



St Stephen's RCP Weekly Newsletter
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Friday 8th September 2023

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A MESSAGE FROM MR LAVIN... Firstly, a huge welcome back to everyone. I hope the summer holidays were enjoyable and that you had a great time with your families. A big welcome to all our new Reception and Nursery children who have joined us this week. It has been wonderful to see you in school exploring your new learning environment. I am sure you are going to achieve great things here at St Stephen's. We have had a lot of new children join us in various year groups - you are all so welcome to our school family and I am sure you will all settle in quickly.

We welcome Miss Smith to the Reception Teaching team, Miss Partridge to our Nursery Team and Mr Meleady who is now teaching in Year 4. I am sure you will all join me in wishing them they very best for their time at St Stephen's.

We celebrated a wonderful whole school mass this morning - I was so proud of how well the children behaved and they sang so beautifully. Class masses are detailed on the calendar.

Just a reminder that our Summer Fair will take place on Friday 15th September 3:15-5:15 pm on the School Field.

Back to school Attendance Challenges:

We are going to be running two attendance challenges this half term.

Challenge One: If your child is in school every day from **Wednesday 6th September to Friday 22nd September** then their name will be entered into a draw for an Amazon Voucher. There will be three lucky winners!

Challenge Two: If your child is in everyday for the whole half term, they will be entered into a draw for a special prize. Every day in school counts so let's see how many of us can make it to 100%!

School Uniform

It was great to see the children so smart in their new school uniforms and school PE kit on Wednesday. We will return to normal next week, after a few days of relaxed uniform due to the extreme heat. A reminder that hair below shoulder length needs to be tied back - this is for health and safety reasons. A polite reminder the PE hoodies should not be worn on school uniform days in replace of a school jumper. This hoodie is just for PE days and does not replace our traditional V Neck school jumper.

Also, a reminder that you can purchase our School Tie from the School Office.

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PE Days 2023/24
 Autumn Term 1 (Wed 6th September to Fri 20th October)
 Please see below for PE Days for **Autumn Term 1**.

A reminder that children can come into school wearing their school PE kit on these days.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 3LH Year 6	Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 5LW	Nursery Reception Year 4SM	Year 2 Year 4 Year 5GB	Year 4DM Year 5 Year 6 Year 1

Year 3HB will attend swimming lesson on Friday afternoon until Christmas, then Y3LH will attend until Easter. (parents will receive further information regarding this)



**"Fueling World-Class Wellness:
 Thriving in Body and Mind through PE"**



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Uniform Guidance for PE

There are two ways to order this fantastic kit:

1. Order the whole bundle directly through school (we cannot order individual items). You will need a document called 'PE Kit Order'. Simply fill the form in and email it back to admin@stsrcp.co.uk with your details and sizes. Then, on Parent Pay, you will see an item listed 'PE Kit Bundle'. Pay your £28.00 and school will distribute the kit when it is delivered.
2. Alternatively, order directly from <https://topmarksschoolwear.co.uk/> - prices are a little more expensive, however you can order individual items. (if you are unsure of sizes, you can always visit Top Marks School Wear in Ashton)
3. School branded kits are optional, you can purchase them unbranded from elsewhere



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This week we looked again at our School Values with children in Assembly. They have also taken part in difference activities throughout the week to fully embrace them.

St Stephen's CARES

C ompassion	Be compassionate in all of our actions
A mbition	Be ambitious - better ourselves and others
R ejoice	Be rejoiceful - celebrate the Good News
E xcellence	Be excellent in everything we do - work hard
S ervice	Be a steward of the Lord - a service to others

World Class Behaviours and Basics

We have also spent a lot of time reminding the children about our **World Class Behaviours: Be Ready, Be Respectful and Be Safe** - essentially, our School Rules. Children were able to reflect on what these mean and how they can show them each and every day here at St Stephen's. All of the above is connected to **'The St Stephen's Way'** - this is how we do it here. The children are fully aware of what it means to be apart of #teamststephens and we are very excited about the year ahead! Children will be placed on their class 'Recognition Board' for demonstrating our values. Each day, we focus on a different value, as outlined below:

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RECOGNITION BOARDS

MONDAY	Compassion
TUESDAY	Ambition
WEDNESDAY	Rejoice
THURSDAY	Excellence
FRIDAY	Service



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Meet the Teacher

On **Tuesday 19th September** shortly after pickup, there will be an opportunity to meet your child's class teacher.

