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NEWSLETTER

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A MESSAGE FROM MR LAVIN

Welcome back to the first newsletter since our return to school following the mid-term break. I hope you enjoyed the break and spending some special time with your families.

We have had a great start to the term with lots of exciting things happening around school - I am sure you will enjoy reading all about these in the class summaries later in the newsletter.

Pantomime:

We started the week with a fantastic pantomime 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. Children loved it and I am sure they have told you all about it!

World War 1 Week:

We had a special themed week based on World War 1 this week. Each year group took a different aspect/ event that happened and studied it in detail. Some of the work children have produced has been outstanding and we look forward to sharing their hard work in next weeks assemblies.

Head Boy and Girl Applications:

Yesterday, myself and Mr Marley listened to the Year 6 children present their applications for Head Boy and Head Girl. What remarkable, confident children we have here at St Stephens! It is not easy to stand up in front of a crowd and present. The children did incredibly well and it was an extremely difficult decision. A huge thank you and well done to everyone who applied. We will have lots of opportunities for children to have other leadership roles this year. I would like to congratulate Camille R and Max H who have been elected as Head Girl and Head Boy. Their Deputies will be Erin R and Ted A. I am sure they will represent the school and the children amazingly!

School Photographs

On Monday it is individual, and siblings, school photographs. If your child usually comes into school in their PE on Monday, we would advise that they come into school in their full school uniform and they can change into their PE kit after the photographs have been taken. We ask that full school uniform is worn, including a school tie.

If you would like a sibling photograph with a child not attending St Stephen's yet, please queue at the hall after drop off and we will accommodate this. Please bring an umbrella for the queue if it is raining as it will be one family at a time in the hall.

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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

08/11/21	School Photo Day
11/11/21	Remembrance Day
11/11/21	Lower KS2 Classes Mass
15/11/21	Anti-Bullying Week
18/11/21	Upper KS2 Classes Mass
23/11/21	R-Y6 Nasal Flu Vaccine
25/11/21	KS1 Classes Mass
25/11/21	Y6 Safety Squad in school
01/12/21 02/12/21	Y4 Retreat in school
02/12/21	Upper KS2 Classes Mass
17/12/21	Christmas Holidays at 1:30pm

Snacks:

We are noticing an increasing number of children coming into school with chocolate, crisps and sweets for their snacks. As we are a healthy school children should have a healthy snack: fruit, rice cakes, cereal bars etc. Thank you for your cooperation.

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A MESSAGE FROM MR LAVIN CONTINUED...

St Stephen's Curriculum

During this week's staff meeting, we looked again at the curriculum we offer our children,. Our curriculum aim is:

'BE PREPARED TO MAKE A CHANGE, TO CHALLENGE, AND TO CONTRIBUTE.'

Ultimately, when children leave St Stephen's we want to ensure that our curriculum has provided them the opportunity to make a difference in the world, with a secure knowledge in its past, and how they can influence the future.

Our curriculum is separated into three aspects: Culture, Climate and Care. Our commitment:

Culture – *my place*

Children will have an understanding of significant Historical events that have **changed** our city, our country and the world and how these can influence future **change**. We will teach them the knowledge they need.

