



Primary Parents News letter

9th October 2020

Dear Parents,

Welcome to this week's newsletter.

This week

We have had a number of events this week happening in Primary school.

Our Year 6 children have been having a great time on their residential trip in Khao Yai. I suspect there will be a lot of sleepy children this weekend.

Ms Sophie's EY Reading Workshop on Wednesday was a well-attended and informative event. I hope all the parents who came found some useful points to take away with them. We will be running other workshops and coffee mornings for EY and Primary parents during this academic year. Do look out for them.

Yesterday 4DM presented a great class assembly based on their current literacy work involving Horrid Henry. They made up some really interesting characters and stories to tell us.

Year 2 visited Sampran Riverside yesterday to find out about traditional Thai heritage. They had a wonderful time.

Next Week

Next week is a four day week with school closed on Tuesday for the national holiday in Remembrance of the late King.

Wednesday 14 will be busy with Year 4 holding their Exit Point at 8am in the IMYC room and Year 5 holding their Exit Point from 1.30pm in Pavilion 1. The Year 5 Exit Point will be followed by the Parent Meeting for their Khao Yai trip, which will be running after the half term break.

School will finish at the normal time on Friday and then close for the midterm break.

Theme Days

We have two theme days coming up quickly after the half term holiday.

On Friday 30 October we will celebrate Loy Krathong with the children. This will be a day for the children to dress up in Thai national costume. More details will come in a separate letter.

On Thursday 5 November we will be having another theme day. After a strange and unusual past few months with the global Covid Pandemic we want to host a full school event that will bring the full school community together in a positive joyful way. Coming out of the darkness and into the light.

We will put a new take on our usual Halloween celebrations by hosting a 'fantasia festival'. Children will still be able to wear their Halloween costumes if they wish (the younger children in EY are already excited about their Halloween costumes), but we also want the children to take the opportunity to show off their personalities in colourful costumes to show how everyone is unique but we all shine brightly together. This also brings together other festivals taking place around this time - Diwali, Loy Krathong, Fireworks night. The event will have a carnival/ festival theme with colourful, vibrant costumes, performances, music and art.

Unfortunately, as things currently stand we will not be able to invite parents to participate with us in either of these events.

Internet Issues

We have become aware of a few of our younger children, most noticeably in Years 1 and 2 discussing 'Sirenhead' sometimes known as Lamphead. This fictional character is a character that features originally in horror stories/videos designed for a much older age group. Please do keep an ear and an eye open to

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discourage your younger child from accessing material featuring this character as they may well find elements disturbing and that are difficult for you to explain.

One piece of advice would be to use Youtubekids with your younger children, rather than the general Youtube site, and Kiddle as a search engine designed for children.

Upcoming events

Some important dates for your diary include:

Tuesday 13 October	School Closed for Memorial Day
Wednesday 14 October	Year 4 Exit Point
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Wednesday 14 October	Year 5 Residential Journey Parents Meeting
Monday 19 – Friday 23 October	Half term, school closed
Tuesday 27 October	Year 4 Trip
Tuesday 27 – Friday 30 October	Year 5 Residential Journey to KY
Friday 30 October	Loy Krathong
Thursday 5 November	Dress up theme day
Thursday 26 November	Year 6 Thai trip

As always I wish you a happy and restful, and look forward to seeing the children and yourselves next week.

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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