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NEWSLETTER

Friday 10th September 2021

Issue 2



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A MESSAGE FROM MR MARLEY

Dear Parents,

It is with some trepidation, but excitement, that I would like to inform you of coming changes at St Stephen's.

As you will know I have been at St Stephen's for some time, in fact 12 years to be precise. I have loved every minute of my time as Headteacher at St Stephen's, even the difficult times!

It is now time for me to move on to 'pastures new' and to that end I will be retiring from Headship at Christmas. The Governors have began the process with the Diocese and Local Authority to recruit the next Headteacher for our school.

From Christmas, Mr Lavin will be Acting Headteacher. I know he will do a fantastic job. I will be in the background as an Advisor and help with the transition during this time.

I would like to thank you for your support over the years and take this opportunity to congratulate you on your amazing children.

I know that the school will go from strength to strength and it will always be a major part of my life that I remember moving forward.

Yours as ever, Mr Marley



DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

13th Sep	Y1-6 Pantomime
16th Sep	Y5 Class Mass
1st Oct	Black History Month
22nd Oct	Half Term Holiday

Parking

We have received a number of complaints about parking. Please be respectful of the neighbours when parking. Also, please do not pull up outside of school to drop off/pick up - it is only a matter of time before someone is seriously hurt. Thank you.

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Hot Chocolate Friday Winners



Nursery	Jessica B
Nursery	Frankie
RKF	Isabelle L
RCL	Kalani T
Y1LD	Hollie F
Y1J'OD	Adam Junior S
Y2SH	Layla B
Y2AL	Lotsie-Lou S
Y3LW	Deborah O
Y3CS/DH	Travis B
Y4DS	Benjamin H
Y4HB	Yong W
Y5LS	Willow C
Y5DM	Lilia S
Y6HG	Callum S
Y6DF	Kate H
Mrs Johnson	Layla W

House Points

Blue
8836



Red
5253

Yellow
7096



Green
8015

Totals So Far!

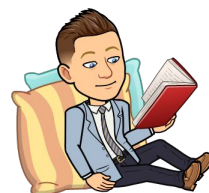
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Yellow 7096
Red 5253

Readers of the Week

In Nursery, Reception and Year 1 the class teachers chose one child who they thought had been making a fantastic effort with their reading.

In Years 2 -6, our readers of the week are the children who have spent the most time engaged reading on Accelerated Reader. Congratulations to all!

Nursery: Hazel
RKF: Sam
RCL: Parker
Y1LD: Alex
Y1J'OD: Brooke
Y2SH: Laicee
Y2AL: Dolly-Rae
Y3L: Delilah
Y3CS/DH: Gustavo
Y4DS: Vincent
Y4HB: Isabella
Y5LS: Layla
Y5DM: Noah
Y6HG: Liam
Y6DF: Lexie



Sports Stars

Here's our sports stars chosen by Mr Grantham:

Y6HG - Ted
Y6DF - Emily
Y5LS- Lola
Y5DM- Ollie
Y4HB - Blaze
Y4DS - Amelia
Y3LW - James
Y3CS/DH - Matilda
Y2SH - Isla
Y2AL - Daniel
Y1LD - Trinity-Rose
Y1J'OD - Thomas
RCL - Evelyn
RKF - James
NURSERY - Mary



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Attendance

Whole School	95.4%
Nursery AM	100%
Nursery Full Day	96.7%
RKF	95.2%
RCL	93.8%
Y1LD	95.7%
Y1J'OD	95.1%
Y2AL	96.3%
Y2SH	92.2%
Y3LW	91.6%
Y3CS/DH	95%
Y4DS	98.5%
Y4HB	96.2%
Y5DM	95.8%
Y5LS	94.2%
Y6HG	94.4%
Y6DF	97.8%



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

Attendance Challenge!

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

Challenge One: If your child is in school everyday from Monday 6th September to Friday 17th September then their name will be entered into a draw for an Amazon Voucher. There will be one prize per year group.