Climate – *my choice*

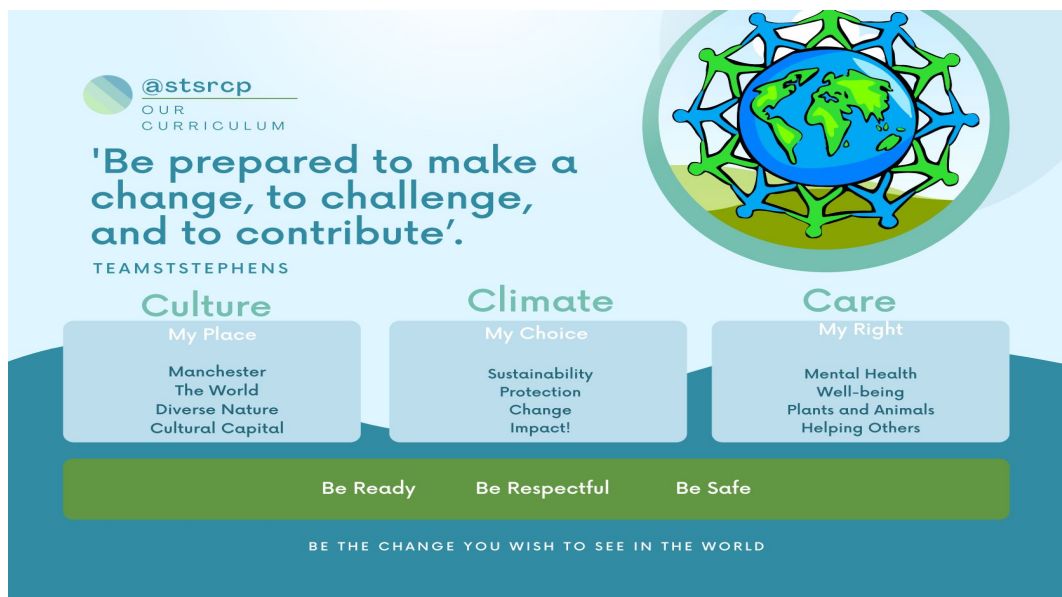
Children will understand that they have a choice and chance to influence the world they are a part of and we will provide them with the tools to **contribute**.

Care – *my right*

Children will know that they have a voice and we will enable them to use it! We will teach them how to respect themselves, how to care for others and to **challenge**.

We will be sharing more information about our school curriculum throughout the year.

Have a lovely weekend! Mr Lavin Deputy Headteacher



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Cornerstones' Harvest Appeal 2021

For many years St Stephen's have supported Cornerstone's Harvest Appeals. This year we are again kindly asking for donations to support the work done undertaken at Cornerstone.

More information regarding the Harvest Appeal can be found using the following link:

<https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/harvest-festival-appeal-2021/>

We are kindly asking for donations to be spread over the next three weeks:

Week One- 12/11/2021

Tinned items- for example- tins of vegetables, sauces, baked beans, soup, chickpeas, custard, rice pudding etc.

Week Two- 19/11/2021

Tea, Coffee, Sugar, Long life Milk

Week Three- 26/11/2021

Toiletries- Toilet paper, sanitary products, toothpaste, toothbrushes

If you would like to donate, your child can pass the donation to their class teacher or you can drop off any items to the school office.

Thank you in advance for supporting this year's Harvest Appeal.

Proverbs 22:9 The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor.

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Caritas Diocese of Salford





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Hot Chocolate Friday Winners



Nursery	Cornelia and Henry
RKF	Esme
RCL	Jake
Y1LD	Emmanuella
Y1JOD	Oscar
Y2SH	Isaac
Y2AL	Bobby
Y3LW	Olivia
Y3CS/DH	Lucie
Y4DS	Benjamin
Y4HB	Jensen
Y5LS	Isla
Y5DM	Scarlett
Y6HG	Kian
Y6DF	Lexi

Readers of the Week



Nursery	Mary
RKF	James
RCL	Evelyn
Y1LD	Noah
Y1JOD	Jensen
Y2SH	Samson
Y2AL	Vanellope
Y3LW	Lexi
Y3CS/DH	Reece
Y4DS	Megan
Y4HB	Tymoteusz
Y5LS	Eve
Y5DM	Geoff
Y6HG	Erin
Y6DF	Jayden

Handwriters of the week



Nursery	Frankie
RKF	Ava
RCL	Rahim
Y1LD	Koen
Y1JOD	Elvis
Y2SH	Estee
Y2AL	Dolly-Rae
Y3LW	Evie
Y3CS/DH	Alexis
Y4DS	Vincent
Y4HB	Blaize
Y5LS	Charlie
Y5DM	Madison
Y6HG	Isaac
Y6DF	Jayla-Leigh



