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HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

Dear parents and carers of Stepney Park,

School places. The deadlines to apply for school places are coming up:

- Friday 15th January for reception places in September 2027.
- Sunday 14th February for nursery places in September 2027.

Do remember that, if you have a child in our nursery, you will still need to apply through the borough for a reception place.

For nursery, also remember that funded places are available from the term after children turn 3; you don't have to wait until September to start.

We have organised a number of open days between now and the deadlines above, so do share these with friends or family who might be looking for school places.

Chess success. As you may know, our school chess team enjoyed a lot of success last year - they won the chess league and every leg of the competition along the way. This year's team has also made a great start. In the first leg of the league, which involves nine local schools, our team made a strong start to the defence of the title by winning! Congratulations to the team, who won four gold medals and two bronze medals between them.

Book catalogue. Children in years 3-6 will be bringing home a *Scholastic* catalogue today, related to our regular book fair. If you're looking for books for your child, do consider this as the school is given a share of the proceeds, which we can then put towards buying our own books too.

All the best for the week ahead.

Richard.
Headteacher, Stepney Park Primary School.

STARS OF STEPNEY PARK

This week the theme in nursery has been *Light and Dark*. Children investigated light and shadows using torches and used their hands and different objects to make shadows. They also learnt about Bonfire Night, used cut toilet rolls to make firework paintings and made firework patterns in rice. The children also learnt about Diwali, using salt dough to make Diya lamps and different types of paste to make Rangoli patterns.

NOTICES

- **Y1 Trip to the Church.** 1Willow - Monday 16th November; 1Oak - Friday 20th November; 1Maple - Monday 23rd November
- **Parent-Teacher Meetings.** Tuesday 17th November. School will close from 1.00pm to allow for these.
- **Y2 Trip to the Tower of London.** 2Willow - Wednesday 18th November; 2Maple and 2Oak - Wednesday 25th November
- **Term Dates.** The school will close for the Christmas holidays on Friday 18th December. Term dates for the rest of this academic year are available on the school website here.