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

St Stephen's Attendance League

St Stephen's Attendance League EYFS & KS1

Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: NurAM	3	5th: 1J0'D	0
2nd: NurFD	2	6th: 1LD	0
3rd: 2AL	1	7th: 2SH	0
4th: RKF	0		
5th: RCL	0		

St Stephen's Attendance League KS2

Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st : Y4DS	3	6th: Y5DM	0
2nd: Y6DF	2	7th: Y5LS	0
3rd: Y4HB	1	7th: Y6HG	0
4th: Y3LW	0		
5th: Y3CS/DS	0		

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Religious Education

Come and See

Our first Come and See unit is entitled 'Domestic Family'. The children will be focusing on themselves, their families and their friends. Each year group has a different topic they are exploring. Read on to find out more!

Nursery and Reception: MYSELF- God knows and loves each one of us

Year 1: FAMILIES- God loves and cares for every family

Year 2: BEGINNINGS- God is present in every beginning

Year 3: HOMES- God's vision for every family

Year 4: PEOPLE- Who is God's family? God's family in scripture

Year 5: OURSELVES- We are all created in the image and likeness of God

Year 6: LOVING- God never stops loving



How can you support at home?

Make a collage using family photographs of all the significant family members-grandparents, parents, children, aunts, uncles etc. who show God's love (including family members who have passed away). Write underneath it "We show God's love to one another."

Mass Times

On Thursday, Year 6 attended Mass with Father Wilson and the Parish. Each week, a year group will attend Mass. Parents/ Guardians are more than welcome to attend. All Thursday Masses are at 10am.

Thursday 16th September- Year 5

Thursday 23rd September- Year 4

Thursday 30th September- Year 3

Thursday 7th October- Year 2

Thursday 14th October- Year 1

Thursday 21st October- Reception.

Weekend Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil : 1 5.30pm

Sunday: 10.30am



Sacramental Programme

This academic year the Sacramental Programme will take place in Year 4. Mrs Wilding will be in touch this term with the families in Year 4.

If your child is in Year 5 or 6 and they have not received the Sacrament of Reconciliation or First Communion and you would like them to join the Sacramental Programme please email Mrs Gibson.

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Prayer of the Week

Loving Father,
Hear our prayer,
For your children everywhere
However different they may be,
All girls and boys belong to thee,
And those who live so far away,
Are just as much our family,
Loving Father,
Hear our prayer,
For your children everywhere.





Our Fantastic Learning!

Nursery

What a fabulous week in Nursery we have had. The children have settled in to Nursery so fabulously and have really enjoyed their week. We have focussed on getting to know the areas, working on tidying up and learning to all sit together on the carpet for story time and singing time!

The children had their first PE lesson this week too and Mr Grantham was really impressed with their physical skills. The children also had their first Forest school session with Mrs Artingstall. We fed the chickens, collected leaves and flowers for our mud chicken and met the School Scarecrow, Emmeline. We can't wait for more learning next week.

Reception

This week we have been very busy exploring our new classrooms. We have made lots of new friends. We have enjoyed reading the Owl Babies story and Pete the Cat. We are all very excited and very tired after all of our new learning.



What did Bill say in the story of the Owl Babies?





Year 1

Year 1 were excited to find a letter from Mole. He wrote to tell us that he had made some labels and put them in the school garden. We enjoyed finding and reading the labels, then making some of our own.

We have been practising our counting skills and representing numbers in different ways. We thought about how we travel now, and how people might have travelled long ago. "

Question: Can you make labels for things in your house?

Year 2

Year 2 have had a great week and they have settled into their classes really well. We have been working really hard at following our school rules, 'be safe, be ready, be respectful' and we have been sharing examples of how we can follow our school core values. In English, we have started our new book, 'The Highway Rat' and we have written our own story about a cave. We have been consolidating our understanding of place value in Maths and we are able to recognise the tens and ones in 2 digit numbers. In R.E, we have shared what we know about The Creation Story and we have shared our knowledge about our new History topic, The Great Fire of London, too. All the teachers are so proud of the children and we have lots of exciting activities planned to look forward to next week!



Year 3

What a fantastic start to Year 3! All of the children have settled in well and myself, Mrs Shuttleworth and Miss Hill couldn't be more proud of them. In English, we have made predictions about Stone Age Boy and asked and answered questions about the text to check our understanding. In Maths we are looking at place value in 3 digit numbers. We began by mind-mapping the information we already know about a number and have been building on that all week. To support our understanding, we have been exploring a variety of visual images and considering how we can partition numbers in different ways. We have also been revising our 2, 5 and 10 times tables in our additional maths sessions. As part of our History topic, we considered our question - Flintstones: Fact or Fiction? We analysed the cartoon to identify what we thought was true and false about life in the Stone Age. We also composed questions about the Stone Age, which will help to guide our learning throughout the half term. In RE, we are beginning our topic on Homes, looking at what makes a house a home and is there a recipe for a happy family. We have had an extremely busy week and are excited for the learning journey we have begun.

