



Stewart Headlam and Hague Schools' Federation Newsletter

KEEPING IN TOUCH 2021



Stewart Headlam Primary School

16th June 2021

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

SUMMER TERM

Diary Dates and Updates on SHH Federation News

Last Day of Term Wednesday 21st July 1:30pm Hague

Schools closed for INSET on 22nd July

Eid-al-adha – Holiday – School Closed 20th July

Hague and Stewart Headlam Summer Holidays 22nd July – 1st September.

New School Year starts Wednesday 2nd September 2021.

Assemblies and Traditions - Note the dates

Year 2 Graduation Assembly

Thursday 15th July.

This year the Year 2 Performance will be recorded for parents, family and friends to view from the website with a live performance for staff and an invited class only on Thursday 15th July.

Covid restricts us from indoor performance until further notice.

Children - Meet the new Class Teacher

Friday 9th July – Transition time and getting ready for moving to the next class. Children spend the morning in their new classroom with the new class teacher. They will find out about new topics for learning and timetables. They will have a Q&A time preparing for Summer Home Learning Challenges in readiness for September start.

Year 6 Performance & Leavers Assembly

Monday 19th July

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Year 6 Leavers Party

Tuesday 13th July 4pm – 5:30pm

In the Top Hall at Hague School.

Wear your own clothes. Snacks and soft drinks. Music and games!

EYFS Sports Day – Weavers Field Date: Thursday 8th July 09:00- 12:00

Hague and Stewart Headlam will be having a Sports Fun Day on Weavers Field. Each school will be separate for the events to be covid safe.

Parents may join but must respect 1m social distancing with masks.

**Year 2 East 1 Schools Partnership
OLYMPIC Sports Day – Thursday 1st July at
Weavers Fields.**

Covid means that we cannot go to Swanlea for this special competitive event but each school, Canon Barnett, Hague, Kobi Nazurl, Stewart Headlam, Osmani, Thomas Buxton and William Davis can do the sports events separately and enter the results to see which Olympic nations win Gold, Silver and Bronze.

Parents may join but must respect 1m social distancing with masks.

**OLYMPIC Sports Day Fun - Hague
Years 1, 3, 4 & 5**

At Weavers Fields

Date: Friday 16th July

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SHH Federation News – Organisation Changes

Last year in 2020, Cathy HT at Stewart Headlam and I wrote to you with the Chair of Governors and Local Authority to inform you of the financial difficulties for Hague and financial deficit at Stewart Headlam due to the falling number of pupils in each of the schools.

To address the problem we consulted, staff and parents, took action and federated so that many immediate and future savings could be made across the two schools.

During the Spring Term 2021, I lead an Organization Change Plan so Stewart Headlam School can transition from two forms of entry to one form of entry. (1 class per year group.)

Staff at both schools were invited to apply for voluntary redundancy. (VR)

- Staff may choose VR for a number of personal, family and professional career reasons.
- Due to the number of staff who wished to take VR there were no compulsory redundancies.

The following staff at Stewart Headlam and Hague have chosen voluntary redundancy. We will be thanking them and celebrating their many years of valuable collective service on Monday 19th July at our traditional Leavers Assemblies.

Stewart Headlam

- Kulsoom Patel – Assistant Headteacher for Inclusion & SEND
- Helen Mulder – EYFS Leader and class teacher
- James McCarthy – Learning Support and PPA Teacher
- Asma Chowdhury – Class teacher 4 days per week
- Bob Curtis – Learning Support Teacher 2 days per week
- Nahida Begum – Learning Support Teacher 2 days per week
- Angie Barker-Craig - Learning Mentor
- Saira Begum – Nursery Nurse
- Cyndi Fahmy – Mid Day Meals Supervisor
- Menhaz Hoque – Mid Day Meals Supervisor
- Kerry Malone – Admin Reception and Resources

Hague

- Karen Garnett – Nursery Nurse

From September 2021 Stewart Headlam School will reduce to 9.5 classes (previously 16). By September 2024 there will be 7 classes Reception – Year 6.

- All classes will have 25 – 30 children, which will help the school to be more financially sustainable in future, as it has halved the school deficit to £150,000.
- Classes of 15 & 16 are not affordable or good value.

Hague (1FE)	Stewart Headlam (moving towards 1FE)
Nursery – Morning only (O.5)	Nursery – Morning only (O.5)
Reception	Reception
Year 1	Year 1
Year 2	Year 2
Year 3	Year 3
Year 4	Year 4
	Year 4/5
Year 5	Year 5
	Year 5/6
Year 6	Year 6

As Stewart Headlam reduces to 1form entry (1FE) by 2024, further savings will be made by sharing staff with Hague School so that both schools are protected and benefit from working in close partnership.

