



St Stephen's RCP Weekly Newsletter
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Friday 14th October 2022

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A MESSAGE FROM MR LAVIN...I hope you have had a great week everyone! Alongside Mr Fitch, our Maths Lead, it has been a pleasure dropping into some Maths lessons this week. It has been great to see our children fully embraced in our new curriculum and really rising to the challenge. We will have the chance to visit all other classrooms next week; we are both really looking forward to it.

Parent's Evening - Below is where you will find your child's class teacher on Parents' Evening. Please enter via the school hall and a member of staff will direct you:

- **Nursery, Reception, Year 3 and Year 4 Parents Evenings will take place in the school hall.**
- **Year 2, Year 5LW and Year 6 will take place in their classrooms.**
- **Year 1 will take place in two rooms off the Year 2 Corridor. Please enter via the hall and we will direct to the correct place.**

Class Assemblies - A huge well done to Mr Muschamp's class for a wonderful class assembly on Wednesday. Thank you children. Next week is Miss Scaife's class on Wednesday morning at 9:05am. Just a reminder that pictures and videos should not be taken for safeguarding and child protection reasons.

Book Fair - Next week we have our annual book fair at school. The venue has changed from the school hall to Mr Fitch's class down in year 6 (the first classroom you walk past if entering the gate that I welcome you in on).

Homework- This half term we have been focusing homework on the basics - reading, arithmetic and times tables. Next term we'll be sending home further homework. This policy will be shared in next week's newsletter.

Have a great weekend, Mr Lavin, Headteacher

Our Values:
St Stephen's
CARES

Compassion



Ambition



Rejoice



Excellence



Service



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Good News to celebrate!

Well done to everyone who took part in the Cross Country this week. I have heard how well you did and we couldn't be more proud of you!

Good News to celebrate!

I received a lovely email from a someone in the community about 4 of our Year 5 boys. They have been collecting litter and working hard to keep the local area clean. This lady also said how lovely it was to see the children being so kind and considerate to each other! Well done boys!

Dates for YOUR calendar

Date	Event
18/10/22	Y5LW Retreat
19/10/22	Y4DS Class Assembly
19/10/22	Y5ES Retreat
19/10/22	Parents Evening
20/10/22	Reception & Y6 Special Friends Mass
21/10/22	Break Up for Half-Term
31/10/22	School Reopens



Please note that all Class Assemblies will take place in the school hall at 9:05am.

Please note masses take place in Church at 10am and parents/carers/families are most welcome to join us.

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Hot Chocolate Friday Winners



Nursery	Betti Jake
RKF	Cornelia
RNE	Luca
YISH	Ava
YILB	Jake
Y2LS	Grace
Y2AL	Emmanuella
Y3DM	Dolly-Rae
Y3CSLH	Avaya
Y4DS	Scarlett
Y4HB	Seth
Y5LW	Olivia
Y5ES	Brock
Y6HG	Lilia
Y6DF	Beatrice

Readers of the Week



Nursery	Phoebe
RKF	Rose
RNE	Jessica E
YISH	Sophie
YILB	Miley
Y2LS	Luna
Y2AL	Peyton
Y3DM	Mila
Y3CSLH	Layla Barker
Y4DS	Audrey
Y4HB	Leila
Y5LW	Dexter
Y5ES	Tan
Y6HG	Scarlett
Y6DF	Jake

Handwriters of the week



Nursery	Michael N
RKF	Lin Xi
RNE	Sayo
YISH	Isla
YILB	Felix
Y2LS	Olivia
Y2AL	Keane
Y3DM	Isla
Y3CSLH	Flynn
Y4DS	Rosie
Y4HB	Charlie
Y5LW	Divine
Y5ES	Ava
Y6HG	Daisy
Y6DF	Louie





Mathematicians of the Week

Nursery	Noah B
RKF	Declan
RNE	Alise
Y1H	Harrison
Y1LB	Annie
Y2LS	Adam
Y2AL	Kingston
Y3DM	Elijah
Y3CS/LH	Samson
Y4DS	James
Y4HB	Orla
Y5LW	Kiera
Y5ES	Zachary
Y6HG	Alex
Y6DF	Brooklyn

House Points

Blue
24,004 

 Red
11,248

Yellow
29,426 

 Green
16,424

Totals So Far!

