

# September Newsletter

Plaistow  
Primary School  
and Children's Centre



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back! We hope that you all had a lovely summer holiday and are rested and ready for the year ahead.



## CLASSES

Mrs Kerry Boe - Nursery  
Mrs Sultana Zarin - Reception - RZ  
Ms Sabera Din - Reception - RD  
Mrs Safiya Aswat - Year 1 - 1A  
Ms Deborah Anderson - Year 1 - 1DA  
Mrs Habiba Begum - Year 2 - 2B  
Ms Laura Beech - Year 2 - 2B  
Ms Rabeya Islam - Year 2 - 2I  
Ms Aisha Ahmad - Year 3 - 3A  
Mrs Ruby Khanum - Year 3 - 3K  
Ms Rasma Begum - Year 3 - 3K  
Ms Stephanie Terence - Year 4 - 4T  
Mrs Gemma Helm - Year 4 - 4H  
Mrs Comfort Eboh - Year 4 - 4E  
Ms Wajiha Ahmed - Year 4 - 5A  
Ms Tulin Ukuser - Year 5 - 5U  
Ms Donna Stokes - Year 6 - 6S  
Mrs Erin Kemp - Year 6 - 6K

We are also welcoming:

Ms Priya Pankhania - learning support teacher  
Mr Frankie Owens - teaching assistant  
Miss Natalie Crust - Administrative Officer



## GOODBYE

Sadly we are saying goodbye to Mrs Lawrence at the end of September. Mrs Lawrence has worked at the school for 15 years and has been an extremely important part of the Plaistow team and will be greatly missed. Mrs Lawrence is going on to work as

the School Business Manager at the Arts & Media School Islington. I am sure you will join me in wishing Mrs Lawrence every success in her future venture. We will be presenting Mrs Lawrence with a gift from the pupils at Plaistow, if you would like to make a donation towards this gift please see Ms St Pierre.

## DIARY DATES

**Friday 8th September** - British History Day

**Wednesday 13th September** - Y6 parent meeting @ 3.45pm - secondary school transition

**Thursday 21st September** - Full Governing Body meeting @ 6pm

**Friday 22nd September** - Staff Training - School closed to pupils

**Wednesday 27th September** - Y6 @ Epping Forest

**Monday 2nd October** - Parents Evening - 3.45pm to 6.45pm

**Tuesday 3rd October** - Parents Evening - 3.45pm to 5.45pm

**Thursday 12th October** - Artist in working with Year 3

**Friday 13th October** - Artist in working with Year 1

**Friday 20th October** - Black History Day

**Half Term Break - School Closed to pupils from Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October 2017**

**Friday 3rd November** - Staff Training - School closed to pupils

**Thursday 9th November** - Full Governing Body meeting @ 6pm

**Monday 13th November** to

**Friday 17th November** - Anti-bullying week

**Wednesday 15th November** - African Drumming @ Plaistow for Year 2 pupils

**Friday 24th November** - Planetarium show @ Plaistow for Year 5 pupils

**Wednesday 29th November** - Musician in working with Year 4

**Thursday 7th December** - KS1 Christmas concert - time TBC

**Friday 8th December** - Y3 & Y4 Christmas Concert - time TBC

**Friday 8th December** - Y5 & Y6 Christmas Concert - time TBC

**Friday 15th December** - Christmas Lunch

**Friday 15th December** - British Values Day

**Monday 18th December** - Nursery & EYFS Christmas Concert - time TBC

**Tuesday 19th December** - Christmas Parties

## SCHOOL LUNCHES

School dinners are still free, however if you are on benefits you must make an application for free school meals. You must apply online at <http://www.newham.gov.uk/pages/services/free-school-meals.aspx>

If your child brings a packed lunch they must bring a healthy packed lunch. This should include a sandwich (or similar carbohydrate), some fruit, a drink and if necessary one other healthy snack. Please do not send in sweets or fizzy drinks.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

Later this week you will receive a new contact information form. Please ensure that you complete this and return it to your child's class teacher or the school office. It is essential that we have the correct contact information for you.

## MEDICAL CONDITIONS

If your child has a medical condition such as asthma or an allergy and they require medication to control their symptoms please make sure they have their medication in school with them every day and that they know when to take it.

## MOBILE PHONES

Pupils are actively discouraged from bringing mobile phones to school. However if your child does need to bring one it must be left at the school office when your child arrives at school. They can collect their phone at the end of the school day. Any phones found on pupils during the school day will be confiscated.

## BEHAVIOUR & DISCIPLINE

We have reviewed our Behaviour and Discipline policy. The full policy is available on the school website. We expect all pupils to follow the school rules and to behave responsibly. In class teachers use a traffic light system to manage behaviour; good behaviour is rewarded with gold stars which lead to certificates. Each week the class will nominate a member of their class for star of the week; this child will receive a certificate in assembly.

Behaviour outside in the playground is managed through a series of warnings. Pupils who continue to break the rules or whose behaviour continues to be unacceptable will be sent to Restart.

Restart is a lunchtime exclusion which is supervised by the leadership team. Pupils sent to Restart have the opportunity to reflect upon their behaviour and to think about what they will do differently.