Next year, Stewart Headlam will have 5 classes across Years 4/5/6

- There will be 2 mixed age classes. Year 4/5 and Year 5/6.
- Children will be allocated to a class by the Head of School, Nilufar Chowdhury, based on their birth dates. Children with EHCP/SEN/Additional Learning Needs will be best placed to maximize TA learning support as required.
- A number of staff and class teachers will be working across our schools. We will update you later this month as to which teachers will be taking each class.

This is an essential, agreed course of action supported by the LA, governors, staff and parents from both schools.

Already a number of primary schools in Tower Hamlets have closed. We do not wish this for either of the schools. SHH Federation partnership makes Stewart Headlam and Hague more financially sustainable.

Thank you for all your support throughout these challenging times. I firmly believe that 2 small schools which are full of pupils working together will give best value to the children and community.

Summer Term: SHH Federation Curriculum Topic



Japan and the Olympics is the whole school topic for all children in both schools who are learning about the geography, history, culture and traditions of Japan as well as language, food and dress, traditional tales and stories of Tsunami.

A few staffing changes have already happened at Hague



At the end of last half term we sadly said farewell to **Sam Fish**; a much loved teacher at Hague School.

She has been promoted to Deputy Head of the Griffin Trust Schools in Waltham Forest.

It is very exciting for Sam as she will be deputy of 2 schools. We are very proud of her but at the same time we will miss her very much. We know that Hague and Stewart Headlam working together in partnership over the English Curriculum was great experience for her professionally.

Ruksana, class teacher from Stewart Headlam is now taking the Y6 class at Hague as she has returned from maternity leave. It's great that our Federation Staffing structure supports Ruksana joining the Hague team and to prepare Year 6 for Secondary School.

Kyrie, Teacher of the Deaf has also returned from maternity leave. Welcome back! It's great to see her back in school.

Welcome back to Faye our Teaching Assistant – who has recovered from a long illness. It is great to have her back in school looking so well.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

HAGUE

Tuesday Y1 Youth Club

Wednesday School Council

Friday Year 5 Youth Club

Cricket, Weavers Field, Mondays



Gorsefield Day for Years 4 & 5 at Hague and Stewart Headlam

What a great time the children had as they went on their first school trips to Gorsefield.

Children in Years 4 & 5 enjoyed the challenges of archery and orienteering. These are the first day trips that we have had since lockdown in March 2020. We really missed adventurous, out and about learning.

We know the children had a great time as their news, smiles and tiredness the next day was a big indicator of how much fun they had. Great for mental health and well-being.

Both schools were very lucky to have such amazing Education Business Partners who very kindly sponsored the £1600- £2000 costs of the day trip for our children to enjoy a free and memorable day out. Massive appreciation, photos and thank you letters to our business friends and sponsors.

Gorsefield is the place to **explore** the countryside, **recover** outdoors **and thrive**. Just what our children needed after being indoors so much.

Now we have a summer of Cricket at Hague and Stewart Headlam to look forward to.

I hope you have signed up for the after school clubs and fun for children and parents. Middlesex Cricket Club and Chance to Shine are sponsoring our after school clubs and activities with great kit for the children to enjoy. Look out for all the sessions you can sign up to on Weavers Field or at Stewart Headlam.



Stuart Broad England Bowler visited Hague playground to give us a masterclass in bowling and handwashing!

The England Team and Chance to Shine sponsors, Lifebuoy, wanted young cricket fans to learn about the importance of handwashing to protect against the Covid virus. Children had the cleanest hands and great tips for catching and bowling.



Click on this link picture to see the video of Stuart Broad hand washing in the playground.

<https://vimeo.com/558486170>



Summer Term Reports

We hope you found the summer Term reports a useful update on your children's progress and attainment to date.

Given the impact of the pandemic many children have made good progress and achieved well. Where children have fallen behind teachers are working to make sure they have opportunities to catch up. Please make sure your children are engaging with the **READING CHALLENGES** and expectations to Read, Read, Read! It will help enormously.

We do not have the Annual National SATs this year for Year 6, but children in all classes will be taking teacher assessment tests this term which assist us in making sure that pupils are on track for age related expectations.

The assessments also help teachers identify gaps in learning which we can work on over the summer term so that year 6 children are well prepared for Secondary and everyone well prepared for their next year groups.

THANK-YOU to everyone for helping our children to learn, stay well and focused on positive choices.

From *Judy Knappett*

**Executive Headteacher of Hague and Stewart
Headlam**

