



## Primary and EYFS Parents News letter

5<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the second half of term 2. I hope you all found opportunities to spend some quality time with your families. We have had a busy week in school and it is quite difficult to think that we have been back for just one week following the half term break.

### **This week**

We held a very successful Early Years Open House on Wednesday and were joined by a number of families, several of whom are looking to join the school in the next academic year. We have also held some mini Primary Open House tours, being joined by 3 or 4 families at a time, with a lot of interest being shown in joining the school. We already have some children signed up for taster days next week and in this half term.

The children in Years 1 to 6 have been carrying out some assessments as we look to moderate our continuing assessments of the children's progress. This will help inform the children's grades that will be coming to you in their end of term reports at the end of this term.

Yesterday 5JT gave a great assembly based around one of the "Magic Key" stories, 'Caveman Adventure', with an alternative explanation as to how fire was discovered. A surprising guest appearance was had too.

### **Next week**

On Monday we will be paying attention to International Women's day, the classroom doors are being decorated to celebrate significant female figures, who have somehow changed the world. There is a House writing competition for the children to write about a significant woman with House Points for prizes. There will also be some of the lessons with a focus to help us think about how women have impacted on the world.

On Wednesday, Year 6 parents are invited to a Coffee morning, after Flag, at 08:00. The morning will be a first opportunity to learn about the transition arrangements put in place for the Year 6s moving up to secondary school, and to start learning about what the children will need for secondary school. A separate letter has been sent home for this.

On Thursday 2CB will be delivering their class assembly.

### **Book Week**

Book week will be held from Monday 15 to Friday 19 March. There will be many activities focused on reading and books that your children, and you, will be able to get involved with. On Wednesday 17 March we will be having a fancy dress day with the theme based on characters from the class book for that week. Your class teachers will advise you of the book, but it may be worth thinking about the characters over the half term break.

### **Thai Music Concert**

Please note that our Thai Music Concert will be held after school on Monday 15 March. This is a wonderful show case for the terrific musicians we have at St Stephen's. I strongly recommend coming to watch, even if your child is not involved.

### **Upcoming events**

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

Monday 15 March	Thai Music Concert
Monday 15 – Friday 19 March	Book Week
Tuesday 16 March	Year 6 trip to Science Museum
Wednesday 17 March	Book Character dress up day.
Wednesday 24 – Friday 26 March	Year 4 Residential Journey to Khao Yai
Thursday 25 March	Year 5 Thai Trip
Monday 29 March	KS2 Sports Day
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.

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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