**Christmas Break School Closed to pupils from Thursday 21st December 2017 to Tuesday 2nd January 2018**

## UNIFORM

We expect all pupils to wear school uniform. Your child will need:

✓ Green sweatshirt or fleece with a school logo

✓ White polo shirt or school shirt

✓ Black or Grey trousers or skirt - NO JEANS

They should be encouraged to wear sensible school shoes or black trainers.

All uniform can be purchased from Fashion Stop in High Street North.

Please put your child's name in their clothes.



## JEWELLERY

Jewellery in school is restricted to stud earrings and religious pieces. Watches can be worn by KS2 pupils. Please take jewellery off on PE days.

## BREAKFAST CLUB

Our breakfast club continues to run every day from 8am. If you would like your child to attend we do have spaces available. Priority is given to working parents. The cost is a very reasonable £1 per day, this includes breakfast. Please collect an application form from the office.

## BIRTHDAYS

Due to an increasing number of pupils with allergies, we cannot accept birthday cakes to share. You can bring a bag of lollies to share with your child's class. No sweets with nuts or gelatine.

Letters are sent home to parents if a child is in Restart. After three letters parents will be called in to meet with the headteacher and exclusion may be considered.

## PARENT EVENINGS

Please make a note on your calendar of our parent evenings. This is a time for you as a parent to discuss your child's progress with their class teacher and it is really important that you attend. We will be sending out letters with appointment times, all you need to do is return the slip with your preferred time.

**Monday 2nd October** - Parents Evening - 3.45pm to 6.45pm

**Tuesday 3rd October** - Parents Evening - 3.45pm to 5.45pm

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018** - Parents Evening - 3.45pm to 6.45pm

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2018** - Parents Evening 3.45pm to 5.45pm

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2018** - Parents Evening 3.45pm to 6.45pm

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2018** - Parents Evening 3.45pm to 5.45pm



## ATTENDANCE

You will be aware that the London Borough of Newham now issue fines to parents whose children fail to attend school.

Attendance at Plaistow has improved greatly over the last three years but we could still do better. If your child is genuinely ill we would not expect you to bring them to school, however on some occasions your child may feel better later in the morning or by the start of the afternoon session, in which case you should bring them into school.

Absence during term time for holidays is no longer permitted. Any child who is absent from school without permission will have unauthorised absence and parents will be fined and their child's name removed from the school roll.



## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

We will be offering a number of after school clubs for pupils in Years 1 - Y6. Letters will go out in the next couple of weeks. Please note that we **cannot** guarantee that you child will get their first choice, we will make every effort to ensure that your child does get a club. Please also note - at this time clubs are still **Free**.

## WEBSITE

Please visit our website, we have made some changes over the holiday. The website contains all the information you will need to know about the school.

[www.plaistow.newham.sch.uk](http://www.plaistow.newham.sch.uk)

## PARENT COMMS

To ensure you keep up to date with all school alerts please sign up to Parent Comms. You can download the app from the Apple store or from Google play. Once you have downloaded the app, go to the menu and subscribe to Plaistow School - it is all free and it will send alerts to your mobile phone. Find out more click on the link below.

[www.atomwide.com/mobile/welcome.html](http://www.atomwide.com/mobile/welcome.html)



**Thank You!**

## SUMMER FAIR

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported our summer fair. We raised an amazing £1000 which we have put into the school and we will spend it on a project in school that will benefit all the pupils - Thank you!

## SCHOOL CLOSURES

Please make a note of the following school closures. The school will be closed to all pupils on these days for staff training.

**Friday 22nd September 2017**

**Friday 3rd November 2017**

## ASSEMBLIES

3K Harvest Assembly - Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2017 @ 3.00pm

2B Harvest Assembly - Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2017 @ 3.00pm

## Plaistow Primary School Term & Holiday Dates - 2017 - 2018

School Terms	Pupil Holidays & School Closures
<p><b><u>Autumn 1</u></b> Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017 to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017</p> <p>32 pupil days</p>	<p><b><u>INSET DAYS (school closed to pupils)</u></b> Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017 Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017 Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017 Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2017</p> <p><b><u>Half Term</u></b> Monday 23<sup>th</sup> October 2017 to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2017</p>
<p><b><u>Autumn 2</u></b> Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2017 to Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2017</p> <p>37 pupil days</p>	<p><b><u>INSET DAYS (school closed to pupils)</u></b> Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2017</p> <p><b><u>Christmas Break</u></b> Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2017 to Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2018</p> <p>Christmas Day and New Year's Day fall within the Christmas Break</p>
<p><b><u>Spring 1</u></b> Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018 to Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018</p> <p>28 pupil days</p>	<p><b><u>Half Term</u></b> Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2018 to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2018</p>
<p><b><u>Spring 2</u></b> Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018 to Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018</p> <p>29 pupil days</p>	<p><b><u>Spring Break</u></b> Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2018 to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2018</p> <p>The Easter religious festival falls within the spring break</p>
<p><b><u>Summer 1</u></b> Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018 to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018</p> <p>29 pupil days</p>	<p><b><u>May Day</u></b> Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2018</p> <p><b><u>Half Term</u></b> Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2018 to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018</p>
<p><b><u>Summer 2</u></b> Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018 to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018</p> <p>35 pupil days</p>	<p><b><u>Summer Break</u></b> Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018 to <i>To be advised</i></p>

190 Pupil Days

No closures for Eid-ul-Adha, Eid-ul-Fitr or Diwali - these have been taken off the summer term. Pupils will be granted only **one day** for the purpose of religious observance

Guru Nanak due to fall on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2017