



## Primary Parents News letter

4<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Parents,

Welcome to this week's newsletter. It has been a busy week this week and we have seen the start of the build up to Christmas festivities at school. We have a very busy two weeks lined up until the end of term.

### **This week**

Our Spelling Bees went very well on Monday and Tuesday, indeed leading to a playoff final for year 2 today. A lot of house points have been earned by the competitors, and the children proving they are very good spellers.

Year 1 visited the Tooney Toy museum on Thursday as a part of their IPC unit, they came back very excited about what they had seen. And the Year 3s visited the Ancient City and had a really good learning time there. They could explain a lot to me when they came back.

This morning the children in Early Years gave a wonderful concert of Christmas songs. They performed admirably and mums and dads were very happy to be able to share in this event.

I would like to say a big thank you for parents in helping us manage the children in and out of school and cooperating with us. I am thinking of times like on Wednesday afternoon where we again had to close school promptly at the end of the day because of local demonstrations, and in leaving so accommodatingly this morning after the concert. It really does help us keep your children safe and calm.

### **Next Week**

There are two big events in Primary next week, on Wednesday Year 1 and 2 children will be performing their annual Christmas production. This year it is Santa's Hat. More details below. Children in Years 3-6 and reception children will be watching the dress rehearsal on Tuesday afternoon.

On Thursday we will be having our first Open House of this year, with a good number of prospective parents signed up to attend. We are keeping a very careful eye on the numbers of people who will be attending.

On Friday school will be closed for the substitution day for Father's Day.

Please note school is open as usual on Monday.

### **Years 1 and 2 Production**

The Year 1 and 2 children and staff are working hard in preparation for their production of Santa's Hat, which they will be performing on Wednesday 9 December. Tickets are available from the cashier's office. Unfortunately, we will have to restrict these to two tickets per child.

### **Year 3 and 4 (MP2) Concert**

On Wednesday 16 December Years 3 and 4 will be presenting their annual concert starting at around. We will let you have more details next week, but again we will have to restrict numbers to a maximum of two adults per child.

### **Parents Evenings**

Please note that parents' consultation evenings will be held on Tuesday 16 and Wednesday 17 December. More details will follow in a separate letter.

### **Sun Hats and Jumpers**

Please note that as we approach the cooler time of year school jumpers are available for sale in the school shop. Children should not really be wearing other designs of jumpers or cardigans in school. We do encourage all the children, particularly the younger ones, to wear sun hats when they play outside. School sun hats and baseball caps are available from the school shop.

### **Upcoming events**

Some important dates for your diary include:

Wednesday December 9	Years 1&2 Production
Thursday 10 December	Open House
Friday 11 December	School closed for Holiday
Monday 14 December	Open House
Wednesday 16 December	Years 3&4 Concert
Thursday 17 December	Last day of term
Friday 18 December	School closed for Christmas Holidays. (Staff Inset)
Monday 11 January 2021	First day of term

As always I wish you a happy and restful weekend, and look forward to seeing the children and yourselves on Monday.

Should you have any queries about your child's experiences here at St. Stephen's then please do feel free to contact me.

Kindest regards

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