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NEWSLETTER

Friday 4th March 2022

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A MESSAGE FROM MR LAVIN...

It has been great to welcome the children back to school this week and children had lots to tell us all about their half term holidays! I hope you all had a great time.

I hope you enjoyed the opportunity to meet your child's class teacher face to face this week. I have received some really positive feedback! You should be in a much better position now to help support your child with their targets and I am sure you enjoyed writing them a little note after looking at some of their work - I know they loved reading them the day after.

Y1 Phonics Meetings

If you managed to attend the phonics meetings, lead by our Phonics Lead Miss Leigh this week, I hope you found them useful. If you were unable to attend you will receive all of the information and there will be a recording of the event too. You can contact your child's class teacher or Miss Leigh for all of the information.

Lent

Wednesday saw us enter the season of Lent. Key Stage 2 children attended mass with Father Wilson to receive their ashes and as always they were respectful and joined in beautifully. Our KS1 and EYFS children had a special assembly where they too received their Ashes. They spoke about how they can bring some kindness into someones life each day of Lent and even had some ideas about what they could give up!

Year 4HB

Year 4HB held a beautiful class assembly this week. Children read and sang beautifully - well done Year 4HB!

Next week we have Mr Muschamp's class assembly on Tuesday morning and Mrs Shuttleworth's class on Wednesday morning. Both will be held in the school hall and start at 9:10am.



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A MESSAGE FROM MR LAVIN CONTINUED...

World Book Day

It was wonderful to celebrate World Book Day yesterday. As always, you got your creative heads on and everyone looked amazing. It was great to see everyone so enthusiastic and truly love sharing everything about their favourite books!

Lent Charity

I am sure you are as horrified as we all are to see the tragic events unfold in Ukraine. We are praying for peace and for the conflict to end soon. Children have been praying for peace in a very sensitive manner this week. We are going to focus our charity work during Lent on providing some relief and support to the people of Ukraine. Similar to when we work with Cornerstones during Harvest, we will be asking for some donations of items that we can send to support. We will share some more information early next week.

ProStrike Sponsorship

You will have received an email from Mr Grantham, our PE Lead, yesterday detailing information on some fundraising we will be doing next Thursday. Here are some of the details in brief (they were shared with the children in Assembly today):

- Sponsored 'Speed Challenge'. No fee for participation and every child in the school will take part.
- Involves a giant inflatable football goal with integrated speed camera system. When a pupil (or teacher or parent) takes a shot at goal the speed is displayed on a digital screen for all to see. Every child in the school will receive a personalised certificate showing their top speed on the day of the event.
- Like many fundraising events, funds are raised via pupil sponsorship; children will ask friends and family members to sponsor them to take part in the speed challenge. The more each child can raise, the more prizes they will win. Prizes include, drinks bottles, gym bags, wristbands, medals, trophies and footballs! Your school will receive 50% of all the money raised and all costs associated with running the event come out the remaining 50%.
- Sponsorship forms have been sent home with your child. The sponsorship form shows what prizes can be won.
- We will have the inflatable football goals on the playground after school for extra goes – parents, you are able to show your skills and have some fun too! £1.00 ago for afterschool!

Any questions, please contact Mr Grantham directly. I am sure it will be great fun for everyone!!

Have a brilliant weekend, Mr Lavin, Head teacher



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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

08/03/22	Y5DM Class Assembly
09/03/22	Y3CS Class Assembly
10/03/22	KS1 Mass
10/03/22	Football Sponsorship
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

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

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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Hot Chocolate Friday Winners



Nursery	Jessica Hazel
RKF	Patrycja
RCL	King-Samuel
YILD	Ethan
YILB	Bruce
Y2SH	Charlotte
Y2AL	Joshua
Y3LW	Scarlett
Y3CS/DH	Darcy
Y4DS	Ava
Y4HB	Freddie
Y5LS	Roman
Y5DM	Scarlett
Y6HG	Ella
Y6DF	Luka

Readers of the Week



Nursery	Odin
RKF	Thomas
RCL	Evelyn
YILD	Oscar
YILB	Daley
Y2SH	Bella
Y2AL	Elijah
Y3LW	Harrison
Y3CS/DH	Gustavo
Y4DS	Isabella
Y4HB	Eddie
Y5LS	Isla
Y5DM	Edwin
Y6HG	Alexis
Y6DF	Jayla-Leigh

Handwriters of the week



Nursery	Sienna
RKF	Niall
RCL	Panagiotis
YILD	Peyton
YILB	Hudson
Y2SH	Saul
Y2AL	Jacob
Y3LW	Hannah
Y3CS/DH	Jensen
Y4DS	Brock
Y4HB	Dolton
Y5LS	Olivia
Y5DM	Riley
Y6HG	Ava
Y6DF	Callum





