thursday)

Let the kids enjoy a range of activities, including:

- Trampolining
- Football
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Arts & crafts
- Gymnastics
- Bouncy Castle
- Athletics
- Basketball
- Plus much more

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