



16<sup>th</sup> March 2016

Dear parents/carers,

I am writing in advance of the Easter holidays to let you know about some events and activities at our school.

Firstly, on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March, our Sports Relief** activities will culminate in a **non uniform day**. Students may wear non uniform clothes – with a sporting theme, if possible. We expect a donation of £1 from each student. We're very pleased to be participating again in this national fundraising event.

Secondly we are holding an **open discussion meeting on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 7pm** about schools budgets and fairer funding. You are most welcome to this meeting which is also open to other community members. Please be assured that we will keep you fully informed of any developments.

School term finishes next week at 3.10pm (4.10pm for sixth formers) on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2016. The summer term begins on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April at 8.40am. There are a number of revision classes for examination groups over the holidays: students involved will have been informed separately.

I also want to inform you that on April 21<sup>st</sup> there is a community international evening which you are most welcome to attend – do look out for further news.

You may be aware that there is an anticipated announcement in the budget of the government's intention to make all LEA schools change their status over the coming years up to 2022. Our current view about this is on the second page of this letter.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best wishes,

**Annie Gammon**

**Headteacher**



**Stoke Newington School – message from the headteacher about current school status:**

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The most important thing we will be doing, over the coming months and years, is continuing our work to ensure the quality of education of our current and future students. Stoke Newington School's values remain strong, we have a clear mission: we are, and will remain, a high achieving inclusive creative collaborative school. All these are unchanged.

I am sure there will be much discussion over the coming months, as the planned legislation probably makes its way into being. It is too soon to say now what our school status and our school links will be in a few years' time. However there could be a range of options that myself, the leadership team and governors, with involvement from staff, students, parents and the community, will be able to look at and take a view as to which to steer towards in the best interests of our school. We will certainly want to take a course which supports the character and success of our school. Options could include links with other secondary schools, links with primary schools, etc. Indeed, the original Learning Trust could be seen as a model of a chain of schools not in LEA control.

We will have planned meetings for parents in due course.

I do not expect, and you should not expect, any immediate or rushed change.

Best wishes,

**Annie Gammon**

**Headteacher**