



St Stephen's RCP

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

NEWSLETTER

Friday 29th April 2022

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A MESSAGE FROM MR LAVIN...

I hope you and your family are well and enjoyed the Easter holidays!

It has been a whirlwind of a week! As ever, I am so proud to be the headteacher of our school. The children have returned to school full of life and have thrown themselves back into their learning and routines straight away! Well done children!

Ofsted Visit

As you will know, we were notified on Monday morning that we were to receive a full section 5 inspection from Ofsted on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

Thank you to parents who completed the survey and spoke highly of the school to the inspectors on the playground.

I cannot share the final outcome with you until the official report is sent to me - as soon as I receive it I will send it out to you. A big thank you to everyone for their hard work and dedication this week.

Just a reminder that Monday is a bank holiday so school will be closed. We look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday.

Enjoy your weekend.

Mr Lavin, Head teacher

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

04/05/22	Rec CL Class Assembly
05/05/22	Year 1, 3 and 5 Mass
09/05/22	Y6 Grammar SAT
10/05/22	Y6 Reading SAT
11/05/22	Y6 Maths SAT
12/05/22	Y6 Maths SAT
15/05/22	Y2 and Y4 Mass
18/05/22	Nursery Class Assembly
19/05/22	Y6 and Reception Mass
24/05/22	Y2 Titanic Museum Trip
25/05/22	Y5LS Class Assembly
25/05/22	Y6 PGL trip
27/05/22	Y6 Return from PGL
27/05/22	Half Term at 3:15pm

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Hot Chocolate Friday Winners



Nursery	Deedee / Odin
RKF	Halle
RCL	Myley-Dean
YILD	Elisha
YILB	Alex
Y2SH	Joe
Y2AL	Leraya
Y3LW	Lexi
Y3CS/DH	Darcy
Y4DS	Mabel
Y4HB	Toby D
Y5LS	Thomas
Y5DM	Daisy
Y6HG	Rubi
Y6DF	Alfie

Readers of the Week



Nursery	Mary
RKF	Sophie
RCL	Annie
YILD	Leila
YILB	Eva
Y2SH	Charlie
Y2AL	Vanellope
Y3LW	Audrey
Y3CS/DH	Declan
Y4DS	Benjamin
Y4HB	Olivia
Y5LS	Beatrice
Y5DM	Ollie
Y6HG	Grace
Y6DF	Callum

Handwriters of the week



Nursery	Halle
RKF	Niall
RCL	Deanah
YILD	Jeremiah
YILB	Oscar
Y2SH	Laicee
Y2AL	Bobby
Y3LW	Rocco
Y3CS/DH	Lilly Mai
Y4DS	Leah
Y4HB	John-Paul
Y5LS	Bonnie
Y5DM	Fletcher
Y6HG	Alexis
Y6DF	David





Mathematicians of the Week

Nursery	Jessica
RKF	Thomas
RCL	Lexie
Y1LD	Kingston
Y1LB	Lydia
Y2SH	Layla
Y2AL	Cleo
Y3LW	Lily
Y3CS/DH	Lucie
Y4DS	Vinnie
Y4HB	Poppy
Y5LS	Johnathan
Y5DM	Mia
Y6HG	Kai
Y6DF	Joshua

Sports Star of the Week

Nursery	Evie
RKF	Isla
RCL	Henry
Y1LD	Freya
Y1LB	Lydia
Y2SH	Evianna
Y2AL	Jacob
Y3LW	Lexi
Y3CS/DH	Jenson
Y4DS	Payton
Y4HB	Jersey
Y5LS	Evie
Y5DM	Alex
Y6HG	Stanley
Y6DF	Lexie

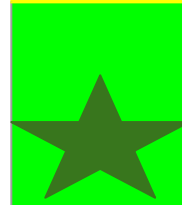
House Points

Blue
2994



Red
4054

Yellow
3560



Green
5294

Totals So Far!