As in previous years, this is an opportunity for teachers to provide you with some key information about the year ahead, including what the children will be learning and experiencing. It will only be a short meeting so please do not worry if you cannot attend.

All the information given will be provided via email and you will receive the usual Curriculum Newsletter shortly.

Some of the meetings will be held as a year group, rather than individual classes.

The details are outlined below:

Year Group	Venue
Nursery	Nursery Building
Reception	Reception Classes
Year 1	Year 1 Building
Year 2	Miss Seville's classroom
Year 3	Mrs Herbert's classroom
Year 4	Mr Muschamp's classroom
Year 5	Mrs Williams classroom
Year 6	Mrs Gibson's classroom

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Communication - We always want to make sure that we have the best methods of communication with parents/carers and I understand that sometimes communication can cause frustration. We always try to do our very best here at school!

Email through our Arbor system and class dojo are our main methods of communication. Please do make sure you have access to the Arbor App and class dojo on your phone. The Arbor app is great as you can see live attendance figures on the app, you can also update your personal records too. Please contact the office if you need support in gaining access to it.

You may have, or will be soon, receiving an invitation to set up 'Class Dojo' where you can communicate with your child's class teacher. This is for everyday notices and messages. Please do be mindful of sending messages in the evening and at the weekend. We will continue to send messages/show updates via our school website and Facebook page - I know you love seeing all of the wonderful things happening at school so please do follow the Facebook group if you can.

As always, we are here to help and support you in any way we can. Talking to the right person in school is important. If you have any general questions or concerns, your first point of contact should always be your child's class teacher, followed by a member of the leadership team before they come to myself. Key points of contact/roles are as follows:

Miss Dempsey	Deputy Head responsible for SEND/ Safeguarding/Behaviour and EYFS
Mrs Healey	Assistant Headteacher responsible for Year 1 and 2
Mrs Williams	Assistant Headteacher responsible for Year 3, 4, 5 and 6
Mrs Gibson	Curriculum Leader and Religious Education Leader
Mrs Khan	School Business Manager

We've started using the phrase **'it's the right thing to do'** with the children - try it out with them this weekend...

Have a brilliant weekend everyone - see you on Monday!

Mr Lavin, Headteacher

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Dates for YOUR calendar

Date	Event
13/09/23	Roald Dahl Day (not dress up, just in class activities)
15/09/23	Y4 & 5 Mass @ 10am
15/09/23	Summer Fair 3:15-5:15p,
19/09/23	Meet the Teacher
20/09/23	Y6DF Class Assembly
21/09/23	International Day of Peace
22/09/23	Y1,Y2&3 Mass @ 10am
26/09/23	European Languages Day - Dress up in Red/Yellow - Spanish Flag Colours
27/09/23	Y6HG Class Assembly
29/09/23	Macmillan Coffee Morning - Parents Welcome 9-9:45am School Hall
29/09/23	Y6 Mass @ 10am
04/10/23	Y5LW Class Assembly
06/10/23	National Poetry Day
06/10/23	Y4 & 5 Mass @ 10am

Date	Event
10/10/23	World Mental Health Day - Hello Yellow - dress up in something yellow for the day
11/10/23	Y5GB Class Assembly
13/10/23	Y1,Y2&3 Mass @ 10am
16/10/23	Book Fair - more details to follow
18/10/23	Y4DM Class Assembly
18/10/23	Parents Evening - more details to follow
20/10/23	Fire Safety Awareness Day
20/10/23	Reception & Y6 Mass at 10am
20/10/23	Half term begins at 3:15pm
30/10/23	Autumn 2 Term Begins

Please note that all Class Assemblies will take place in the school hall at 9:05am.

Please note masses take place in Church at 10am and parents/carers/families are most welcome to join us.

Keep checking this page weekly on the Newsletter as we will continue to add new dates - I'll highlight new dates or changes in a different colour.

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