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# NEWSLETTER

Friday 18th February 2022

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## A MESSAGE FROM MR LAVIN...

I hope you have had a wonderful week and your families are well. We've made it to the end of a successful term here at St Stephen's and I am sure we are all ready for a good, restful break over the mid-term break.

There has been lots of great things happening here in school and I am so pleased with the progress that our children have made.

We continue to strengthen our curriculum offer for children, making sure it is fully preparing them for their future. I have seen some fantastic artwork, read some beautiful examples of writing in the wider curriculum, and enjoyed listening to children excelling in their music lessons.

### COVID-19

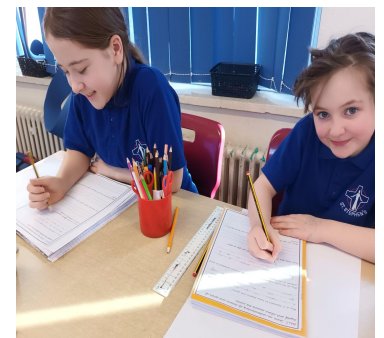
COVID has caused some disruption, meaning a number of classes have had to isolate within the school at times. However, children have taken this in their stride and continued to be their happy selves.

According to the media, the Prime Minister is due to make an announcement next week regarding removing all COVID restrictions. We have been given no direction as of yet, but as soon as I receive it, I will make sure you are made aware. All current arrangements to the start and the end of day will continue as normal.

### Parent's Evening

You should have received an email this week to confirm arrangements for Parent's Evening the first week back after the holidays. I am sure you will enjoy hearing about your child's progress, understanding their targets for improvement and love seeing some of their work. Please do make every effort to attend if you can.

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## A MESSAGE FROM MR LAVIN CONTINUED...

### **New School Website**

Hopefully over the break, we will be launching our brand new school website. The website is far easier to navigate and I am sure you will continue to enjoy seeing all of the great things happening on it. I will let you know when it is officially launched. As a part of the website, you will receive further instructions on downloading an app that works alongside it. We will be able to send you direct messages from it, hopefully further improving communication channels between home and school.

### **Parent Questionnaire**

Thank you for those who managed to complete the Parent Questionnaire. There has been some really lovely comments, also some constructive feedback on how we can continue to improve. I will publish some of the findings in the newsletters in the coming weeks.

### **Class Assemblies**

Thank you to Year 4 Miss Scaife's class for leading us in a beautiful class assembly on Wednesday. They started by sharing their dreams for the future, and then took us on a whistle stop tour of all of the great things they have been learning so far this year. The children spoke and sang with such confidence and enthusiasm. The timetable for next terms assemblies are as follows:

- Wednesday 2nd March - Year 4 Mrs Bilic - 9:10am in the school hall
- Wednesday 9th March Year 3 Mrs Shuttleworth - 9:10am in the school hall
- Wednesday 16th March Year 3 Mrs Williams - 9:10am in the school hall
- Wednesday 23th March Year 2 Miss Leigh - 9:10am in the school hall
- Wednesday 30th March Year 2 Mrs Healey - 9:10am in the school hall
- Wednesday 6th April Year 1 Mrs B - 9:10am in the school hall
- Wednesday 13th April Year 1 Mrs Delafield - 9:10am in the school hall

Last week, Mr Muschamp's class were unable to share their assembly with us due to being in isolation, I am pleased to confirm a rescheduled date of Tuesday 8th March at 9:10am in the school hall

### **Mrs O'Donnell**

Yesterday was Mrs O'Donnell's last day as Year 1 class teacher. Mrs B returned from maternity leave this week and it was great to welcome her back. I would like to thank Mrs O'Donnell for her hard work and dedication to the class. I am pleased to say that Mrs O'Donnell will actually be remaining with us at school for the next few terms to help support children with additional learning and tuition.

### **Thank you**

I would like to thank the hard work and dedication of our school staff. At times, it has been difficult to source cover, and our staff have gone above and beyond to ensure children remain in school at all times. I am sure you will join in me thanking them and hoping they all have a restful break.

Finally, I would like to thank parents for their continued well wishes this week for being appointed as our new Headteacher. It has been a great start to the new role and I look forward to building on this next term.