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Mathematicians of the Week		Sports Stars of the Week	
Nursery	Octavia	Nursery	Ronnie
RKF	Hudson	RKF	Milliane
RCL	Henry	RCL	Jake
Y1LD	Two next week	Y1LD	Elliot
Y1JOD	Two next week	Y1JOD	Adam
Y2SH	Isla	Y2SH	Lola
Y2AL	Freddie	Y2AL	Mila
Y3LW	Aoife	Y3LW	Lexi
Y3CS/DH	Erin	Y3CS/DH	Corey
Y4DS	Evan	Y4DS	Mabel
Y4HB	Daisy	Y4HB	Harey
Y5LS	Beatrice	Y5LS	Johnathan
Y5DM	Jessica	Y5DM	Grace
Y6HG	Frasier	Y6HG	Johnny
Y6DF	Georgie	Y6DF	Jake

House Points

Blue
4344



Red
6264



Yellow
5289



Green
5934



Totals So Far!

Blue 38,533
Green 41,359
Red 37,344
Yellow 33,323



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Attendance

Whole School	92.9%
Nursery AM	84.6%
Nursery Full Day	83.8%
RKF	93.7%
RCL	91.9%
Y1LD	94.6%
Y1J'OD	98.1%
Y2AL	94.3%
Y2SH	95.8%
Y3LW	96.7%
Y3CS/DH	97.5%
Y4DS	87%
Y4HB	90.6%
Y5DM	93.3%
Y5LS	87.5%
Y6HG	96.7%
Y6DF	91.7%



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

Attendance Challenge!

If you are in school everyday this Half term then your name will be entered into a draw for a very special prize!

100%

Good Luck!



St Stephen's Attendance League

St Stephen's Attendance League EYFS & KS1			
Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: 2AL	12	5th: RKF	5
2nd: 1J0'D	10	6th: NurFD	3
3rd: NurAM	7	6th: RCL	3
3rd: 2SH	7		
4th: 1LD	6		

St Stephen's Attendance League KS2			
Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: Y6DF	16	6th: Y4HB	2
2nd: Y3CS/DS	11	6th: Y5LS	2
3rd: Y3LW	8	7th: Y5DM	1
4th: Y4DS	7		
5th: Y6HG	4		

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Religious Education

Come and See

This term, our whole school Come and See topic will focus on the Sacraments.

Nursery through to Year 3 will be learning about being welcomed into God's family through the sacrament of Baptism.

In Year 4 the children will explore Confirmation and what it means to be called and chosen.

The Year 5 classes will discuss what is commitment and how this relates to marriage.

In Year 6, the children will learn about Holy Orders.

To prepare for these lessons, at home you could share pictures of the children and/or family members receiving one of the sacraments and talk about the special day.

Mass Times

This week KS1 celebrated Mass in Church with Father Wilson. KS2 are looking forward to their masses over the next two weeks.

Saturday Vigil : 5.30pm

Sunday: 10.30am

Parish Priest: Father B. Wilson

Prayer of the Week

In November, we pray for all the souls of people we have lost.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.



All Saints Day

On Monday, we celebrated All Saints Day in school within our classes. Throughout the week, the children have learnt about different Saints in their collective worships sessions in school. At home, you could choose a Saint and complete some research. Why not see if you share a name with a saint?





Our Fantastic Learning!

Nursery

What a lovely first week back after half term we have had. We started our new topic, Special Celebrations. This week we look at Diwali and Bonfire Night. For Diwali we look at how it is the festival of lights, and we made our own Diwali candles. We made lots of Rangoli patterns and danced to traditional Diwali music. Today we have been painting firework pictures, learning how to stay safe on bonfire night and we made our very own chocolate apples!

In forest school this week we met our new Friend, Harry the Hedgehog. We had to find where he is hiding. This week we made a hibernation house for hedgehogs so that they can come and hibernate in there over winter. Will be learning all about hedgehogs and how we are going to look after them just like we did with the Bees.

