



St Stephen's RCP Weekly Newsletter
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Friday 15th September 2023

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A MESSAGE FROM MR LAVIN...

I hope you have had a great week!

It has been a great first full week back at school. It has been a pleasure to walk around the classrooms and seeing the children really engaged with their learning. Our youngest children in Nursery and Reception are settling in beautifully and we cannot wait to see them flourish in the year ahead. We didn't manage to have an assembly today so certificates will be given out in Monday's assembly.

This week started off with our Year 6 children applying for the roles of Head Boy and Head Girl. We were so proud of how the children confidently presented themselves to their peers. I am pleased to announce the successful applicants are:

- Head Girl - Olivia
- Head Boy - Vincent
- Deputy Head Girl - Lacey
- Deputy Head Boy - Jensen

We are sure they will do a great job in their new roles. Year 6 children will also have the opportunity to take up other leadership roles throughout the school and we will nominate these children next week.

Parking - I have received a number of complaints this week from neighbours regarding parking around the school. Please do be mindful of where you park - it is not going to be long before someone is seriously hurt.

Please take care that you are not blocking access to roads - we've had ambulances not being able to get down roads and neighbours not being able to get out to work and other appointments due to parking -they are are understandably upset by this. Please double check before you park up.

Times Table Rockstars - We are having a huge push on Times Table Rockstars at school at the moment. We would love for the children to access this at home too. Children should have their login details. It would be great if everyone could log on over the weekend and spend some time having a go!

Summer Fair - Thank you very much for your support this evening for our Summer Fair. I am sure you will agree it was a great event. Thank you to the staff for giving up their time and as always to our amazing PTA for organising the event.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mr Lavin, Headteacher

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A MESSAGE FROM MR LAVIN CONTINUED...

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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Hot Chocolate Friday Winners



Nursery	Lua & Lucie
RLS	Betti
RNE	Oreofeoluwa
Y1SH	Denis
Y1LB	Amelia
Y2LS	Jacob
Y2AL	Isabelle
Y3HB	Elvis
Y3LH	Emmanuella
Y4DM	Tarandeep
Y4SM	Jacob
Y5LW	Emelia
Y5GB	Rocco
Y6HG	Reggie
Y6DF	Ethan

Readers of the Week



Nursery	
RLS	Peyton
RNE	Sienna H
Y1SH	Henry
Y1LB	Frankie
Y2LS	Panagiotis
Y2AL	Sam
Y3HB	Clark
Y3LH	Peyton
Y4DM	Godwin
Y4SM	Yasmin
Y5LW	Travis
Y5GB	Ted
Y6HG	Benjamin
Y6DF	Kiera

Handwriters of the week



Nursery	
RLS	Leighlah
RNE	Evie N
Y1SH	Sayo
Y1LB	Valentina
Y2LS	Annie
Y2AL	Grace
Y3HB	Bruce
Y3LH	Jeremiah
Y4DM	India
Y4SM	Elise
Y5LW	Lacey
Y5GB	Aoife
Y6HG	Megan
Y6DF	Blaize





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Dates for YOUR calendar

Date	Event
19/09/23	Meet the Teacher
20/09/23	Y6HG 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	Y6DF 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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Mathematicians of the Week

Nursery	
RLS	Ivy
RNE	Maverick
YISH	Gabriella - Rose
YILB	Poppy
Y2LS	Runo
Y2AL	Elijah
Y3HB	Alex
Y3LH	Bella
Y4OM	Donaeo
Y4SM	Saul
Y5LW	Declan
Y5GB	Minhat
Y6HG	Evan
Y6DF	Toby D

Sports Star of the Week

Nursery	Dustie
RLS	Lilly
RNE	Maverick
YISH	Maisie
YILB	Lilly
Y2LS	Evelyn
Y2AL	Sophie
Y3HB	Eva
Y3LH	Roco
Y4OM	Dolly
Y4SM	Estee
Y5LW	Ralph
Y5GB	Olivia
Y6HG	Zack
Y6DF	Lacey

Dojo Points

Nursery	139
RLS	161
RNE	198
YISH	601
YILB	295
Y2LS	202
Y2AL	365
Y3HB	361
Y3LH	370
Y4OM	235
Y4SM	305
Y5LW	830
Y5GB	984 
Y6HG	773
Y6DF	215

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Attendance

Whole School	97.6%
Nursery AM	100%
Nursery Full Day	98.7%
RLS	99.5%
RNE	94.8%
Y1SH	92.6%
Y1LB	97.3%
Y2LS	100%
Y2AL	96.6%
Y3HB	97.9%
Y3LH	97.6%
Y4DM	98.7%
Y4SM	99.1%
Y5LW	97.6%
Y5GB	98.4%
Y6HG	98.4%
Y6DF	97.2%

St Stephen's Attendance League

Each week our classes compete to gain points on our attendance league! Points are calculated based on the highest class percentages for each key stage.