*Enjoy your break and I look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 28th February.*

*Mr Lavin, Head teacher*



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## DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

18/02/22	Half term begins at 3:15pm
28/02/22	School Reopens
28/02/22	Y5 Trip
01/03/22 02/03/22	Parent's Evening
02/03/22	Ash Wednesday
02/03/22	Y4HB Class Assembly
03/03/22	World Book Day - Dress up Day
08/03/22	Y5DM Class Assembly
09/03/22	Y3CS Class Assembly
10/03/22	KS1 Mass
16/03/22	Y3LW Class Assembly
17/03/22	Y5/6 Mass
23/03/22	Y2AL Class Assembly
24/03/22	Y3/4 Mass
29/03/22	Y6 Theatre Trip
30/03/22	Y2SH Class Assembly

## DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

31/03/22	KS1 Mass
04/04/22	Y6 SATs Parents Meeting 9am / 4pm
05/04/22	Year 6 Romeo and Juliet Performance and Workshop
06/04/22	Year 1 Mrs B Class Assembly
06/04/22	Y4 Multiplication Check Parents Meeting 9am/4pm
07/04/22	Y5/6 Mass
08/04/22	EYFS/KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade  KS2 Decorate an egg competition
11/04/22	Holy Week Begins
13/04/22	Y1LD Class Assembly
13/04/22	Whole School Mass at 10am
13/04/22	School closes for Easter holidays at 1:30pm
14/04/22	Staff INSET Day

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I will keep adding to this calendar as the term progresses so please keep an eye on changes.



## Hot Chocolate Friday Winners



Nursery	Noah&Luke
RKF	Oscar
RCL	Henry
Y1LD	Alex
Y1J00	Ebony
Y2SH	Joe
Y2AL	Donaeo
Y3LW	Delilah
Y3CS/DH	Nico
Y4DS	Mason
Y4HB	Toby HH
Y5LS	Damian
Y5DM	Geoff
Y6HG	Johnny
Y6DF	Katy

## Readers of the Week



Nursery	Dee Dee
RKF	Leo
RCL	Linen
Y1LD	Ember
Y1J00	Elvis
Y2SH	Esme
Y2AL	India
Y3LW	Lily
Y3CS/DH	Travis
Y4DS	Reggie
Y4HB	Jersey
Y5LS	Ashley
Y5DM	Jessica
Y6HG	Ted
Y6DF	Max

## Handwriters of the week



Nursery	Frankie
RKF	Isabelle
RCL	Kalani
Y1LD	Jeremiah
Y1J00	Willow-Rose
Y2SH	Layla
Y2AL	Mila
Y3LW	Audrey
Y3CS/DH	Lily-Grace
Y4DS	Alana
Y4HB	Ethan
Y5LS	Louie
Y5DM	Carlos
Y6HG	Harry
Y6DF	Kate





## Mathematicians of the Week

Nursery	Myla
RKF	Sam
RCL	Olivia
Y1LD	Leila
Y1JOO	Thomas
Y2SH	Saul
Y2AL	Patrick
Y3LW	Liam
Y3CS/DH	Orla
Y4DS	Benjamin
Y4HB	Melody
Y5LS	Orla
Y5DM	Fletcher
Y6HG	Callum
Y6DF	Alfie

## 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	96.4%
Nursery AM	100%
Nursery Full Day	100%
RKF	96.6%
RCL	98.8%
Y1LD	95.5%
Y1J'OD	94.6%
Y2AL	95.8%
Y2SH	97.7%
Y3LW	97.5%
Y3CS/DH	95.8%
Y4DS	92.2%
Y4HB	96.3%
Y5DM	92.5%
Y5LS	97.5%
Y6HG	96.6%
Y6DF	99.2%

## 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	25	6th: NurFD	15
2nd: 2SH	21	7th: 1LD	10
3rd: 1J'O'D	20	8th: RKF	9
4th: NurAM	18		
5th: RCL	17		

### St Stephen's Attendance League KS2

Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: Y6DF	39	4th: Y4DS	13
2nd: Y3CS/DS	22	5th: Y5LS	7
2nd: Y3LW	22	6th: Y4HB	4
3rd: Y5DM	15		
3rd: Y6HG	15		



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## Religious Education

### RSE

Thank you to all the parents/ guardians that attending the parent meetings for RSE this week.

There will be one final virtual meeting on **Monday 28th February at 5pm**. Once this meeting is complete, a detailed email will be sent to all parents which will include the presentation slides, the parent portal log in and an information sheet on how to log into the portal.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate in emailing Mrs Gibson using the following email address:

[hannah.gibson@st-stephens-droylsden.tameside.sch.uk](mailto:hannah.gibson@st-stephens-droylsden.tameside.sch.uk)

Please find an overview of the topics the children will be learning about in RSE on the next slide.