We started our 'writing' this week - We call it a 'Pen party' - we squiggle whilst we wiggle! We are learning to mark make and dance whilst we do it! We had lots of fun in our PE and Bikeability session too.

Reception

Magic spells, potions, wands and a boy called Jack!

This week began with a fantastic pantomime, Jack and the Beanstalk! The children loved it. In class we read the story and the children responded with amazing writing and drawing.

We made our own magic potions and explored what happens when you add different ingredients into the mix. It was exciting to see fizzing explosions and colours changing. We have also been making our own magic wands. We used lots of different materials. We are thinking about how we can use our wands to make a wish or cast a spell!

In mathematics we have been busy noticing things. We have been asking questions such as "what is different?" and "what is the same?". We have also been improving our counting skills.

We have enjoyed the Autumn sunshine. Collecting leaves is perfect for noticing. We have talked about size, shape and colour.

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Year 1

Year 1 have made an excellent start to the new half term.

We have been working very hard on subtraction this week both mentally and using concrete apparatus to help us.

Our new story book in English is 'Giraffes can't dance'. We overheard Mr. Lavin say that it was 'His favourite book'. We looked at alliteration when choosing animal names and had lots of fun.

In history this week we have been learning about WWI and the life of Arthur Herbert Proctor. He won the Victoria cross for bravery and you can find a blue plaque for him at St. Mary's church in Droylsden. We visited St. Stephens church for a lovely mass on Thursday morning and our singing was beautiful.

Year 2

It was lovely to welcome the children back after the half term holiday. They started the week on a high with a great Panto performance of Jack & the Beanstalk. They have quickly settled into the routines of the week and have enjoyed their learning. In English we have started a new book called a "I want my hat back" by Jon Klassen. The children have made predictions about the character of the bear and are looking forward to writing their own narrative in the weeks to come.

In Maths we have been investigating arrays and beginning to learn our 2's, 5's and 10's timetables. We finished off our science topic by learning about the inventor John McAdam and road building materials. As part of the whole school focus on World War One the children enjoyed learning about how animals helped during the war.

Ask your child about the Purple Poppy.



Year 3

In year 3 this week we have been learning about WWI in preparation for Remembrance Day. We have focused on the 1914 Christmas truce, producing a diary entry from the perspective of a soldier and creating artwork in the style of Claude Monet's 'Field of Poppies' 1873. In Maths, we have been applying our learning of the addition of 3 digit numbers and multiples of 100 to word problems. We have also used number lines to add and subtract one digit numbers to and from a 3 digit number respectively. We have begun our new book in English, 'The Dark' by Lemmon Snicket, making predictions based on the front cover and checking our comprehension of the text. We have also consolidated our learning of adverbs, selecting appropriate adverbs to complete a sentence and using them in our own sentences. The children especially enjoyed acting out actions in a particular way for the other children to guess. In Science, we have begun our new topic 'Amazing Bodies', looking at the human skeleton and labelling the main bones of the bodies. Finally, the children loved our pantomime 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. They were eager to join in, singing with the actors, booing, cheering and participating in Tik Tok dancing. A thoroughly enjoyable experience and so important to promote the enjoyment of theatre.

Question - Why was the truce on Christmas day 1914 so miraculous?

Year 4

This week, the children returned from their break refreshed and ready for this half term. We started the week off with a pantomime - Jack and the Beanstalk which the children really enjoyed. In class, we have spent some time thinking about World War One. As Remembrance Day approaches, we wanted to learn more about the war and what started it. The children were given news clippings and eyewitness statements and were asked to become detectives. They used the resources to find clues and work out what chain events led to the start of the war. We learnt all about the assassination of Archduke Francis Ferdinand. We used all of this information to write a diary entry from the point of view of his bodyguard, retelling the events of that fateful day. Mrs Bilic's class had their first Djembe drum lesson this week while Miss Scaife's class did some computing. The children have really enjoyed getting to experience and learn about different things and lots of great discussions have been had.

