



## Primary Parents News letter

6<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Parents,

Welcome to this week's newsletter.

### **This week**

We have had a slightly quieter week in Primary and Early Years this week. On Wednesday Ms Sophie led a coffee morning workshop focusing on Phase 1 phonics. This was a well-attended and well appreciated workshop. We will be hosting a second workshop on Phase 2 phonics on 18 November.

Yesterday we had a lovely day with our Fantasia Festival theme day. The children, and staff, looked terrific in a range of costumes from ghosts and vampires to butterflies and unicorns, and multicolours to show feelings of light and joy. There were several special activities the children took part in and all in all it was a wonderful day.

This week has also seen the start of the KS2 inter-house basketball competition. Well done to the boys from Hydra who won this week's competition.

### **Next Week**

Next week we will be having our assessment week in Primary School, see below. On Thursday 3TL will be holding their class assembly, Ms Tianne will send details to parents. Otherwise we have a relatively straightforward and quieter week.

### **Pupil Entry to School**

Please note that from Monday morning, secondary students will revert to using the main school entrance to access the school. This may involve a little more congestion initially while routines settle down again, but it is another small step in returning to more normal routines. Procedures for Primary and Early Years children will remain as they currently are.

### **Assessment Week**

This is a time where we take a snapshot of the children's attainment in core subjects. Please do not pressurise your children about this week. The best help you can give is to make sure they have a good night's sleep, that they have a good breakfast before coming to school and arrive at school on time. There is not a lot of revision or extra cramming that is appropriate, this generally causes more stress than actually being useful. The assessments help us by adding some extra information to our continuing assessments of the children's attainment and progress. We do not publish test results.

### **Cooler Weather**

As we approach the cooler season please do remember that if children need to wear a jumper then it should be a school uniform jumper. These are available from the school shop. Also if leggings are worn with the girls' pinafore dresses then they should be undecorated and a single colour, either grey, dark blue or black.

### **Upcoming events**

Some important dates for your diary include:

Monday 16 November	Odd Socks day (Start of Anti Bullying Awareness week)
Wednesday 18 November	Early Years Phase2 Phonics Workshop
Thursday 26 November	Year 6 Thai trip
Thursday 26 November	Years 1 &2 Sports Day
Thursday December 3	Year 3 Thai trip
Friday 4 December	Early Years Christmas Crafts morning
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.

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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