Blue 110,237
 Green 110,259
 Red 119,919
 Yellow 113,485



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Attendance

Whole School	92.7%
Nursery AM	88.5%
Nursery Full Day	96.8%
RKF	93.2%
RCL	93.1%
Y1LD	90.5%
Y1LB	92.9%
Y2AL	79.6%
Y2SH	82.4%
Y3LW	96.7%
Y3CS/DH	96.7%
Y4DS	98%
Y4HB	92.5%
Y5DM	99.1%
Y5LS	92.5%
Y6HG	91.8%
Y6DF	95.2%

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: NurFD	31	4th: ILB	21
2nd: 2AL	27	5th: RKF	16
3rd: RCL	25	5th: 1LD	14
4th: NurAM	21		
4th: 2SH	21		

St Stephen's Attendance League KS2

Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: Y6DF	47	6th: Y4DS	15
2nd: Y3CS/DS	29	7th: Y5LS	13
3rd: Y3LW	27	8th: Y4HB	9
4th: Y5DM	22		
5th: Y6HG	19		



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

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Religious Education

RSE

This term the children will be completing module two of the RSE programme: Life to the Full. Please find below a brief overview of each module being covered in class.

If you have any questions regarding the programme, please do not hesitate in contacting your child's class teacher or Mrs Gibson:
hannah.gibson@st-stephens-droylsden.tameside.sch.uk

Nursery	Friends and Family
Reception	My Body- Being Safe and Feeling Poorly
Year 1	Being with Others- Saying Sorry
Year 2	Safe or Unsafe?
Year 3	Relationships- My Family Keeping Safe Online
Year 4	Keeping Safe
Year 5	Under Pressure (Peer and self pressure)
Year 6	Year 6 are continuing with Module One (Body image and puberty)

Sacramental Programme Notice Years 4, 5, 6 Only

If you would like your child to participate in the Sacramental Programme please email Mrs Gibson.

If you have already emailed you do not need to email again.

Mrs Gibson or Mr Lavin will be in touch once dates have been set for Reconciliation and First Communion.

Mass Times
St Stephen's RC Church

✝ Saturday Vigil : 5.30pm ✝
Sunday: 10.30am

Father B. Wilson Obl 370 1505

Prayer of the Week

Lord Jesus, we give thanks for your life, death, and resurrection. We thank you for your love and for giving us the chance to have eternal life. We pray that you will help us to remember your sacrifice and to follow you with our hearts always.

Amen.

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Nursery

What a busy and exciting start our new book which is Walter's Wonderful Web.

We have been on a minibeast hunt and looked at insects in detail, counting their legs and naming them. We have had a focus on 2D shapes this week; naming them, identifying their properties and matching them to Walter's webs.

In the allotment this week we all planted and watered runner beans. We also did a search of our allotment and talked about the changes that we could see from before the Easter break.

Reception

We were very excited to welcome the children back after the Easter break. This week has been all about minibeasts. It was amazing to see all of the minibeasts that were in our bug house. We found spiders, snails, woodlice and ants. We are observing our tadpoles as they continue to grow. We think that they will be froglets very soon! Ask your child to tell you about the life cycle of a frog.

In literacy our text is 'The Woolly Bear Caterpillar' by Julia Donaldson.

Ask your child to tell you about this story.

In mathematics we are becoming wizards at doubling.

Please look on the website to see our busy learning. Enjoy the bank holiday weekend!

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Year 1

It has been lovely to see the children back after the Easter holidays, bursting with news of all the fun things they did. Our highlight this week included:-

- Learning about Easter and Jesus rising from the dead.
 - Writing our own stories based on the Queen's hat.
- Asking our Victorian doll questions about life in a Victorian school.
 - Learning about fractions- halves and quarters.
 - Learning about amphibians.

We are making a slight change to our book change days. Books will now be changed on Mondays and Thursdays. Children now reading more extended books will have them changed on Mondays only. This is to allow more time to develop fluency. Please read each book with your child at least three times and write in their reading diary.

Enjoy the bank holiday weekend.
Question: What is an amphibian?

Year 2

Year 2 have had a busy and productive start to the new term. In maths we have been reviewing our understanding of addition of two-digit numbers and as teachers we have been very impressed with the learning the children have retained from earlier in the year.