Blue 42, 774
Green 37, 040
Red 31, 638
Yellow 54, 425



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Attendance

Whole School	96.5%
Nursery AM	91.7%
Nursery Full Day	95.8%
RKF	93.2%
RNE	89.4%
Y5H	96.4%
Y1LB	98.7%
Y2LS	94.4%
Y2AL	94.4%
Y3DM	96%
Y3CS/LH	99.1%
Y4DS	97.9%
Y4HB	100%
Y5LW	96.7%
Y5ES	98.3%
Y6HG	98.3%
Y6DF	97.9%

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: 1LB	15	6th: RKF	3
2nd: NurFD	9	6th: RNE	3
3rd: 1SH	8	7th: 2AL	0
4th: 2LS	7		
5th: NurAM	6		

St Stephen's Attendance League KS2

Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: Y4HB	14	5th: Y6HG	4
2nd: Y5LW	9	6th: Y5ES	3
3rd: Y6DF	6	7th: Y3LH/cs	2
4th: Y4DS	5		
5th: Y3DM	4		



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

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Religious Education

Reconciliation

Congratulations to all the children who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time last night. Remember, this is a Scarmanet that you can receive more than once! Well done to these children.

Please continue to keep the children in your prayers as they continue on their Sacramental journey and prepare to receive First Holy Communion.



RECONCILIATION

Judaism

As part of our Come and See scheme of work, all the classes will be studying Judaism in RE prior to the half term break. Each year group will have a specific focus listed below:

Nursery and Reception- Hanukkah

Year 1- Abraham and Moses

Year 2- Shabbat

Year 3- The Synagogue

Year 4- The Torah

Year 5- Pesach

Year 6- Yom Kippur



Mass Times

Our Parish Priest is Father B. Wilson.

For information regarding Baptism, please contact Father Wilson directly.

For information regarding Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, please contact Mrs Gibson:

hannah.gibson@stsrcp.co.uk

Mass Times:
Saturday Vigil : 5.30pm
Sunday: 10.30am

Prayer of the Week October is the month of the Holy Rosary



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How to Pray the Rosary



7 Glory Be

6 Hail Mary
(ten times)

4 Our Father

5 Glory Be

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

3 Hail Mary (three times)

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen

2 Our Father

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen

1 Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen



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Guardian Angels Our Reception and Year 6 Special Friends



This week our Year 6 and Reception children were put into their 'Special Friend' pairings. Our Year 6 children guide their reception special friend, like a Guardian Angel, throughout the year.

The children will spend time together at lunch, complete special activities and attend Mass together.

All the children had a wonderful time and can't wait for the year ahead!



Is it special friend time now?

My special friend is the best in the world!

I am looking forward to being a good role model.

This is a great opportunity because if the reception children are sad they have someone to talk with!



I think it's good because I am learning how to be responsible around younger children

I miss my special friend!

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Nursery

This week we have continued to read Pete the Cat as a class. We thought about other fruits of different colours that Pete could step in, to change the colour of his shoes. We all had a turn to choose a fruit and change the story. Some children drew and talked about Pete, whereas some decided to make the story about themselves stepping in fruit. The children did so well are recalling the repetitive phrases from the book.

In Mathematics this week, we have been learning about patterns around us. We looked at animal patterns, the patterns on our clothes and around the nursery. We have done some rubbing with wax crayons, to find different patterns, both inside and outside. We collected fallen leaves and loved seeing the patterns on them as it came through the paper when rubbing with a wax crayon.

Well done, Nursery!

Reception

Another really busy week in Reception! The children are really enjoying their learning time and are making great progress in all areas. In Literacy, we have started reading a new story: "The Leaf Thief." Can you tell the story to your adults at home? Who was the leaf thief? The book has really complimented our theme of Autumn and the children have really enjoyed exploring this season. In maths we have had a great time learning about pattern and patterns that repeat. We read "Pants" to help us understand what pattern means. We have been on a pattern hunt around our school to see what different patterns there are around us. We have also been making our own patterned pants! We have made our own repeating patterns using cubes and beads as well as fruit and vegetable print patterns. This week has also been a very **special** week for the children in Reception as we met our "special friends" from Year 6. We are so excited for the year ahead and all the exciting things we have planned. Thank you, Year 6!

Question: Can you continue this repeating pattern?

brown leaf, red leaf, a squirrel with his nuts, brown leaf, red leaf, a squirrel with his nuts...

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Year 1

Year one have had another busy week of learning. We started the week celebrating 'Hello Yellow Day' and talked about how we can look after our mental health. Children took part in a treasure hunt around the school grounds It was great to see everyone dressed in yellow! In maths, we started our new unit on addition and subtraction, breaking numbers into two parts using pictorial representations. In our maths area, children consolidated their understanding of greater than, less than and equal to from previous weeks. In English this week, children wrote sentences describing what they could see, hear, feel and smell in our story 'The Queen's Hat'. We also took part in our second forest school session based on 'The Queen's Hat'. Children made crowns using materials from the forest, before playing 'swish and 'swoosh' on the field. In Science, we investigated whether the oldest person is always the tallest by comparing our age and height. We introduced Judaism in R.E, discussing the religion and looking at the stories of Abraham and Moses. As part of our history topic on the monarchy, we worked together to compare Queen Elizabeth I and Queen Victoria. Children have been enjoying time in our palace role play area. In computing this week, children practiced using a keyboard to write their names and learned how to save their work.

