



What's been happening in  
school this week?

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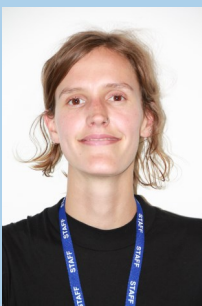


Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful summer holiday. It was an absolute delight to see everyone's smiling faces this week! You may have spotted some new happy faces in the playground. We welcomed two new teachers to Harry Gosling. Rachel Halstead is our new Crimson Class teacher and Sophie Gale is our new Pink Class teacher.



I will introduce you to our new support staff next week.

Our premises staff have been busy over the summer and we have made a number of improvements in the school and playground. Most notable is the new 'Learning Hub' on the middle floor. We have com-



combined our ICT suite and library to make a fantastic learning space. Thank you to James, our premises manager, and to Grace and our team of cleaners for

preparing the school so well for the new year.

With best wishes, Jennie

Don't forget: *'Every time our bell rings, we step closer to our dreams'*



Every moment in school is precious. Last year we all worked really hard together to improve attendance. Well done, everyone! Who will win this year's STAR Attender cash prize?

This year we are determined to keep up the improvements, especially in the EYFS and Years 1 & 2. We also want to improve the number of children arriving at school on time. That means 8.55

in the playground to be in class *by* 9 a.m. School finishes at 3.30 p.m. We ask all parents to make sure they *pick up on time* every day. Don't forget to let us know if anyone else is picking up your child.

We operate the Penalty Notice Scheme which results in a fine after 2.5 days of unauthorised absence. The term dates are on the website so that you can book your travel during holiday periods only.



## SCHOOL DINNERS

Lunches for all pupils from Reception to Year 6 are free, however may I remind all parents that, if you think you may be entitled to free school meals, you must make an application as it helps with our school's funding.



Please remember to bring any medication, including asthma inhalers, clearly labelled, to the school office. It is parents' responsibility to provide us with up to date medication and medical information.

Could you also make sure that, if you have changed your address or phone number, you give your new details to the office.



## SECONDARY TRANSFER

If you are a parent of a pupil in Year 6, you will receive next week an information booklet and can now start to visit secondary schools. This is very important as it really helps you to gain a good picture of what the school is like.

Your timetable over the coming weeks is as follows:

**1st September 2017– Tuesday 31st**

**October 2017**— Families can visit Tower Hamlets secondary schools for their open days and evenings.

Harry Gosling will be organising morning trips to 3 secondary schools:

**Tue 19 Sept - Stepney Green (boys)**

**Mon 25 Sept - Mulberry (girls)**

**Mon 2 Oct - Swanlea (mixed)** - see Rujina or Janice for further information.

There are several workshops for parents, which we have attached for all Year 6 pupils.

Applications naming 6 schools must be completed online at

<https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/eAdmissions/app>

by Thursday 19th October. Please notify the school if you have applied online.

If you have any difficulties completing the forms, please let us know, and we can arrange for you to complete it in school with us. Appointments with me are also available on request should you wish to discuss your application.

## FRIDAY ASSEMBLY

Next week in Friday's assembly, Jo Potkins will be talking to us all about how we keep ourselves safe. All welcome at 9.10a.m.

## UNIFORM REMINDER

It is lovely to see everyone so smart at the start of the term. Don't forget, our uniform includes a **school jumper with the school's logo**, tucking your shirt into your trousers or skirt, wearing **black shoes** and, if you choose to, a **white headscarf**.

## END OF DAY SNACKS

We are a healthy school so unhealthy snacks are *not* permitted. This means **NO** biscuits, sweets, crisps, chocolate or sugary drinks at the end of the day. Thank you!



## PARENT INFORMATION MORNINGS

'Parent Information Mornings' begin again next week on Tuesday at 9.00 a.m. I will be coming along to talk about the term ahead.

New parents may wonder what these meetings are all about. They take place every Tuesday morning and usually last about half an hour.

We plan speakers for each week, such as teachers with particular expertise in the school, so that parents can learn about how different subjects are taught, and how families can help at home. It is a great way to get involved in your child's education and meet other parents.

It's also a great way for us to find out more about what parents want from the school, and how we can help. Working together in this way is really helping our school and our children to improve.

It will be lovely to see some new faces and some familiar faces next week!