



St Stephen's RCP Weekly Newsletter
'A world class school for children that want to make the world a better place as God intended.'

Friday 10th February 2023

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A MESSAGE FROM MR LAVIN...

Another busy week has ended here at St Stephen's and what a week it has been! This week was my one year anniversary since being appointed as Headteacher and I am so proud of all of the great things happening at St Stephen's. Daily, we strive to achieve our school vision: **'A world class school for children that want to make the world a better place as God intended'**, always living out our School Values **'St Stephen's CARES'**. I thank you all, and the hard working staff of St Stephen's, for all the support you have provided me this past year. We have lots to be thankful for, things to work on and I am sure more incredible things to come!

This week has been Children's Mental Health Week and the children have been very busy completing a variety of activities to promote the theme 'Let's Connect!'. I have seen some great work and reflections - Year 5 went outside to collect pieces of nature to create their own portraits - their creations were amazing! The school were busy all week learning a dance routine for a flash mob performance this morning! It was great to see everyone so happy and dancing away!

Reception Classes Assembly - A particular highlight of my week has been watching our two Reception Classes deliver a wonderful assembly to their loved ones, celebrating all of their learning this term. They were so confident speaking in front of others, and it was beautiful to watch them sing alongside their Year 6 Special Friends. Well done children.

Next week - Our youngest children in Nursery will perform their class assembly on Wednesday in the school hall at 9:05am. Parents are warmly welcomed.

Friday next week sees the return of our annual PTA Break the Rules Day - it is always such a fantastic day! There is a poster on the next pages with more details.

A reminder that school closes for our mid-term break on Friday 17th February 2023 at 3:15pm and we return to school on Monday 27th February.

Have a wonderful weekend whatever you are up to. See you all on Monday! **Mr Lavin, Headteacher**

Our Values: St Stephen's CARES

Compassion



Ambition



Rejoice



Excellence



Service



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Date	Event
15/02/23	Nursery Class Assembly - 9:05am School Hall
16/02/23	Special Friends Mass (Reception and Year 6) 10am Church
17/02/23	Annual PTA Break the Rules Day - poster on next page
17/02/23	Half Term begins 3:15pm

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Date	Event
28/02/23	NEU Strike Day - information to be confirmed as soon as possible
02/03/23	World Book Day! Year 3 + 5 Mass
08/03/23	Year 6 Mr Fitch's Class Assembly - 9:05am School Hall
15/03/23	Year 3 retreat with Mary Farmer Year 6 Mrs Gibson Class Assembly
22/03/23	Year 3 ,4 and 5 Mass
29/03/23	Year 5 Mr Winn' Class Assembly - 9:05am School Hall
30/09/23	Year 6 + Reception Special Friends Mass
31/03/23	Easter Bonnet Parade EYFS/KS1 (9:15am outside) Decorate An Egg KS2 (Hall AM)
05/04/23	Year 4 Miss Scaife's Class Assembly - 9:05am School Hall SCHOOL CLOSING FOR EASTER AT 1:30pm

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BREAK the RULES DAY

Rules to be broken include:

1. Wear school uniform
2. Bring a healthy lunch or snack
3. Have neat hair
4. No temporary tattoos
5. No nail varnish
6. No make-up
7. Wear school shoes only
8. Fill your water bottle with water only
9. Teachers! You can join in too! You must wear smart clothes.

Here's how it works:

WHEN?
Friday
17th
February

Parentkind
Member Association

It's back!

Mr Lavin knows how much the children love break the rules day and how much fun they have, so let's break some rules!

50p a rule break

Maximum 4 rules can be broken

Bring your 'fines' in an envelope and give it to your class teacher.

Enjoy choosing which rules to break!

Hot Chocolate
Friday Winners

Nursery	Chester & William
RKF	Noah
RNE	Henry
YISH	Raya-Mae
YILB	Panagiotis
Y2LS	Sahichpreet
Y2AL	Adora
Y3DM	Noah V
Y3CSLH	Laicee
Y4DS	Abigail
Y4HB	Lucie
Y5LW	Ethan
Y5DW	Freshta
Y6HG	Carlos
Y6DF	Olivia

Readers
of the Week

Nursery	Michael S
RKF	Cornelia
RNE	Thomas
YISH	James
YILB	Anastazja
Y2LS	Jensen
Y2AL	Poppy
Y3DM	Jacob
Y3CSLH	Lola
Y4DS	Deborah
Y4HB	Jenson
Y5LW	Melody
Y5DW	Mason
Y6HG	Elijah
Y6DF	Millie