Mathematicians of the Week

Nursery	Frankie
RKF	Isla
RCL	Felix
Y1LD	Rocco
Y1LB	Olivia and Conor
Y2SH	Luca
Y2AL	Daniel
Y3LW	Olivia
Y3CS/DH	Ellenore
Y4DS	Cody
Y4HB	Jensen
Y5LS	Millie
Y5DM	Lilia
Y6HG	Alexia
Y6DF	Lexi

Sports Star of the Week

Nursery	Henry
RKF	Gabrielle
RCL	Annie
Y1LD	Harrison
Y1LB	Jenson
Y2SH	Mia-Bella
Y2AL	Leraya
Y3LW	Theo
Y3CS/DH	Travis
Y4DS	Tyler
Y4HB	Lacey
Y5LS	Lola
Y5DM	Scarlett
Y6HG	Desmond
Y6DF	Callum

House Points

Blue
3521



Red
3391



Yellow
2314



Green
4369



Totals So Far!

Blue 79,937
 Green 87,274
 Red 79,375
 Yellow 79,063



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Attendance

Whole School	96.2%
Nursery AM	91.1%
Nursery Full Day	98.9%
RKF	98%
RCL	96.9%
Y1LD	92.9%
Y1LB	96%
Y2AL	95.9%
Y2SH	96.1%
Y3LW	97.4%
Y3CS/DH	97%
Y4DS	93.3%
Y4HB	95.4%
Y5DM	95.2%
Y5LS	96.3%
Y6HG	97%
Y6DF	97.8%

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	4th: NurFD	18
2nd: 2SH	21	5th: RKF	11
3rd: 1LB	20	6th: 1LD	10
4th: NurAM	18		
4th: RCL	18		

St Stephen's Attendance League KS2

Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: Y6DF	42	6th: Y4DS	13
2nd: Y3LW	24	7th: Y5LS	7
3rd: Y3CS/DS	23	8th: Y4HB	4
4th: Y6HG	16		
5th: Y5DM	15		



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

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Religious Education

Lent

This week, we marked the beginning of Lent in school by attending Ash Wednesday Mass with our Key Stage 2 children. Our younger children participated in collective worships in their classrooms and had ashes distributed to them in class.

Ash Wednesday is the day in the church year where we mark the beginning of the season of Lent. During this season, we are all invited to reflect on the things in our lives that maybe causing us to be distant from God and distant from others. Beginning around the 11th century, the Ash Wednesday service became a way for Christians to physically mark and remember the beginning of the season.

In Lent, we take time to reflect and prepare for Easter. In our collective worship sessions this week, we have thought about having a 'Spring Clean'. We have thought about how in Lent we may choose to give something up, we may fast or we might try to become closer to God in Prayer.

Prayer of the Week

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

I want to be ready to meet you in a new way at Easter.

Thank you for helping me to spring clean my soul.

Show me your ways and help me become more like you.

Amen

**Mass Times St Stephen's
Saturday Vigil : 5.30pm**



Sunday: 10.30am



Father B. Wilson 0161 370 1505

Universal Prayer

Pope Francis dedicated Wednesday 2 March - Ash Wednesday - as a universal day of prayer and fasting for peace.

Pope Francis said: "I encourage believers in a special way to dedicate themselves intensely to prayer and fasting on that day. May the Queen of Peace preserve the world from the madness of war."

Let us keep this day of prayer as a month of special prayer at St Stephen's for all those suffering the effects of War in the world.



RSE

Module One: Created and loved by God

Please find an overview of what each year group will be covering in RSE (PSHE lessons) this half term.

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

It has been a busy first week back in nursery this week. We have been learning about the Arctic, melting ice and making our own Arctic animals. World Book Day was very exciting too.

After sharing which characters we were, we read stories and talked about our favourite books.

In maths we have been learning about number 4. We have been representing the number in lots of different ways and counting out 4 objects from a group.

Reception

All staff have really enjoyed having the opportunity to speak with parents. It was so lovely to share good news about the children's hard work and progress. We thank you for attending and your continued support.

We have been learning about growing. The children are full of enthusiasm and excited about spotting signs of Spring. We also celebrated another World Book Day. We shared lots of stories together.

The castle has gone! Our new role play is "The Hairdressers". Outdoors we are developing a flower shop. We would like to make a music wall outdoors. If you have any old pots and pans they would be greatly appreciated.

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Year 1

It has been a busy start to the new half term in year 1.