100%



1st place = 3 Points
 2nd Place = 2 Points
 3rd Place = 1 Point

St Stephen's Attendance League EYFS & KS1

Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: NurAM	3	5th: 1SH	0
1st: 2LS	3	6th: 2AL	0
2nd: RLS	2	7th: 1LB	0
3rd: NurFD	1		
4th: RNE	0		

St Stephen's Attendance League KS2

Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: Y4SM	3	5th: Y3HB	0
2nd: Y4DM	2	6th: 5LW	0
3rd: Y5GB	1	7th: Y6DF	0
3rd: Y6HG	1		
4th: Y3LH	0		



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Religious Education

Sacramental Programme

All Year 3 parents/ guardians have received an email regarding the Sacramental Programme which will be beginning shortly in school. The Sacramental Programme is where we prepare the children to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation of First Holy Communion.

If you did not receive the email, or if you have a child in Years 4-6 who have not received the Sacraments and you would like them to, please email Mrs Gibson with your child's name and class.



Mrs Gibson: hannah.gibson@stsrcp.co.uk



Mass Times

Our Parish Priest is Father B. Wilson.

We keep Father Wilson in our prayers as he recovers from illness.

We welcome Canon Michael and Father Celestine from St Mary's, Failsworth, during Father Wilson's recovery period.

Class Masses will continue weekly on a Friday at 10am Mass.

Mass Times:
Saturday Vigil : 5.30pm
Sunday: 10.30am

Prayer of the Week

Lord Jesus,

I ask for Your help as I begin this new school year.
Allow me to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before me. Open my eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings.
Open my heart and mind to new friends and new teachers.

Amen



Nursery

It has been nursery's first full week of school and the children have continued to settle and get to know their new surroundings well. Our Nursery Rhyme of the week has been Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes and the children have loved singing along and doing the actions. This week we have learnt our 3 school rules - Be Ready, Be respectful and Be safe. In Literacy we have been reading "Pete the Cat Rocking in My School Shoes." The children have enjoyed designing their own school shoes, telling us what their favourite thing about nursery is and colouring Pete the Cat in.

We can't wait for another week!

Question - What does Pete the Cat do in his school shoes?

Reception

WOW! What an amazing first full week in Reception - we are so proud of the children and how well they have settled into life at St. Stephen's.

Well done, Reception!

In Literacy we have been reading a story called "What Makes Me a Me?"

It is about a boy who cannot find anything in the world that is exactly like him. He realises it's because there's only one of him and he's special.

We have talked about what makes us special. This has linked to our RE focus, too. It has been great getting to know the children. We have also been practising to recognise and write our names.

In Maths we have been singing lots of counting songs. We have been counting forwards and backwards.

We can't wait for another week!

Question: Can you name 5 parts of your body? Where are they?



Year 1

What a lovely start to the year we have had! Every day the children are becoming more familiar and more independent in following class routines. We have started reading our first class book "The Bumblebear" by Nadia Shireen and the children have been naming the main characters and completing speech bubbles for Bumblebear.

In maths we have started our unit on place value to 10 by counting and representing numbers. We are working hard on our number formation- this is something we would love you to support us with at home.

Children have also started in their new phonics groups and have brought home book bags to practice.

In science we have been identifying and naming body parts. Our RE focus this half term is families and we have been thinking about Jesus' family and who the special people are in our families.

We will be starting our history topic on Monarchy after considering what a king or queen is and what they do.

Task : Ask your children to point out and name body parts.

Year 2

The children have made a fantastic start to Year 2! Over the past two weeks, we have been reminding the children of the rules and routines at St. Stephen's and all the children have been behaving extremely well, using their marvellous manners and doing lots of wonderful walking! We are extremely proud of them.

This week, we have started lots of exciting new topics and the children have all been working very hard!

