



St Stephen's RCP

'A world class school for children that want to make the world a better place as God intended.'

NEWSLETTER

Friday 11th February 2022

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A MESSAGE FROM MR LAVIN...

I hope you and your families are well. It has certainly been an amazing week for me personally and professionally.

Hopefully, you will have received the letter (via email) from our Chair of Governors on Wednesday afternoon confirming my appointment as the new Headteacher of St Stephen's. I feel honoured and privileged to be given the opportunity to lead this great school and take it forward on our journey for greatness.

My vision for St Stephen's is:

'A world class school for children that want to make the world a better place as God intended'

What you should know about me:

- I am determined to offer your child the very best education possible
- I have extremely high expectations on behaviour for learning and will ensure that children are treated with the respect they deserve. In turn, they should always follow our school rules of **'Be Ready, Be Respectful, Be Safe'**
- I am on a constant journey of self improvement and I am dedicated to serve the community of our school and parish
- Ultimately, I want the very best for the children of St Stephen's. Alongside the great team of staff here at school, we want to shape the children of the future and we will ensure that we provide them with the opportunities to succeed academically, mentally, socially and spiritually.

I have received such a warm response to this news and from the bottom of my heart I thank you for all of your well wishes and support. I am truly excited about the future of our school and cannot wait to take you all on this journey with us.

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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

14/02/22	RSE Virtual Parent Meetings Nursery- Year 2 9.15am and 4pm
15/02/22	Reception Fairytale Day
16/02/22	Year 4DS Class Assembly
16/02/22	RSE Virtual Parent Meetings Year 3- Year 6 9.15am and 4pm
17/02/22	Y6 and Reception Mass (6DF and RCL)
18/02/22	Half term begins at 3:15pm



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A MESSAGE FROM MR LAVIN CONTINUED...

To achieve our vision, we will all need to work together and I am keen to hear your views and opinions on how we can take St Stephens forward.

Below is a link to a parent survey, all answers are anonymous, however there is an option for you to record your details if you would like to discuss anything further. The link will close on Tuesday 15th February at 12pm.

Please [click here](#) to take the survey.

Just a few reminders as we move into the final week of this term:

- **Beginning of the school day.** Please remember that the classroom doors open at **8:40am** and your children can enter school from this time. Registers are taken at **8:55am** and if children arrive after this time they will receive a late mark. You should use children's classroom doors up to 9:00 am as their class teacher can place a late mark in the register until 9:00 am. However, after this time, the entrance gates will close and children should be brought to the school office where they will be signed in as late after the register closes. Punctuality is so important and a prompt start to the school day is vital.
- **School ties.** We are seeing an increasing number of children not wearing school ties. Please remember that this is our school uniform. Full school uniform is part of our 'world class basics' so please do ensure your child is in full school uniform each day. Please use half term holiday to purchase a new tie from the uniform shop if your child does not have one I would greatly appreciate it. We have placed an order with our uniform company and hopefully will have a stock of school ties available to purchase soon. We will let you know when they are here.
- **RSE Parent Meetings.** You will have received an email this week from Mrs Gibson regarding parent meetings to share with you key information on our RSE Scheme of work. Dates and information is provided in the 'Religious Education' page of this newsletter.
- **Half term holidays.** Our mid-term break begins on Friday 18th February and school reopens on Monday 28th February.

I wanted to say a huge well done to Sara, Mia and Jensen, who held a toy sale on their street and raised £50 for a chosen children's charity. St Stephen's are so proud of you!

As always, thank you for your continued support. It is an exciting time to lead our school and I look forward to celebrating all of our success with you in the coming weeks, months and years.

Enjoy the rest of the newsletter, especially reading all of the fantastic learning from this week!

Enjoy the weekend with your loved ones,

Mr Lavin, Head teacher (So excited to officially say 'Headteacher!')



Hot Chocolate Friday Winners



Nursery	Arthur&Poppy
RKF	Harrison
RCL	Freddie
Y1LD	Emily
Y1J00	Luna
Y2SH	Layla
Y2AL	Daisy
Y3LW	Lyla
Y3CS/DH	Jensen
Y4DS	Nancy
Y4HB	Poppy
Y5LS	Jude Bonnie Layla Isla Eve
Y5DM	Anais
Y6HG	Stanley
Y6DF	Jayla-Leigh

Readers of the Week



Nursery	Gabriella-Rose
RKF	Esme
RCL	Panagiotis
Y1LD	Roman
Y1J00	Ivy
Y2SH	Charlie
Y2AL	Noah
Y3LW	Ted
Y3CS/DH	Orla
Y4DS	Mason
Y4HB	Blaize
Y5LS	Roman
Y5DM	Ronan
Y6HG	Desmond
Y6DF	Noah

