



Primary Parents News letter

20th November 2020

Dear Parents,

Welcome to this week's newsletter.

This week

Anti-bullying week has gone very well with a lot of work being carried out in school to help the children understand how we can all unite against bullying, and the things we can do individually and collectively. The Y5&6 Mathematics Challenge went well on Tuesday; we are looking forward to seeing how well our children got on.

Ms Sophie's Phonics Coffee Morning was successful with a number of parents coming along, learning what Phase 2 Phonics is about and some useful activities and tips for home.

Yesterday our Thai department organised the assembly with the performers introducing the characters from a very well-known Thai school reading/text book. I enjoyed meeting some new characters.

Next Week

Next week Thursday is the busy day. Years 1 and 2 will be having their sports day in the morning, separate details will be sent home about this. Also on Thursday Year 6 will be on their Thai trip to Ayutthaya.

On Thursday afternoon 4JH will be holding their class assembly. We are happy to invite 1 parent per child to come and watch at 2.30pm.

Early Years collection in the afternoon

We are looking to change how the children in Early Years, ie Nursery, KG and Reception classes, are collected from school in the afternoon. The Early Years team will be sending details to parents about how the arrangements will be changing. This will not affect children from Year 1 upwards, they will continue to be sent for collection at the front of school. Please do be patient with us for the first few days while we put the new arrangements into place. We are hoping to make this a better experience for all.

Duck and Cover Alarm

We experienced an unscheduled Duck and Cover Alarm drill this morning, when the alarm was accidentally set off. The children responded very well and everything passed off without incident. The children may of course mention this to you, please do reassure them that it was a practice to make sure we can do everything correctly. There were no unexpected people at school, and everyone was safe.

Feedback from Visitors

This week we have had two teachers come to visit the school on different days, and they both commented very positively on the excellent standards of behaviour and high academic levels of our children. This has made me feel very proud for school community, and I thought I would share this with you.

Years 1 and 2 Production

The Year 1 and 2 children and staff are working hard in preparation for their production of Santa's Hat, which they will be performing on Wednesday 9 December. Tickets are available from the cashier's office.

Unfortunately, we will have to restrict these to two tickets per child.

Upcoming events

Some important dates for your diary include:

Thursday 26 November	Year 6 Thai trip
Thursday 26 November	Years 1 & 2 Sports Day
Thursday December 3	Year 1 trip to Toy Museum
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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