Year 4HB

This week, we have done some writing on the fictional planet of Pandora. We imagined that we were an astronaut visiting this strange planet and wrote a blog back to those on Earth. The children did some wonderful writing, describing the dangerous creatures and the breathtaking landscapes. In Science, we created our own criteria for sorting different groups of animals according to different characteristics. We've been getting excited about our Roman trip to Chester in a few weeks; the children can't wait for their first school trip in a long time. Everyone in 4DS has made a good start to the year and after a hard week's work, we are all looking forward to the Summer Fair!

Year 4HB

4HB have had a great start to our new school year. We read the first part of Marcus Rashford's brand new book 'You Are a Champion' which has inspired us to try our very best and believe in ourselves. As part of our Science topic of 'Living Things' we explored the range of life in our school allotments. In English we watched a part of the film 'Avatar' and did a piece of writing, using our imaginations to describe strange and wonderful creatures and plant life that exist on the moon Pandora. The children wrote some really detailed descriptions. We are all looking forward to our planned trip to Chester at the end of the month where we will learn about Roman Britain through examining artefacts, exploring ruins and listening to experts.



Y5DM

It has been an enjoyable and busy start to the year in our class. We have begun our new English book which is called 'Lean and the Place between'. In History, we have begun our topic of 'The Maya' which we have already learnt some amazing facts about. In Science, we have researched planets for our topic of 'Earth and Space' using the mini chrome books (which we are so lucky to have).

We have settled in really well and got lots of fantastic work completed.

Y5LS

5LS have had a great start to the academic year. They have taken to the new routines around their new classroom brilliantly. We have thoroughly enjoyed studying the book, 'Leon and the place between' in English and are anticipating what the mysterious box could lead to. Also, the children have been showcasing their knowledge of place value in Maths and have shown great enthusiasm.

Within our wider curriculum, we have worked hard to study timelines of Britain and the Maya, as well as researching different planets in Science for our Earth and Space topic.

Finally, the children have been keeping fit in PE by completing a fitness session earlier in the week and later demonstrated their basketball skills during their final PE session.

Here's to another fantastic week of learning next week.

Y6DF

It has been fantastic to have our class back together after the summer holidays. In Maths, we have jumped straight in with place value of numbers up to seven-digits. I have been really impressed with how the children have applied their learning from last year to the slightly larger values. In English, we have done a written piece based on Snow White, but with a twist. Rather than just retelling the story, the children adopted the perspective of the poison apple. This has resulted in some very imaginative and creative accounts. On Thursday, we also had our first Mass together as a class. The children were respectful throughout and on a personal note, it was great to finally be able to go into church and attend a service. Although we are all looking forward to the Summer Fair, the children were unable to persuade me to be on the "Soak The Teacher" stand.



yBHG

I am very impressed with how the children have settled into life in Year 6. They are proving themselves to be brilliant role models for the younger children in school. This week in class we have been exploring 7 digit numbers, particularly thinking about place value. In English, we retold the story of Snow White from the perspective of the apple which led to some fantastic discussions about the purpose of an apple and other various objects. Next week, we are looking forward to getting into our history topic 'Ancient Greece' and also thinking about our big question in RE, 'Do you have to learn love?'

A fantastic start to the year BHG- I am one very proud teacher!



Question: Do you think the Apple wanted to be poisoned in Snow White? Why?

PE with Mr Grantham

Welcome back everyone,



I am looking forward to a new year of exercise and games and I hope the children are as well. This term EYFS and KS1 will be looking at balancing and understanding about winning and losing.

KS2 will be looking at basketball; it will range of dribbling and passing skills, as well as an understanding around rules and regulations. I happy to announce that competitions will be starting up again and we have lots of them in the works, lets get that trophy cabinet filled!

Have a great weekend everyone!



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THIS WEEK IN PICTURES

It's been another remarkable week!

Here's some photographs to show some of the wonderful learning experiences...



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