



Primary Parents News letter

18th December 2020

Dear Parents,

Welcome to this week's newsletter, the last newsletter of a very busy week and a very busy term. I find it astonishing when I sit back to reflect on the number of events and special occasions we have had this term, over and above the normal day to day teaching, there have been so many really wonderful opportunities for the children. I think this term has been even more remarkable when we consider how much we have been able to do while taking account of Covid restrictions.

I would also like to say a big thank you for the generous spirit you have shown over this Christmas season, both individually and as parent body, I believe it is a great reflection of the community spirit we try to engender in the school.

This week

On Monday we held our second Open House in the morning and again we were joined by a number of families, mostly looking to start children in the Early years phase of the school. It is very encouraging that despite the whole Covid situation there is still a lot of interest in the quality education that can be found here.

We also had Parents' Evenings in Primary and Early Years on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. I hope you found them to be very useful.

On Wednesday Years 3 and 4 delighted the children and parents with two marvellous concerts focusing on traditional and modern Christmas songs and music, and in raising a spirit of hope at the end of a difficult year. It was a brilliant performance from everyone involved and a large number of parents were able to join us in a dedicated concert to celebrate their children's talents.

Yesterday we had a number of end of term activities from Nursery all the way to Year 6, including a visit from Santa. I think the children had a very enjoyable last day of term.

First Week of Term

Please note school is closed for holidays from last night and will reopen for children on Monday 11 January 2021, at normal times.

On Thursday 14 January we will be holding a Bring Your Own Device information Coffee Morning for Year 3 parents.

After School Clubs

After school activities will not run in the first week of term, but will start in week 2. Club lists have been posted on the notice boards between B1 and B2.

Gift of Happiness

I would like to say thank you for the extremely generous donations made for the Gift of Happiness appeal. The Christmas tree in reception was almost hidden behind the mountain of parcels. Your kindness will make a significant difference to a large number of Thai children who do not have the benefits and good fortune that our children do.

Upcoming events

Some important dates for your diary include:

Monday 11 January 2021	First Day Term 2
Thursday 14 January	Year 3 BYOD Coffee Morning
Wednesday 20 January	Primary Mathematics Coffee Morning
Thursday 28 January	Primary IPC Coffee Morning
Monday 1 –Friday 5 February	Charity Pledge Week
Thursday 4 February	Thai Music Concert
Friday 12 February	Chinese New Year
Tuesday 16 February	Early Years Sports Day
Friday 19 February	School closed for staff training
Monday 22- Friday 26 February	School closed for midterm break

Finally, a big thank you to all the parents, grandparents, aunties and uncles who have supported the children in all their learning and events this term. It is wonderful to see you in school taking part in your children's learning journey. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and a time of peace and joy with your families and friends.

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

Mr. Rob Bendall
Head of Primary