Handwriters
of the week

Nursery	Cole
RKF	Sienna
RNE	Ivy
YISH	Isabelle
YILB	Bella
Y2LS	Ebony
Y2AL	Charlie
Y3DM	Dolly
Y3CSLH	Yasmin
Y4DS	Lily
Y4HB	Lacey
Y5LW	Harvey
Y5DW	Desta
Y6HG	Louie
Y6DF	Evie





Mathematicians of the Week

Nursery	Bettie-Raei
RKF	India
RNE	Denis
YISH	Gabrielle
YILB	Evelyn
Y2LS	Lydia
Y2AL	Emily
Y3DM	Bobby
Y3CS/LH	Elise
Y4DS	Rosie
Y4HB	Ralph
Y5LW	Divine
Y5DW	Megan
Y6HG	Anais
Y6DF	Charlie

Sports Superstars

Nursery	Jake
RKF	Jessica
RNE	Deedee
YISH	Roman
YILB	Henry
Y2LS	Elvis
Y2AL	Klayson
Y3DM	India
Y3CS/LH	Layla
Y4DS	Olivia
Y4HB	Cory
Y5LW	Devine
Y5DW	Isabella
Y6HG	Grace
Y6DF	Jonny

House Points

Blue

16, 726



Red

12, 648



Yellow

17, 151



Green

13, 759



Totals So Far!

Blue 108, 462

Green 104, 685

Red 93, 680

Yellow 118, 814



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Attendance

Whole School	92.5%
Nursery AM	84.6%
Nursery Full Day	99.4%
RKF	85.4%
RNE	67.3%
Y1SH	91.1%
Y1LB	100%
Y2LS	97.4%
Y2AL	87.5%
Y3DM	97.2%
Y3CS/LH	96.9%
Y4DS	93.3%
Y4HB	92.4%
Y5LW	95.7%
Y5DW	90.5%
Y6HG	98.4%
Y6DF	97.1%



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: 1LB	40	6th: 2AL	7
2nd: NurFD	30	7th: RKF	5
3rd: 2LS	22	8th: RNE	4
4th: 1SH	17		
5th: NurAM	11		

St Stephen's Attendance League KS2			
Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: Y4DS	28	6th: Y3DM	12
2nd: Y4HB	22	6th: Y3LH/cs	12
3rd: 5LW	18	7th: Y5DW	7
4th: Y6HG	17		
5th: Y6DF	13		

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Religious Education

Prayer of the Week

We have been deeply saddened to hear about the Earthquake in Turkey and Syria.

We offer our prayers to those who lost their lives, who are injured, who lost homes and who have family members missing.

We also offer prayers to emergency services and charities who are working endlessly to support those in need.

The following prayer is taken from the CAFOD website. CAFOD are working hard to support those affected by the earthquake.



Mass Times

Saturday Vigil
5.30pm
Sunday
10.30am

Our Parish Priest is
Father B. Wilson.



Sacramental Programme

There will be a meeting for the parents/ guardians of children in Year 3 participating in the Sacramental Programme on Monday 13th February. There will be two identical meetings at different times; these are listed below:

9am- School Hall
4pm- Y6HG Classroom





Nursery

We have had another fabulous Week in nursery. We have started to practise our class assembly for next Wednesday - we can't wait for you to come and see it. We have been looking at the number 3 again this week. We have been learning how 3 is made up and how we can represent it. We have been throwing bean bags in hoops and seeing what score we get out of 3. It has been lots of fun. We

have also looked at the story of The Three Little Pigs.

We have been talking about all different kinds of jobs this and we have been asking the children what they want to do when they grow up.

It has been mental health week in school so we have been doing a of relaxation activities such as breathing, peer massage and yoga. Our theme this Friday has been be kind.

Question: What do you want to be when you grow up?

Reception

A lovely week in Reception this week. Thank you to everyone who came to watch both class assemblies. We are so proud of the children, it was so lovely to see them show off their fantastic learning. Well done, Reception!

In Literacy, we have thought about how our phonics lessons can help us when we are writing on our own We are getting really good at applying our knowledge. In maths, we have been thinking about pairs and odd ones out.

Can you think of any pairs?

In RE we have read the bible story "Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the Temple." We thought about the different things that give us light and why light is important.

Question: How did Simeon describe Jesus?



Year 1

The children have produced some lovely work across the curriculum this week and have enjoyed our activities to promote Mental Health Awareness. In Maths we have been developing our addition skills within 20 and have been using our number bonds to support our calculations. Keep practising these at home to help improve your child's fluency. In English we use our Man on the Moon book as stimulus to write a character description of an alien. We have also been working hard on our cursive handwriting and presentation skills. In RE we have been listening to stories from the bible - The Presentation and Jesus' being lost in the Temple - the children have been re telling these stories. On Tuesday we took part in Safer Internet Day and the children considered safe use of their technology and how to share things that concern them. We completed our art topic on Henri Matisse and the children practised all the skills we have learned to create beautiful still life paintings. In history we found out about canals in the past.