### Ash Wednesday

We will be marking the beginning on Lent on Wednesday 2nd March by attending Mass as a whole school.

This mass is COVID permitting and further confirmation will be given upon returning after the break.

### Prayer of the Week

This week's prayer is taken from our daily collective worship in class.

#### St Teresa of Avila's Prayer

Christ has no body now but yours.

No hands, no feet on earth but yours.

Yours are the eyes through which He looks lovingly on this world.

Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good.

Yours are the hands through which He blesses all the world.

Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes; you are His body.

Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

### Mass Times St Stephen's

Saturday Vigil : 5.30pm

Sunday: 10.30am

Father B. Wilson 0161 370 1505



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## RSE

### Module One: Created and loved by God

Nursery	The children will learn about what makes them special and unique. They will learn to name body parts (heads, shoulders, arms) and describe themselves using positive language.
Reception	The children will explore how their likes and dislikes will be different to their friends. Through books and visuals, the children will learn to name emotions and discuss what makes them feel a certain way.
Year 1	The children will further develop their understanding of feelings. The children will talk about big feelings they have and explore how they can act upon these feelings.
Year 2	In Year 2 the children will use scientific vocabulary to name body parts. The children will discuss how to keep their bodies healthy.
Year 3	The children in Year 3 will talk about emotions they feel. The children will look at how they can articulate their emotions clearly. The children will also reflect upon being thankful.
Year 4	In Year 4, the children will begin to learn about puberty and the physical changes that are happening to their bodies.
Year 5	The children in Year 5 will build upon their understanding on puberty in Year 4 and look in depth and changes that happen to boys and girls. The children will learn about spots, sleep and keeping healthy.
Year 6	In Year 6, the children will further explore the physical and emotional changes that take place during puberty. The children will learn about the life cycle of a human.

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## Nursery

Nursery have had a fun filled week of learning again! The continued theme in nursery has been dinosaurs and the children are becoming good at naming the different types of dinosaur. In phonics we have focused on recognising sounds in the environment and the letter u. Maths has focused on counting from 0 to 10 forwards and backwards. The children have been so impressive with the progress that they have made with this! Everyday we have had story time and the children have demonstrated good listening skills and answered questions related to the book. Nursery have also been on the reading bus, participated in cycle ability sessions and forest school. We fed the chickens and have had discussions around looking for signs of Spring. The children have been looking for plants starting to grow and listening for birds. In addition, we have been very lucky to have celebrated two birthdays this week. All nursery staff wish you a very happy and healthy half term holiday and look forward to seeing the children on their return

## Reception

We have come to the end of a very busy and productive half term. We have really enjoyed our Fairytale theme. The children now know a number of stories really well. We celebrated our learning with a wonderful Fairytale Day. We made our own sandwiches and fruit kebabs. The children also loved making Positive Pebble Pets! I am sure they have told you all about this.

The children are ready for a break and are looking forward to spending time with their families. Have a wonderful break and we look forward to seeing you after the holidays!

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## Year 1

This week the year 1 team were sad to say goodbye to Mrs. O'Donnell as IJOS class teacher. We wish her well and hope to see her again soon. We are also happy to welcome back Mrs. Baciagalupo, who has already been enjoying getting to know her new class. Lots of fabulous learning has been going on this week including:-

- Writing to persuade our parents to get us unusual pets such as dinosaurs or unicorns. (Don't worry. We did explain that we were only pretending!)
- Working hard on doubles and halves.
- Acting a drama and writing about the life of Mary Anning.
- Talking about how people in church show they love and care for each other.
- Talking about what materials you use for different purposes and why.

Question: What did Mary Anning find and why is it important?

## Year 2

What a brilliant week to end the half term! Year 2 have been very creative this week and we have been flooded with amazing birds that the children have been making as a homework project. Miss Leigh and Mrs Healey are blown away by the time and effort that has been put into making them. Just to add to the creativity, the children have been completing their Art unit this week. They have been using watercolours to create their own landscape painting and they have loved experimenting with different techniques. They have also built on their knowledge from the Autumn term about how to make tints and shades and we were very impressed with how they remembered to do this! We have been completing lots of different problem solving activities in Maths involving time and the children showed great resilience when doing this. We have also been learning about the treatment of women before and after the Suffragette movement and how World War I contributed to women getting the vote. In R.E, we have been thinking about how we can thank others at home, in school and in the community.

The children have worked so hard this half term and Miss Leigh and Mrs Healey are so impressed with how much the children have matured and progressed. Have a fantastic half term and we look forward to seeing you after the break!