Highlights included:-

- Starting a new book- Unplugged by Steve Antony.
- Meeting our new phonics teachers and working hard in our new groups.
- Finding out about numbers 11-20, and splitting them up into 10 and some more.
- Learning about Ash Wednesday and Lent, and receiving our ashes.
- Talking about what we already know about Manchester and London.
- Learning about different types of animals.
- Celebrating world book day with our amazing costumes and lots of fun activities.

We took home our new phonics booklets this week too, so we can keep practising our phonics at home.

Question: What happened on Ash Wednesday, and why?

Year 2

It's been a very busy start to the half term and it was lovely to be able to meet with you face to face and share your child's progress. The messages you left your child about all their hard work were lovely.

Our English work this week has seen us predict and infer about our new text, Pandora by Victoria Turnbull. In maths we have been learning about fractions starts with halves and quarters. We have been finding fractions of shapes and quantities.

We continue to learn about the Suffragette movement and have been looking at the historical skills of cause and effect.

On Thursday we celebrated World Book Day and the children looked fabulous- thank you! They will enjoy using the token to purchase a new book.

We also took part in an orienteering workshop which involved the children in reading maps and following directions- they had a great time.

Ask your child to share their favourite stories with you over the weekend

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Year 3

This week, in year 3, we have begun our learning about plants in Science. The children have identified what plants need to grow and be healthy. They have also labelled and explained the different parts of a plant, producing beautiful leaflets. In maths, we have been calculating a fraction of an amount using models and images to support our learning, whilst in English, we have begun to read our novel - George's Marvellous Medicine. Prior to starting our new Geography topic, we have been completing our comparison of Ancient Egypt, Indus Valley and Ancient Sumer civilisations using a Venn diagram to identify commonalities. We have also concluded and evaluated our Moving Monsters in Design Technology. Photographs can be found on our website. The children have produced some fantastic results and we couldn't be prouder of their achievements. The Navigation Workshop on Thursday was a fantastic opportunity to practise our map reading skills and the children thoroughly enjoyed the orienteering activity. It has been a fantastic start to the new half term, with many more exciting learning opportunities to come.

Question - What are the main parts of a plant and why are they important?

Year 4

It was lovely to welcome the children back after what was a very busy term. I hope the children enjoyed their week off and were able to relax and renew ready for the term ahead. This week, Mrs Bilic's class did their assembly for parents. The theme of the assembly was storytelling. They thought about Jesus as a storyteller and the way that He used stories to teach important messages. After, the children took us on a journey through the different books that they have read this year. Miss Scaife's class created a 'sound museum' in Science and used their homemade instruments to explore high-pitched and low-pitched sounds. We learnt to distinguish between pitch and volume and the way in which the sound waves must vibrate to create a different pitch.

On Thursday, the children celebrated World Book Day. They looked great in their outfits and it was a lovely day spent celebrating all that books bring to us. We read stories, talked about our favourite authors and wrote descriptions of our favourite characters. In addition to World Book Day, Thursday also brought us an exciting and engaging orienteering workshop. The children were given a map of the Adventure Playground and the surrounding area which they had to use to locate a number of flags that had been dotted around. We had lots of fun!

Question of the week: What is your favourite story that Jesus shared?

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Year 5

This first week back has been one full of fun in year 5. We began on Monday with our first trip outing to Bramall Park in Stockport. We had an amazing Tudor day which focused on learning about the Tudor period and Tudor life. We got to dress up, make perfumes and write with quills. This trip was followed by our brilliant Geography workshop on Thursday.

On Wednesday we went to church for our Ash Wednesday Mass which was really nice. Lastly we had a wonderful World Book Day full of enjoyable activities.

A busy but great first week.

Year 6

We've had an extremely busy week this week in Year 6. We have been completing past SATS papers in class this week. Both Mrs Gibson and Mr Fitch are very proud of how maturely the children have approached these assessments.

In English, we have continued reading White bird and we have been rewriting sections in the form of a narrative. We have been focusing on our use of dialogue and how we can use this to convey actions.

We got straight back into our fraction topic on Monday and throughout the week we have been adding and subtracting fractions with different denominators.

On Wednesday, after Ash Wednesday Mass, we thought about our intentions for Lent this year.

Question: What are your Lenten intentions?

Homework

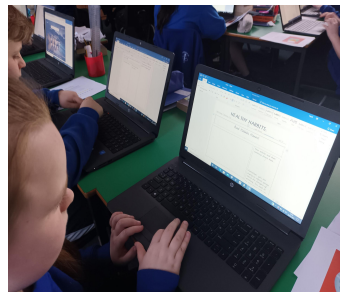
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THIS WEEK IN PICTURES

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



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