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NEWSLETTER

Friday 19th November 2021
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A MESSAGE FROM MR LAVIN

I hope you have all have had a lovely week and are looking forward to a well deserved weekend!

It has been a great week in school as our focus turned to 'Anti-Bullying Week'. It started off with Odd Socks Day and finished today with our 'Show Racism the Red Card' day. Children have completed lots of different activities focusing on diversity and I am sure you will read all about it in the class summaries later in the newsletter.

Christmas Productions - Nursery, Reception Year 1 and Year 2

It feels wrong to mention the word 'Christmas' as we are still in November, however I thought it would be best to share some important dates with you for your diaries. It is our plan to have limited live audiences at our productions this year. Each performance will be completed twice and you will be invited to attend **one** of the performances. Each child will receive 2 tickets for one of the shows. **Class teachers will email you directly to confirm which show you will be able to attend.**

We will have some restrictions in place, hand washing on entry, face masks to be worn, and sitting spaced out from other audience members. We also encourage you to complete an LFT home test the morning of the performance. As infection rates are still high, these are provisional dates, we have a 'Plan B', which will be to record the shows like we did last year.

The **provisional** Christmas timetable is as follows:

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

23/11/21	R-Y6 Nasal Flu Vaccine
24/11/21	Reception Class Trip
25/11/21	KS1 Classes Mass
25/11/21	Y6 Safety Squad in school
01/12/21	Y4 Retreat in school
02/12/21	Upper KS2 Classes Mass
02/12/21	Y1 Vision Test
05/12/21	PTA Christmas Makers Markets
17/12/21	Christmas Holidays at 1:30pm

Monday 6th December	Tuesday 7th December	Wednesday 8th December	Thursday 9th December	Friday 10th December
Nursery Nativity at 10:00am in the Nursery classroom	Nursery Nativity at 10:00am in the Nursery classroom	Reception Nativity at 9:30am in the school hall Year 1 Carol Concert at 2:30pm n the school hall	Reception Nativity at 9:30am n the school hall Year 1 Carol Concert at 2:30pm n the school hall	Christmas Jumper Day Year 2 Play at 9:30am n the school hall Year 2 Play at 2:00pm n the school hall
Monday 13th December	Tuesday 14th December	Wednesday 15th December	Thursday 16th December	Friday 17th December
	Key Stage 2 Carol Service in Church at 2pm	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Party Days		School finishes for Christmas at 1:30pm

Have a lovely weekend with your families,

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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Hot Chocolate Friday Winners



Nursery	Rosie & Deedee
RKF	Ava
RCL	Arabella
Y1LD	Tegan
Y1JOD	Ivy
Y2SH	Flynn
Y2AL	Dolly-Rae
Y3LW	Jamie-Leigh
Y3CS/DH	Leila
Y4DS	Cody
Y4HB	Toby
Y5LS	Heidi
Y5DM	Amelia
Y6HG	Isaac
Y6DF	Harley

Readers of the Week



Nursery	Arthur
RKF	Harrison
RCL	Deanah
Y1LD	Kingston
Y1JOD	Pippa
Y2SH	Yasmin
Y2AL	Joshua
Y3LW	James
Y3CS/DH	Farren
Y4DS	Desta
Y4HB	Isabella
Y5LS	Olivia
Y5DM	Grace
Y6HG	Ella
Y6DF	Katy

Handwriters of the week



Nursery	Jessica
RKF	Thomas
RCL	Kinglsey
Y1LD	Harrison
Y1JOD	Clark
Y2SH	Riley-James
Y2AL	Donaeo
Y3LW	Ted
Y3CS/DH	Beau
Y4DS	Hanna
Y4HB	Louie
Y5LS	Ashley
Y5DM	Mia
Y6HG	Hollyanne
Y6DF	Lily-Mae



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Mathematicians of the Week		Sports Stars of the Week	
Nursery	Harper	Nursery	Harper
RKF	Grace	RKF	Samuel
RCL	Olivia	RCL	Felix
Y1LD	Roman	Y1LD	Tegan
Y1JOD	Brooke	Y1JOD	Ivy
Y2SH	Avaya	Y2SH	Luca
Y2AL	Jacob	Y2AL	Lotsie
Y3LW	Harrison	Y3LW	Delilah
Y3CS/DH	Ellenore	Y3CS/DH	Charlie
Y4DS	Khaceriah	Y4DS	Vincent
Y4HB	Freddie	Y4HB	Poppy
Y5LS	Roman	Y5LS	Frederick
Y5DM	Lilia	Y5DM	Mia
Y6HG	Desmond	Y6HG	Evie
Y6DF	Jamie	Y6DF	Jamie

House Points

Blue

2708



Red

2803



Yellow

2913



Green

2559



Totals So Far!