Handwriters of the week



Nursery	Scarlett
RKF	Gabrielle
RCL	Arabella
Y1LD	Riley
Y1J00	Thomas
Y2SH	Hamilton
Y2AL	Freddie
Y3LW	Scarlett
Y3CS/DH	Bea
Y4DS	Alica
Y4HB	Oscar
Y5LS	Evie
Y5DM	Ruby
Y6HG	Emelia
Y6DF	Kate





Mathematicians of the Week

Nursery	Henry
RKF	James
RCL	Deanah
Y1LD	Kingston
Y1J00	Bruce
Y2SH	Isla
Y2AL	Joshua
Y3LW	Jemima
Y3CS/DH	Alexis
Y4DS	Tan
Y4HB	Kiera
Y5LS	Heidi
Y5DM	Jayden M
Y6HG	Harry
Y6DF	Damiete

Sports Stars of the Week

Nursery	Luke
RKF	Roman
RCL	Parker
Y1LD	Klayson
Y1J00	Lydia
Y2SH	Samson
Y2AL	Vanellope
Y3LW	Harrison H
Y3CS/DH	Alexis
Y4DS	Mason
Y4HB	Eddie T
Y5LS	Evie
Y5DM	Charlotte
Y6HG	Stanley
Y6DF	Leyland

House Points

Blue



Red

Yellow



Green

Totals So Far!

Blue 76, 416
 Green 82, 905
 Red 75, 984
 Yellow 76, 749



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Attendance

Whole School	92.7%
Nursery AM	100%
Nursery Full Day	94.7%
RKF	89.2%
RCL	93.7%
Y1LD	88.8%
Y1J'OD	92.9%
Y2AL	93.1%
Y2SH	99.5%
Y3LW	95%
Y3CS/DH	95%
Y4DS	91.4%
Y4HB	94.6%
Y5DM	80.5%
Y5LS	93.3%
Y6HG	88.8%
Y6DF	98.8%

Attendance Challenge!

If you are in school everyday this Half term then your name will be entered into a draw for a **100%** 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	25	5th: NurFD	12
2nd: 1J0'D	20	6th: 1LD	10
2nd: 2SH	20	7th: RKF	9
3rd: RCL	15		
3rd: NurAM	15		

St Stephen's Attendance League KS2

Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: Y6DF	36	6th: Y4DS	13
2nd: Y3CS/DS	22	7th: Y5LS	5
3rd: Y3LW	20	8th: Y4HB	4
4th: Y5DM	15		
5th: Y6HG	14		



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

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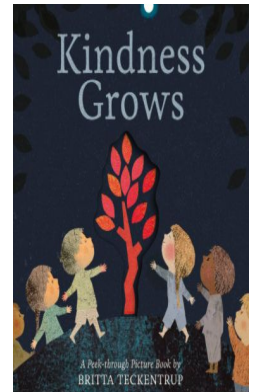
A Net Full of Fish



This week, Mr Lavin shared assemblies for some of our KS2 classes. Mr Lavin asked the children to think about the weeks Gospel- The Catching of the Fish (Luke 5:1-11).

Mr Lavin spoke to the children about what a miracle is and the miracles Jesus performed. He then asked the children to think about the mini miracles they can perform daily though being kind.

This week at St Stephen's, we have tried to show an act of kindness at least once a day to make someone smile.



RSE Parent Meetings

Mrs Gibson will be holding RSE parent meetings, virtually, on the following dates.

Zoom links will be sent the day prior to the meeting to all parents- places do not need to be booked in advance.

Nursery- Year 2
Monday 14th February
9.15am and 4pm

Year 3- Year 6
Wednesday 16th February
9.15am and 4pm

Nursery- Year 6
Monday 28th February
5pm

Prayer of the Week

Hold my hand, God,
Lead the way,
Help me choose good every day.
Let me know what's wrong and
right,
Keep me safe day and night,
Let me know what you have
planned,
Lead the way God,
Hold my hand.
Amen

Mass Times St Stephen's



Saturday Vigil : 5.30pm



Sunday: 10.30am

Father B. Wilson 0161 370 1505



Nursery

In nursery this week we have been hunting for dinosaur fossils! We even made our own using salt dough. We have been exploring with paint, creating dinosaur footprints and painting freely on our easel.

In our outdoor area, we searched high and low for dinosaurs, talking about what they are called and what they ate. We then sorted them into carnivores and herbivores.

Reception

We have had a wonderful week. We are happy and excited by the news that Mr Lavin is our new Headteacher. Well done to Mr Lavin!

This week we have really enjoyed looking at maps of Droylsden and locating our own houses on our own individual maps.

We had to come to the rescue of the vegetables as the evil pea from the book Supertato had frozen them in blocks of ice! Luckily the children found a way to free them. We also made our own rain clouds.

Through story we have talked about things that make us feel happy and we have listened to relaxing music that made us feel peaceful.

Thank you for sending in the grandparent "interviews".

