

# York Road Junior School and Language Unit (Star Centre)

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## Newsletter

## Friday 21st May 2010

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### Dear Families

We are working hard to improve our school and we hope you have noticed or heard about some of the things we have been doing. We have been on a tidiness campaign and have tidied up all the classrooms and storage areas, even the Lost Property! This makes our school look so much better.

We have also been trying to keep to time during the day, so children no longer line up before coming into school after break or lunch. This has given at least another ten minutes of learning time every day which we are using to make lessons more interesting and exciting for children. We will be doing more work on the curriculum later on, which we will share with you.

We have also tightened up the Behaviour Policy so that children who have difficulties do not hinder the learning of others. We have been working on these changes for several weeks now and are very pleased with the impact. School is (and the children are) calm, tidy, looking smart and working hard. What more could we ask?

### Attendance

What an improvement in a short time!  
95.3% last week, 96.4% this week. Thank you!

### Holiday

School will close on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May for one week and re-open on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June.

### Year 5 Grammar School Test

Registration for Y5 pupils opens on 1<sup>st</sup> June and closes on 2<sup>nd</sup> July. Apply online at [www.kent.gov.uk/ola](http://www.kent.gov.uk/ola).

The registration for selection test for Bexley opened on 4<sup>th</sup> May until 16<sup>th</sup> July. You can register by phone 020 8303 7777 or on-line at [customer.services@bexley.gov.uk](mailto:customer.services@bexley.gov.uk)

### Class Assembly

Y3 Vikings class presented their assembly to the children this morning and will present it for parents on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May at 9a.m.

### Children's Gym

Have you put 18<sup>th</sup> June in your diary?

### Tesco Vouchers

We are still collecting Tesco vouchers for computers.

### Library Books

Please make sure that your child returns all their books to the school library once they are due. Replacing lost books costs the school hundreds of pounds every year so we are asking families to pay for a new copy of any book they have lost.

With best wishes

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