Blue 46,222

Green 48,804

Red 44,307

Yellow 40,791



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Attendance

Whole School	94.1%
Nursery AM	87.2%
Nursery Full Day	89.9%
RKF	93.2%
RCL	93.8%
Y1LD	90.2%
Y1J'OD	98.1%
Y2AL	95.8%
Y2SH	92.1%
Y3LW	97.9%
Y3CS/DH	91.3%
Y4DS	94.8%
Y4HB	94.9%
Y5DM	98.2%
Y5LS	92.7%
Y6HG	98.3%
Y6DF	90.4%



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	15	4th: 2SH	7
2nd: 1JO'D	13	5th: RCL	4
3rd: RKF	8	6th: NurFD	3
3rd: 1LD	8		
4th: NurAM	7		

St Stephen's Attendance League KS2			
Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: Y6DF	18	6th: Y5DM	3
2nd: Y3LW	12	7th: Y5LS	2
3rd: Y3CS/DS	11	7th: Y4HB	2
4th: Y4DS	8		
5th: Y6HG	7		

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Religious Education

Sacramental Programme 2021-2022 Year 4 Children

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

As you may be aware, this is the year your child is to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Holy Communion.

Father Wilson warmly invites you to a parents meeting regarding the Sacramental Programme on **Wednesday 1st December at 7.30pm**. This meeting will take place in Church. Due to Covid regulations in place at Church, face masks are to be worn unless exempt. We thank you in advance for this.

If you are unable to make the meeting, please contact Father Wilson directly either after Mass or via telephone: 0161 370 1505

Saturday Vigil : 5.30pm
Sunday: 10.30am
Parish Priest: Father B. Wilson

Come and See

These are the following big questions that the children are exploring in class. At home, ask your child what Sacrament they have been learning about in class and how it links to this question.

Nursery and Reception- Why is welcome important?

Year 1- What does it mean to belong?

Year 2- Are signs and symbols important?

Year 3- Why make promises?

Year 4- What does it mean to be called and chosen?

Year 5- Is commitment important?

Year 6- What is commitment in life?

Prayer of the Week

Father God,
We pray for those today who are sad and upset, Who are grieving for the ones they love. We want to wrap our thoughts and prayers around them, Comfort and protect them. Father God, Please help them to know how much we care, How much we feel for their loss, For their heartache and pain, And as we pray, our hearts go out to them.

Amen



Our Fantastic Learning!

Nursery

What a lovely week of learning we have had. This week we have been looking birthday celebrations. Our story was Spot's birthday party. We discussed what we needed to celebrate a birthday and what we needed for a party. We then held our own birthday party for Spot. We made cakes, invitation cards and played party games.

This week we have look at being kind and what it means for anti-bullying week. We have also looked at celebrating our differences.

We had our forest school session with Mrs Artingstall, where we had to find Harry the Hedgehog again as he had disappeared, and we learnt some interesting facts about hedgehogs.

We had lots of fun in our PE and Bike-ability session too.

Reception

We have had a fantastic week in our busy Reception class. The children were delighted to receive a letter from Baby Bear who invited them into the Bear's cottage. We are sure the Bear family will love the amazing cards that were made to cheer up Baby Bear. The children have also been reading their phonics books to the bears!

Through stories we have explored and talked about the themes of kindness and respect. "Monty the Manatee" showed us how wonderful and unique we all are. Other stories that we have enjoyed this week are "The Button Box" and "My Skin Your Skin".

We are also working very hard learning new songs for our Nativity.



Year 1

Year 1 have had a very exciting week! We made party invitations for Gerald the giraffes jungle party and went to his party in the tent on Tuesday afternoon with all the animals we had invited. We had balloons and animal masks that we had made.

To celebrate diversity week we read a book written by a Polish author. We wrote our own solutions to the Kings problem, which was how to get rid of the dragon. We made our own dragon model too. In maths we are still working very hard on our number bonds to 8. Our science work this week was to find things in our classroom made from different kinds of materials. We could describe the objects too.

In Religion we talked about belonging. The children told us about their families and clubs outside of school where they felt they belonged.

Year 2

Another busy week in Year 2 comes to an end and the children have worked very hard. In English the children wrote some fabulous diaries from the point of view of the bear, from our story of I Want My Hat Back by Jon Klassen.

In maths we challenged ourselves to use our times tables to solve problems. The children showed resilience and perseverance especially when some of our challenges had more than one answer!

