

Betty Layward School

WEEKLY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Our Week

No 317, Friday 9th September 2016

Dear parents and carers,

I have had an excellent start to the new academic year. I feel very excited about my new role as Headteacher of Betty Layward. The staff, children and parents are making me feel very welcome and I am incredibly impressed by the children's outstanding behaviour and attitude to learning.

I am attempting to get to learn all their names and they are fantastic at reminding me. I enjoy eating lunch with the children every day and my aim is to learn all about them.

I have met all the children in assembly. We have revisited our behaviour system, good to be green and we have also enjoyed a great music assembly with Barney.

Betty Layward is a school with a very committed and talented staff group. It is a pleasure to walk into classrooms and see the children learn with such enthusiasm and dedication.

I have already seen some excellent learning taking place as I have walked around the school.

You will see me around in the mornings and afternoons and I have really enjoyed meeting some of you already. Please come over and introduce yourself. I have an open door policy and, for me, communication is key.

I am looking forward to an excellent year and working in partnership with you.

Best wishes,

Jessica



(Picture drawn by Doris in Year 2 Apricot)

News

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

If you are not receiving texts about clubs, please check with the Office that we have the correct contact details for you.

Booking lines will be open until next week Wednesday 14th September and the **PAYMENT DEADLINE** is on **FRIDAY 16th SEPTEMBER** at 4pm. If we do not receive payment from you, we will unfortunately have to remove your child from the club listings.

Please pay by cheque (we do accept cash in a clearly labelled envelope) making it clear the name and year group of your child and the clubs you are paying for. You may post payments in the postbox outside Reception.

If the club you wanted was full, please email MMchugh@bettylayward.hackney.sch.uk to put your child's name on the waiting list.

If you have received a booking confirmation email, this means that you have been successful in reserving a space on your chosen club(s).

Music

Instrumental Lessons:

As per usual individual instrumental lessons are available on a first-paid-first-served basis.

Betty Layward gives lessons in Violin (Wednesdays), Guitar (Thursdays) and Woodwind - flute, clarinet and saxophone (Fridays).

Lessons start from the week of 19th September. The cost is £30 per term and payment must be made at the reception office.

Payments will only be accepted in an envelope with the full fee, child's full name, class and year they are in and the instrument they wish to learn stated in writing.

Piano lessons are now run as an after school club and follow the rules for all after school clubs (see separate information about this).

Curious – Jessica is curious to learn about Betty Layward

Happy – Everyone is happy to be back

Respectful – The children have been very welcoming and have demonstrated excellent manners

Creative – Model making in Year 4

Ambitious – The children in their new classes, eager to learn

Next Week's Menu

All meat served at Betty Layward in school dinners is halal.

Monday

'Hot Dog Pasta'

Fresh tomato sauce, chopped sausages and pasta

Pasta (see main)

(Gluten free option)

Broccoli

Honey yoghurt with bananas

Tuesday

Lamb Moussaka

Vegetarian Moussaka

Turkish bread

Green beans and carrots

Jacket potatoe with tuna

Lemon drizzle sponge

Wednesday

Jacket potatoes with choice of fillings:

Beef chilli, tuna, cheese, coleslaw, beans

Wholemeal baguette with tuna or cheese and pickle

Fresh fruit salad

Thursday

Caribbean fish

Rice & Peas

Vegetarian bean burger

Coleslaw

Fresh fruit platter

Friday

Garlic herb chicken

Roast Potatoes

Broccoli & Leeks

Garlic & herb roasted vegetables

A salad bar & fresh fruit selection is available every day

Food in 'red' is gluten free.

For full menu please follow this link:

<http://bettylayward.hackney.sch.uk/parents/school-meals-2/>

Dates for the Diary

Coffee morning for Speech and Language on Thursday 20th September at 9.15am – 10.15am

DATES FOR CLASS ASSEMBLIES FOR 2016-17

Year 6 Chilli Thursday 29th September at 9.15am

Year 3 Jade Thursday 13th October at 9.15am

Year 5 Buttercup Thursday 17th November at 9.15am

Year 4 Cerise Thursday 1st December at 9.15am

Year 2 Apricot Thursday 8th December at 10.20am

Year 6 Ruby Thursday 15th December at 9.15am

Year 3 Emerald Thursday 19th January at 9.15am

Year 2 Peach Thursday 26th January at 10.20am

Year 1 Violet Thursday 9th February at 10.20am

Year 5 Saffron Thursday 9th March at 9.15am

Year 4 Fuchsia Thursday 23rd March at 9.15am

Year 1 Lavender Thursday 30th March at 10.20am

Reception Ocean Thursday 4th May at 10.20am

Reception Aqua Thursday 25th May at 10.20am

Hi PTFAers

Welcome back and of course welcome to Betty Layward to all our new parents and carers. We hope you all had a splendid Summer.

This Term - Sept - December

We will be looking for organizers to help put on The Winter Fair and a Jumble Sale. You will receive unstinting support. So if you fancy becoming a PTFA legend and joining the role of honour let us know, either send us an email adam.roland@heavyweightsports.co.uk andyjspence@me.com or grab us in the yard.

PTFA Funds

We've already raised some great cash that has gone to fund hundreds of books for the library, architect and philosophy workshops, climbing frames, book corners, play equipment for the playground, World Book Day author visits and loads more

We have more cash to spend so the school and all our children can benefit. The whole school community can decide where we spend the money the PTFA has raised. So watch this space for further details.

Cake Sales

We'll send on the cake sale dates in next week's newsletter.

PTFA Facebook Page

The PTFA has its own Facebook page. To keep up to speed with PTFA events, cake sales, Fairs, BBQ's and other useful info including whether Hamsters are good pets, please do join and enjoy.

For more info on the PTFA and what we do, check out our section on the school website or catch any of us in the yard

Have a great weekend and again welcome back!

Adam and Andy