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Year 1

It's been another exciting week in year 1. We went outside to play 'The Beanbag Game'. This helped us to consolidate our knowledge and understanding of counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and we had great fun counting up our scores. In English this week we have continued with our work on a non-fiction text about Dinosaurs. We have learned all about imperative (bossy) verbs and used them in our writing. We had to write a set of instructions for looking after a pet Dinosaur. In our R.E work we discussed the story of 'The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple' and also when Jesus got lost in the Temple. We were able to relate it to our own real-life experiences of getting lost. In our art lesson we looked at the work of Kandinsky and painted colour wheels in his style. We listened to Latin music and used instruments to keep the pulse in our music session. As it's been 'Mental wellbeing' week we have done activities that have been fun. For example we made a treasure chest and put inside all the things we are good at.

Year 2

Year 2 have been working very hard this week. In English we have been planning and writing our own narratives based on the story of Pretty by Canizales. The children have been very imaginative with their settings and characters.

In our maths lessons we have been learning to read analogue clocks to the quarter hour. Next week we will move on to tell the time at 5 minute intervals.

We completed our RE unit on Books and shared some of our favourite Gospel stories. We also had a lovely session with Mrs Farmer on our Year 2 retreat. We celebrated God's love through song, art and prayer.

Encourage your child to try and read the time to 15 intervals.

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Year 3

What a lovely week in year 3! We have been celebrating Children's Mental Health Week by participating in daily meditation sessions. We have also been learning 'Lean on Me' by Bill Withers, which recognises how we can support each other in times of need. Through Mr Lavin's assembly, we identified how we could make a difference to someone this week and have been completing random acts of kindness throughout the week.

In Design Technology, we investigated a range of pneumatic systems and created one of our own, using tubing, a syringe and balloon. We then tested our design ideas for our Moving Monster before settling on a final design. We can't wait to create our Moving Monsters next week. Thank you for all the donations of boxes, tubes and washing-up bottles.

Question - Can you name some objects which use pneumatics?

Year 4

What a busy week in Year 4! We began our History unit 'Anglo-Saxons and Scots' this week and to support our learning, we read the Anglo-Saxon myth 'Beowulf'. As part of our English lessons, we used the myth to write some Kennings poems about the monster 'Grendel'. The children really enjoyed generating gruesome vocabulary and were able to use all of these fantastic ideas to write some brilliant poems. In addition, we drew some sketches of our interpretation of Grendel. We have some extremely talented artists in Year 4!

In Maths, we began learning about equivalent fractions. Although some found this difficult at first, with a bit resilience and some dividing of chocolate cake they were soon grasping the concept. As part of Mental Health Awareness Week, we took part in daily mindfulness activities and the children had great fun 'dressing to express' to finish the week off.

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Year 5

This week in Year 5 we have started our exciting new Art topic. We are looking at the work of Roy Lichtenstein and his Pop Art creations. We have analysed and researched him this week. Over the next few lessons, the children will be creating their own pieces. In English we have focused on grammar focuses (apostrophes) and related this work to our Chak De India story. In maths we have completed our multiplication unit and even tested out our knowledge on some practice SATS questions. With it being mental health week, we have done lots of work centred around growing as people and understanding ourselves and our emotions. We have created poems, produced art work and participated in a live online lesson through the BBC.

Year 6

This week, Year 6 have been combining their usual learning with some wellbeing activities to mark Children's Mental Health Week. This has included meditation, artwork and nature walks, along with discussions on having a positive mindset and how we can help others to grow.

We have continued our work on fractions, with the children practising comparing and ordering fractions with different denominators. In French, we have been continuing our focus on school,

with the children learning to say which subjects they study and the time of the lesson. We have also started our History topic (World War II - The Front Line) by looking at a timeline of the key events through the war.

Question: How would you say "I study History on Tuesdays at midday" in French?

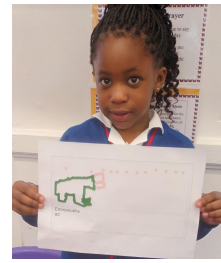
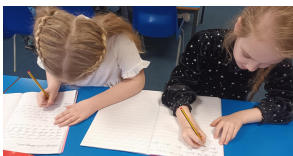
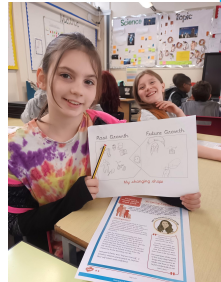
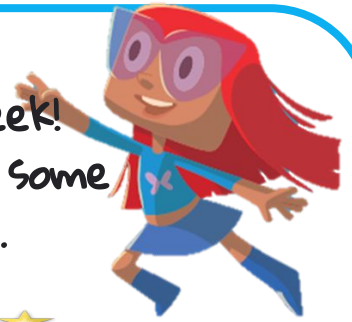
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THIS WEEK IN PICTURES

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



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