Question: What triggered the start of WWI?



Year 5

Year 5 have had an exciting week first week back after the half term. We began with our pantomime 'Jack and the Beanstalk' which the children absolutely loved. Throughout the week, we have concluded our Science topic about Earth and Space and started exploring our new topic, 'Properties of Materials'. The children are extremely excited to be working scientifically this half term and conducting their own science investigations.

We have also continued with our music sessions. 5LS are now studying a singing unit and 5DM have started their brass instrument lessons.

As a theme this week, we have been studying WWI and looking closely at life in the trenches. We have read short letters from the trenches, written diary entries in role as a soldier and created some beautiful artwork.

Finally, we have now completed our Maya topic in History. The children were lucky enough to partake in a workshop with the ONLY UK based archaeologist who specialises in the study of the Maya. The children were thoroughly engaged listening to Dr Diane Davies' accounts of her time in the rainforest and finding out about the discoveries she had made during her digs. She even brought the artefacts she had found to show us. Here they became archaeologists themselves and took part in historical enquiry activities.

Well done Year 5 for a fantastic week and representing our school brilliantly.

Year 6

Year 6 have made a fantastic start to the new half term! The highlight of this week for Mrs Gibson, Mr Fitch and Miss Allcock has to be the Head Boy and Head Girl speeches. We were beaming with pride as the children read out their speeches to Mr Marley, Mr Lavin and their classmates. It was inspiring hearing about the plans the children had for the school and their enthusiasm for St Stephen's- Well done!

This week has been World War One week and the focus in Year 6 has been the role of women in the war. Next week, we will conclude our work on this by writing a diary entry in the role of a nurse.

In English, we have concluded our work on Romeo and Juliet and have begun our new text 'Wonder'. In Maths, we have been consolidating our knowledge of factors. Next week, we are looking forward to starting our new RE and Geography units!

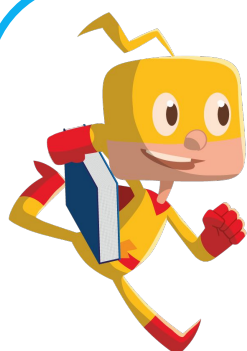
Question- What roles did women undertake during World War One?

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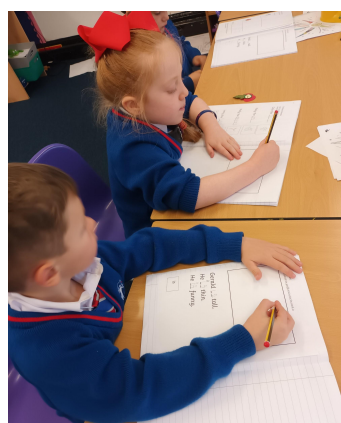
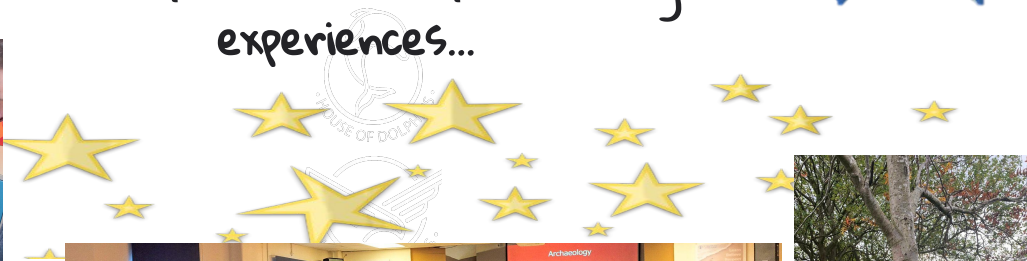
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THIS WEEK IN PICTURES



It's been another remarkable week!
Here's some photographs to show
some of the wonderful learning
experiences...



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