Question: Is the oldest person always the taller?

Year 2

Year 2 have had yet another great week of learning this week.

The week commenced by celebrating the 'Hello Yellow' day. During this time, the children enjoyed completing activities surrounding positive mental health, including a hunt for yellow items around the school grounds. .

In Maths this week, we have been continuing to work on our sense of number in our additional Maths activities. We have also be looking closely at comparing numbers, using mathematical language correctly and counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.

In History this week, we have been continuing to study the Great Fire of London. The children have looked in more depth at Samuel Pepys' Diary and considered the historical knowledge that we can gain from this primary source.

In Science, we have been working hard to complete our double page spreads which outline information about how humans survive.

Question: What information can we gain from Samuel Pepys' diary?

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Year 3

This week in Year 3 we have completed our English unit of 'The Stone Age boy'. The children have done some fun hot-seating as the main character and answered questions created by their classmates. In math we have continued our work on addition and subtraction and the children have been very successful.

In History we have researched Stonehenge and created some art work of the architecture. In RE we have written our own prayers, thanking God for our loving homes and asking for those people in our community with no homes to be supported with love. In Science we have looked at how fossils are created and created a storyboard of this process.

Question- What do people believe Stonehenge was built for?

Year 4

This week in Year 4 we have enjoyed looking at our new English book, 'The Lost Happy Endings,' by Carol Ann Duffy. The children analysed one of the beautiful pictures from the book and made inferences about the main character. They can't wait to start reading it. In Maths, we have also begun a new unit - Addition and Subtraction. We will build on the knowledge and skills the children acquired in Year 3.

In our study of Slavery in Ancient Egypt, we looked at the pyramids, why they were built, what they were used for and the dimensions of The Great Pyramid at Giza. We also studied evidence which showed that slaves were not involved in their construction.

On Monday we celebrated 'Hello Yellow' Day. Everyone in school came dressed in something yellow and there was an exciting assembly to introduce the day. There was a treasure hunt where we went out onto our school grounds and looked for all the yellow objects. In class, we enjoyed building our self-esteem with fun activities.

Question: How long did it take to build The Great Pyramid at Giza?

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Year 5

This week started with a bang! For World Mental Health Day, we completed a yellow treasure hunt, searching the grounds and recording yellow items. We also took part in a quiz in which all of the answers involved the word 'yellow'. We discussed how we can improve our mental health and wellbeing in Assembly and learnt all about the important work of Healthy Young Minds in supporting children and young people.

In English, we wrote an application letter to take part in Shackleton's expedition to Antarctica; wrote interview questions using a variety of question stems; justified our choice of essential items using causal conjunctions and wrote a telegram to our family in role as one of Shackleton's men.

In History, we learned all about Maya writing, created our own logograms, deciphered Maya numbers up to 5080 and produced a double-page spread of information about the Maya calendar.

Finally, in RE, we looked at the life and work of Maximilian Kolbe, a Polish priest who gave his life in Auschwitz so that another man's life could be saved.

Question: What are the names of the three Maya calendars?

Year 6

We started this week with Hello Yellow Day. The children read the book, 'Mr Worry' and thought about how he managed his worries. We discussed how we could manage our own worries by asking questions to help us articulate and understand the worry we are feeling.

On Monday afternoon, we paired up with our friends in Reception and spent time getting to know our new friends. We loved sharing their environment with them and learning about their likes and dislikes. All the staff were so impressed with the Year 6 children's compassion and patience with their younger friends.

In Maths, we have been exploring factors, multiples and prime numbers. We enjoyed learning some divisibility rules to help us easily recognise if a large number is divisible by 3, 4 or 9.

We have focused upon revising our knowledge and understanding of tenses in English. We learnt how to use the simple past, past perfect and past progressive tenses correctly.

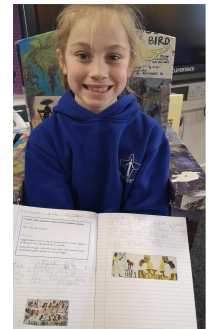
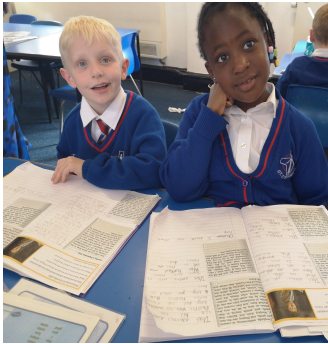
Question: Is 765 divisible by 3? How do you know?

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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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