Question: What watercolour techniques have you learnt and which is your favourite?

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## Year 3

This week, in year 3, we have been analysing the thoughts and feelings of a range of characters in our text 'The Bear and the Piano' before planning and writing a diary extract from the viewpoint of the bear. In Maths, we have used patterns and relationships to predict further equivalent fractions and make generalisations. We have also compared non-unit fractions, identifying similarities and differences. In RE we completed our unit of work on Journeys by planning and conducting a collective worship to celebrate our learning. In History, we have compared the Indus Valley, Ancient Sumer and Ancient Egyptian civilisations, using a Venn diagram to present our findings. This week we have also worked hard on our Moving Monsters in D & T. We have designed and decorated our monster's heads and bodies, created accessories and incorporated pneumatics into our models. Throughout our making stage we have continually evaluated and amended our plans to achieve the greatest possible outcomes. We can't wait to share our finished results!

Question - Can you write 5 equivalent fractions for  $\frac{1}{5}$ ? What relationships do you notice? Why?

## Year 4

This week, Miss Scaife's class did a fantastic assembly where they showcased lots of their classwork, including their Kennings.

We started a new English unit based on the wordless picture book, 'Journeys,' which contains detailed images which fire the imagination. The children inferred and predicted what might happen in the story. We are looking forward to delving into it in depth after the half term holiday.

On Thursday we took part in Tameside Virtual Book Festival. The author Josh Lacey spoke to us about the books he has written including the Hope Jones books. He gave us tips about writing and stressed how important it is to keep improving our work until it is our very best.

In Maths we continued working on fractions, in particular ordering fractions and equivalent fractions.

Question: How can I identify equivalent fractions?



## Year 5

This week Year 5 have had a particularly creative week.

A large proportion of our learning has been exploring the work of Roy Lichtenstein and pop art. The children have completed their art journey and their final pieces of pop art to submit to the national competition. We wish the successful candidates the best of luck and are proud of everyone's efforts.

Additionally, the children were fortunate enough this week to complete a virtual workshop with the author, Jasbinder Bilan. The children enjoyed listening to her work and asked her some great questions.

Finally, the children have continued to explore a formal written method for division in their Maths lessons and have realised (even more so) the importance of knowing their times tables.

We wish all our families a restful half term break and remind you that we are on our school trip on the first day back after half term (Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February).

Question: Which techniques did Roy Lichtenstein use in his artwork?

## Year 6

This term has absolutely flown by in Year 6! Both Mrs Gibson and Mr Fitch are extremely proud of the children and their attitudes towards their learning!

The children have been extremely engaged with our text, 'Whitebird' this week. We have been discussing how Jewish people were treated by the Nazi party during WW2 and the children have shared some powerful and mature responses to this. We have learnt how to distinguish between active and passive Voice and re capped our knowledge of word classes.

In Maths, we have been securing our understanding of mixed number and improper fractions and how we can convert between the two.

In RE, the children have been looking at the New Testament, focusing on the Gospels.

Question: What was different about the recount of feeding the 5000 in each Gospel?

### Homework

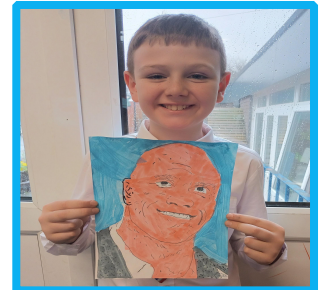
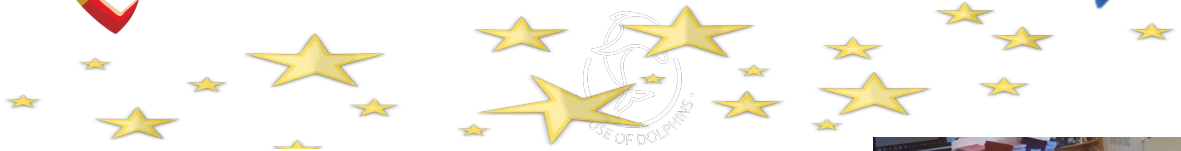
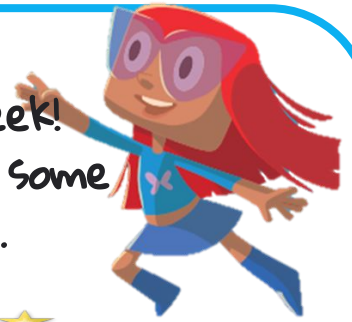
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## THIS WEEK IN PICTURES

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



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