At home: Practise number bonds to 10 & 20

Year 2

This week the children have had yet another busy week. In Maths, we have continued to explore shape. We have considered the properties of 2d shapes and found lines of symmetry using mirrors. In English, we have analysed the poem 'Wings' by Pie Corbett. The children have highlighted poetic devices from the poem, completed a reading comprehension about it and started to plan their own version named, 'If I Had Fins'. Both classes this week have also had the pleasure of being taught by Mrs Farmer during our RE retreat afternoons. The children considered friendship; completed a guided meditation and thought carefully about what makes a good friend. As it has been Children's Mental Health Week this week, the children have completed some work about what makes them happy and read stories which helps them to reflect upon the feelings that they have. We also learnt a dance to the song, 'We're all in this together' which we shared with the rest of the school. In Science, we have been considering the definition of a life cycle and looked at the different stages during the life of a butterfly. Finally, In Geography, we have recapped the names and locations of our oceans and considered why our oceans are so important to us.

Question: Why are our oceans important?



Year 3

This week in Year 3 we have promoted Mental Health Week alongside Internet Safety. Our guided reading sessions have been based on stories that promote Internet safety. The children have been able to produce very sensible and mature responses to the questions posed.

In English the children have written a detailed character description of the Minotaur before producing persuasive writing from the viewpoint of the Minotaur.

In maths we have been comparing units of measure. We have been problem solving using cm, mm and m. We have also been measuring our long jumps in cm and looking at the link between the distance jumped and the heights of the children.

In History we have looked at the history of women in the Olympic Games from the original games in Ancient Greece. The children have researched different elements of the treatment of women in regard to their participation in these Ancient Games.

In Art the children have sketched images linked to the topic of Ancient Greece. 3DM have sketched a Greek Temple where as 3LH have sketched a drawing of the 'Minotaur'.

Questions- What happened to married women if they were caught inside the area watching the Ancient Greek games? What was the winner awarded in the original Ancient Olympic Games?

Year 4

In Year Four this week, we have celebrated Children's Mental Health Week and Safer Internet Day. Throughout the week, the children took part in activities that would help to promote positive mental health. With the theme of the week being 'Let's Connect', we finished the week with a whole school dance party. In secret this week, we have all been practising a dance to 'We're All In This Together' from High School Musical. On Friday, we all came together to share what we had been working on. The children had an amazing time!

For Safer Internet Day, the children worked in groups to design a game concept to raise awareness about being safe online. Their ideas were so creative and they really enjoyed designing avatars and creating a storyline.

In Maths, we began learning the short division method to help us divide numbers with remainders. Being that it is a tricky concept, we will be spending next week on this too.

In English, we have been writing a report for the school newspaper. The report is based on research we have been doing into life in big towns and cities. The aim of our writing is to persuade the citizens of Droylsden to help create a greener town for us all to enjoy.

Question: What advice would you give to someone about being safe online?

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Year 5

Another busy week for Year 5. This week was Children's Mental Health Week so the children have had fun dancing and completing Taskmaster challenges, such as making their best rainbow, foraging materials for self-portraits and designing their own games.

Tuesday marked Internet Safety Day. For this, the children looked at the implications of posting personal information online and created a poster to warn of the dangers.

In English, the children continued to enjoy their unit on Chak De! India, which included exploring the informal letters and planning their own informal letter.

We continued to deepen our knowledge of multiplication in maths; experimenting with short and long multiplication to solve complex problems. The children excelled in this vital skill which will be useful through their journey in education.

Question: The journey from Manchester to London is 212 miles. How many miles would you travel in 12 journeys?

Year 6

Year 6 have had another busy week! In Maths, we have been looking at decimals all week. This has included the place value of decimals and the four operations. All of the children have done tremendously well and are now ready to move on to decimal, fraction and percentage work next week. In English, we have continued to read Wonder to the conclusion of Via's chapter. Our work this week focused on analysing Via as a character and we then made our own beginning of the next chapter based on what we know so far.

As it was Internet Safety Day, we have also done some work around this. We completed a quiz on how to deal with certain online situations and the children also completed a related experience through Now Press Play!

Finally, we also thoroughly enjoyed watching our Special Friends in Reception putting on their Class Assemblies - we even managed to get involved in them!

Question: Why did Summer sit with August?

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THIS WEEK IN PICTURES

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