In English we have used our book, Mr Bunny's Chocolate Factory as a stimulus for our writing. The children have researched how chocolate is made and written some detailed explanation texts.

In science we have been looking at the findings of our experiment into what plants need to grow well. We have also been looking at seed germination.

In our geography topic we have been using a compass to describe the locations the continents and ocean in relation to each other.

In RE we shared the story of the Resurrection of our Lord and In RSE we continue our work on our uniqueness.

Ask your child how chocolate is made.

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Year 3

This week, in Maths, we have been working on using formal written methods for the addition of 2 and 3 addends. We used the part/whole model, bar model and dienes equipment to calculate using hundreds, tens and ones. In English, we began our new text Egyptian Cinderella by Shirley Climo by analysing the text and comparing it to the traditional fairy tale. This text fits perfectly with our History topic this half term and the children are very excited to immerse themselves in all things Egyptian. In RSE our topic is 'Jesus My Friend.' We considered what the parable of the Prodigal Son teaches us about God and mind mapped the important ingredients for a healthy friendship. We are learning about the seasons of the year in French and will be building French phrases and sentences as the unit progresses. On Thursday, as part of World Dance Day, we participated in an online workshop led by Amasing where we sang and danced with over 120 schools from across the country. The children particularly enjoyed the 'Queen' medley at the end of the session and rocked away on their air guitars.

Question – How do you say Winter, Spring, Summer and Autumn in French?

Year 4

With our visit from Ofsted this week, the children did a fantastic job of sharing all of the fabulous things they have been doing and excelled themselves with their impeccable behaviour.

Miss Scaife's class also welcomed a new member this week. All of the children have ensured that she feels welcome and she has been a delightful addition to the classroom.

In maths, we finished off our work on decimals. The children applied knowledge from earlier in the year to help them round decimals to the nearest whole number. Why not ask them to help you round your weekly food shop to the nearest pound?

Question: What was found at Sutton Hoo?



Year 5

It has been yet another busy week in Year 5 this week.

Within English, we have continued to study the act of Philippe Petit and empathised with him by writing a first-person account of his wire walk between the twin towers. The children have enjoyed studying the trailer for the film and now have a grasp of the extremity of the act.

During Maths, we have progressed with our knowledge of fractions. Together we have consolidated our knowledge of comparing and ordering fractions, as well as converting mixed number and improper fractions.

Additionally, within our Humanities topic, we have completed our Tudors unit (to the dismay of many of our children) and now started our Geography topic. The initial lessons have been considering time zones and the meridians.

Finally, as you know, at the start of this week, we had our OFSTED visitors in school and Year 5 were fantastic! The children conducted themselves brilliantly (as we knew they would) and were eloquent and honest when in discussions with the inspectors. We are proud of you Year 5 and we really did pull together as a team. #teamststephens.

Question: What is a meridian and why is it important?

Year 6

We've had a non stop first week back in Year 6!

In Maths, we have been revising the key properties of shapes alongside arithmetic revision. The children are really pulling together all of their learning in preparation for the upcoming SATs tests- Well done Year 6!

In English, we began our new text, Cicada. The children were hooked as they followed the story- there were many gasps of excitement and shock! We are looking forward to continuing this text next week.

In history, the children have listened to Churchill's speeches and analysed features that made them powerful and motivating. We have also learn about D-Day and made links to our prior learning about Pearl Harbour.

As the SATs approach, if your child would like to complete additional pages of their CGP books they can. The children might wish to focus upon an area they would like more practise with.

Question: Why do you think Cicada was written in the third person?

Homework

Maths	30 and 31
English	48-and 49
Comprehension	26 and 27

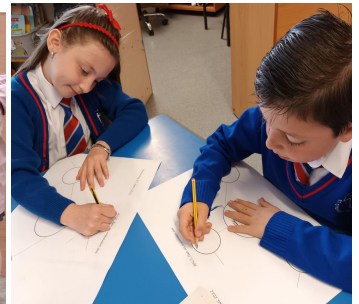
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THIS WEEK IN PICTURES

It's been another remarkable week!

Here are some photographs to show some wonderful learning experiences...



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