We continue to learn about the sacrament of Baptism in our RE Sessions. We also began thinking about our new geography topic comparing the cities of Manchester and Nairobi. The children are eager to find out more.

As part of our work for Diversity week each class chose a book to explore.

2AL have been reading Shine by Sarah Asuquo. It is all about celebrating our differences and unique qualities. We have created posters about what makes us special and written a poem about how we can let our own light shine through.

2SH have been reading The Smeds and the Smoo by Julia Donaldson. It is lovely story with a simple message; our cultures and the way we look should never be something to separate us. The children wrote some thoughtful letters to express their views through the story.

Talk to your child about the City of Manchester.



Year 3

Another busy week in year 3! This week we have been exploring models and images for multiplication and division, including using arrays, grouping, sharing, repeated addition and number lines. In English, we have been learning how to accurately punctuate direct speech, which we then applied to our narratives about 'The Dark'. Most children retold the story from the viewpoint of the Dark, whilst some children took the viewpoint of the lightbulb. This was an opportunity to combine everything we have been learning in English this term. In our comparative unit for Geography, we located Manchester and Thessaloniki on a map and used aerial photographs to compare the physical and human features of each city. This week, we have also been considering diversity. We have read a number of short stories from 'See What I Can do' by Jon Roberts. In particular, we read about children with Autism, ADHD, hearing impairments, sight loss, Epilepsy and brittle bones. Each group created a tableaux of their story, which we will be sharing in our assembly next week. The children's drama and presentations skills shone through!

Question - What is the difference between physical and human features in Geography?
Can you give some examples?

Year 4

This week, we have been celebrating diversity and talking about how we can put an end to bullying as part of Anti-Bullying Week. Our learning has been centered around a book that has been carefully chosen to help educate ourselves and others in the importance of understanding and celebrating the diverse society that we live in. Both Year 4 classes have been busy preparing a play based on their book and we are planning to perform them next week in assembly. The children have been working hard in all their lessons, in particular English, in which they have written excellent stories about The Sandman.

Question: What continent is Brazil in?



Year 5

Year 5 have had another great, yet busy, week. In English we have continued to study Room 13 and track the strange events that have happened on the Whitby trip. The children have been adopting the role of the teacher then typing and sending emails. In Maths, we have been considering different methods to subtract. The children have worked hard to think mathematically and make decisions about the most efficient method to use.

Also, we have been continuing with our Science unit (properties of materials). The children thoroughly enjoyed completing an investigation around dissolving. In Design and Technology, the children have been creating their own vegetarian pasta sauces. We hope they were a treat and were a hit at home!

Finally, this week has been our diversity week. Miss Seville's class have been reading a range of books which cover different diverse aspects of life. We have been studying 'Pearl Power' closely and looked more closely at different families and the value of what 'family' means. The children then wrote a response to an advice column in a magazine and completed a presentation about diverse families.

Mr Muschamp's class have been studying 'My Friend Jake has Autism'. We have created book covers and wrote letters to the author thanking her for the book.

Question: What do we mean by the saturation point?

Year 6

We've had another brilliant week in Year 6 this week! For diversity week, we looked at the book 'We are Family'. We thought about, and shared, how our families were different and we celebrated different cultures and traditions. We then wrote and illustrated books about different types of families for our special friends in Reception. We can't wait to share these next week!

In D&T we have started our food technology unit on Ancient Greek food. We have researched what food was eaten during this time period and placed it on the Eatwell-Plate.

In Maths, we have completed our unit of work on factors ready to begin long multiplication next week.

We ended this week with a fantastic debate. The topic being debated this week was: 'Is it possible to have an eco-friendly Christmas?' The children are becoming increasingly confident in structuring and presenting their arguments.

Next week, we are excited to welcome 'Safety Squad' into school.

Question: Why did people in Ancient Greece eat a lot of seafood?



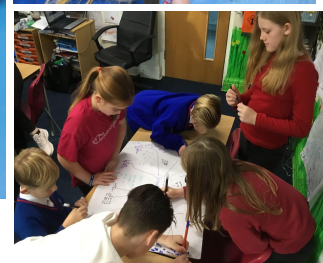
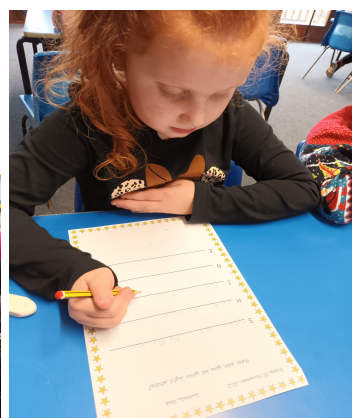
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THIS WEEK IN PICTURES

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



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