



Primary and EYFS Parents News letter

26th March 2021

Dear Parents,

Welcome to this week's newsletter, one week left before the Songkran break.

This week

This week has been very busy.

We have had 3 trips out from Primary this week. On Monday Year 2 went to Imaginia, on Thursday Year 5 went to Ban Kong Por, and today Year 3 have been to the National Geological Museum. All the trips have supported the children's curriculum learning in different and exciting ways.

On Wednesday parents from Early Years came into school for a coffee morning outlining the purpose of and how to use Tapestry. This was an informative and useful morning.

Also on Wednesday our Year 4s headed off to Khao Yai for their first residential journey. The tweets suggest they have been having a great time.

Today the children are bringing home their Term 2 reports. I hope you find them useful.

Next week

There are many events happening next week, and detailed information follows this brief outline. Please do take note of the detailed information as it affects your children.

There are no after school activities (clubs) next week.

On Monday Years 3 and 4, and then 5 and 6 will be having their sports days. Parents are invited to attend at the appropriate times.

On Tuesday and Wednesday evenings we have Primary and Early Years Parent consultation evenings.

On Thursday afternoon Years 5 and 6 are presenting their annual music concert.

Friday is Songkran day; parents are invited to some of the events on Friday.

Friday is also the last day of this term.

After School Activities

As usual for the last week of term there are no after school activities next week. Early Years parents please collect your children as soon as possible after 14:40 when their classes end. All other children will finish at 15:00 and should be collected before 15:30. Parent's evening appointments excepted.

Sports days for Years 3-6

These sports days will take place on Monday.

Years 3 and 4 will be having their Sports Day from 08:00 to 10:15 on the sports field. Parents are warmly invited to join us.

Years 5 and 6 will be having their Sports Day from 12:45 to 14:45 on the sports field. Parents are warmly invited to join us.

Year 3 and 4 children may come to school in House shirt and PE shorts and trainers, but must bring in school uniform to school, including socks and shoes, to change into after their sports day events.

Year 5 and 6 children should wear school uniform into school, and bring in their house shirt, PE shorts and trainers to change into for their sports day. They may go home in sports kit, taking their school uniform with them.

Please ensure the children have a sun hat and refillable water bottle.

Parent Teacher conferences

Parent Teacher conferences will take place on Tuesday 30 and Wednesday 31 March for all Primary and Early Years classes. We anticipate most of these will be held face to face here in school, but Zoom meetings will be possible if you wish. Appointment lists have been shared electronically, except for a few in Early Years where parents may sign up on lists at the classroom door.

Milepost 3 Music Concert

Parents of Year 5 and 6 children are warmly invited to come and enjoy the Milepost 3 concert on Thursday afternoon. The performance for parents will start at about 14:10. I am very much looking forward to this event.

Songkran Day

A separate detailed letter is being sent to you. Parents are invited to come and make merit by offering food to 9 monks early in the morning, and are welcome to stay for the water blessings later in the morning.

For Songkran day the children may wear Thai traditional costume or Songkran shirt, not just any old tee shirt. Bottom halves are to match traditional Thai costume or normal school uniform; for boys (school trousers or school shorts), for the girls Y6 girls should wear their normal school culottes style shorts. Girls from Y5 and below may wear PE shorts instead of their pinafore style dress. But these must be school PE shorts, not just any shorts. Jeans are not acceptable for anyone. If not in Thai costume or Songkran shirt, school uniform must be worn.

There will be no water play at school this year. We are arranging house activities for the children in the afternoon.

Lost and Found

Lost property will be displayed on tables between Building 1 and Building 2 on the afternoons of Tuesday 30 and Wednesday 31 March, to coincide with Parents' Evenings. If you think your child may have lost property here at school, please do take this opportunity to see if we have found it.

Upcoming events

Some other events this term that you will want to add to your diaries include:

Monday 29 March	KS2 Sports Days
Tuesday 30 March and Wednesday 31 March	Early Years and Primary Parent Consultation Evenings
Thursday 1 April	MP3 (Years 5 & 6) Concert
Friday 2 April	Songkran celebrations and last day of term.
Monday 19 April	First day of Term 3

As always, please feel free to see me or contact me about any issues concerning your child's education and experiences here at St. Stephen's. I hope you all have a really enjoyable weekend, and I look forward to seeing the children on Monday.

Kind regards,
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