In English, we are reading 'I Want My Hat Back' by Jon Klassen and the children have been consolidating their learning from Year 1; using capital letters, full stops and finger spaces in their work.

In Maths, we have started our place value unit and the children have been recognising tens and ones in 2 digit numbers.

In R.E, we have been talking about "New Beginnings" and thinking about how they make us feel.

In Science, we have started our new topic about animals and we have learnt about the 4 basic needs of all mammals.

Question: What are the 4 basic needs of mammals?

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Year 3

What a great first full week back in school! All the children settled into Year 3 very well and were happy to see their friends again.

We did some work on Growth Mindset and have discussed our school rules and Values. The children are very eager to put these into practice.

In English we have made a start on our book, 'The Bear and the Piano' by looking at the setting of the story and gathering rich vocabulary.

In Maths we have begun our work on Place Value and partitioning numbers in different ways. Our History topic is the Stone Age. The children looked at an image and had to use the clues within it to gather information about what life may have been like then.

Mrs Bilic's class have started swimming lessons. In the first lesson, each child had to show the teachers how well they could swim. It was great fun.

Mrs Bilic's class also began Ukulele lessons on Wednesday. It was so exciting to watch the children practise rhythms and then actually start strumming their instruments.

Question: Can you explain what a 'boulder' is?

Year 4

It has been great settling back into Year 4 and the children have made a wonderful start with their learning and their school behaviour.

We have combined our curriculum work with lots of activities and talks regarding behaviour, learning and having a 'growth-mindset' this year.

In English we have read through our new book called 'The Legend of Rock, Paper and Scissors.' The children have loved the book and we know that some fantastic writing will be produced from this story.

In math we have begun the year looking at place value. The children have shown a very good understanding of this opening unit. All children have also completed their initial STAR math test which gives them a baseline learning level for mathematics.

In reading all children have taken their STAR reading assessment which has provided us teachers with their ZPD reading ranges to assign books for home reading.

In RE we have looked at our own family trees as well as the family tree of Jesus.

In Science we have started our unit on 'Animals and Living Things'. We have looked at grouping animals into categories based on their features and characteristics.

Question- How many animal groups are there and how many names can you remember?



Year 5

What a fantastic start to year 5! All of the children have settled in well and are working incredibly hard. We couldn't be more proud of them. They have embraced our learning on Growth Mindset, Values and our three rules - be ready, respectful and safe. They are demonstrating this through all of their interactions and understand it is 'the right thing to do.'

In English, we have begun to explore the themes in 'Saving the Butterfly' by Helen Cooper. The children have made predictions about the events within the story, analysed the images to make inferences, explored unfamiliar vocabulary and answered questions relating to the text.

In Maths, we began by consolidating our learning on Roman Numerals, before moving on to place value in numbers to 1,000,000. The children used models and images to add and subtract 1, 100, 1000, as well as using trial and improvement to identify numbers to satisfy a set of circumstances.

On Roald Dahl day, we linked our learning to our unit of work in Science - Forces. Having read chapter 16 of 'James and the Giant Peach, we investigated a range of materials to identify which would slow down a peach on a slope most effectively. The children had some fantastic scientific ideas and participated enthusiastically - making predictions, conducting a fair test and recording their conclusions.

Question - What special qualities and skills has God given you?

Year 6

Our Year 6 children have started the year with a positive attitude and an enthusiasm to learn. We began our week by listening to the Head Boy and Head Girl speeches. We were extremely proud of the children who put themselves forward and spoke with such confidence and maturity- well done!

This week in English, we began our text: 'The Final Year'. This is a novel written in poetry form and follows the life of Nate, a 10 year old boy. We read about Nate's family and explore the poetic devices used within each different poem. The children then wrote their own poems about themselves or a family member.

In Maths, the children have been learning about place value. We have looked at numbers up to 10 million as well as the powers of 10. The children have shown great resilience with the reasoning problems they have faced and have impressed me with their recall of the work they covered last year.

The children were particularly interested in our History big question: What was life like for children in WWII. They shared they already vast knowledge of the war and linked it to our class novel White Bird.

In Science, we classified objects into living and non living whilst revising what animals and plants need in order to survive.

Please note that Mrs Gibson's class assembly takes place next week in the school hall. We would love for as many parents/ guardians to attend as possible and warmly invite you.

Date: Wednesday 20th September 2023

Time: 9.05am

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