



St. Stephen's Catholic Primary School and Nursery, a Voluntary Academy

Newsletter

10th November 2017



After a good start to the year attendance dropped to 94.1% last week which is below our target of 97%. Please ensure where possible that children attend school on time. Thank you for your support. Congratulations to Airedale who achieved 99.2%.

Fire Safety in school

Before Bonfire Night the children were visited in school by the North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service to talk about staying safe on Bonfire Night and fire safety in general. Mr Shaw said, "All the children enjoyed an engaging session and are all now fire safety experts! We hope you all enjoyed a safe Bonfire Night last week."

There is a free Home Fire Safety Check available from the Fire & Rescue service to make residents aware of potential dangers at home and advise on smoke alarms. Contact the Fire Safety Advice Line on 01609 788545 or book a visit through their website at <http://www.northyorksfire.gov.uk/communitysafety/fire-safety-visit>.



Request for toys

Ribblesdale would love to have any toy cars or small toy animals e.g. farm animals or dinosaurs that you no longer need.

Midday Supervisor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisor. We have various hours and days available from Monday to Friday and 11.30am to 1.00pm. The salary range is SCP 7-9 £7.58-£7.76 per hour dependent on experience. Please ask at the school office or see the school website for further details.

Philosophy 4 Children

St. Stephen's have achieved the Bronze award as part of a three year programme to embed P4C within the school. P4C has many benefits for children which include learning to think before they speak, give reasons for what they say and valuing their views and the views of others.

Mrs Moon the P4C lead said, "We are very pleased with the award. Thank you to the staff and children. We look forward to achieving our silver award!"

Please see the dedicated page on the website on Philosophy for Children for more information.



This week's 'Thunk'

Is it better to play well and lose or play badly and win?



Attendance Winner

Congratulations to Molly who won the draw of all pupils with 100% attendance and won an Amazon voucher.

Open Days

St. Stephen's are holding open days for prospective parents and children on:
Thursday 16th November 9.30am – 11.30am
Thursday 23rd November 1.30pm to 3.00pm
Tuesday 28th November 9.30am to 11.30am
Please call the school to make an appointment.

Achievement Assembly

The award for Catholic value each week can be for any of the values. These are forgiveness, tolerance, justice, truth, humility, dignity, service and integrity.

Congratulations to the following who embodied the value for the weeks ending 20th October and 3rd November.

Ribblesdale: Amy and Blanca

Malhamdale: Lilly and Karol

Airedale: Charlie and Viktoria

Wharfedale: Hannah and Josie

Nidderdale: Sean and Kaylem

Wensleydale: Betsy and Daniel

Well done to everyone who worked hard at being the best they could be this week.

Wensleydale
Betsy and Georgia

Wharfedale
Lily H, Oscar
and Juwariyah

Nidderdale
Katie and Clara

Airedale
Toby and Gabi

Stars of
the week

Malhamdale
Bryony and
Amber

Ribblesdale
Jayden and Lilliana

The Golden Book
Abigail (Wensleydale) and Alex
(Airedale)

Mass Times at St. Stephen's church

Saturday 5.00pm

Sunday 9.30am

Sunday 6.00pm

The first Sunday in every month is **Family Mass** at St. Stephen's church. Please come along and join us.

Volunteer readers!

If you have a spare morning or afternoon Malhamdale and Airedale would love it if you could come and hear them read on a weekly basis. Please see Mrs Moon for details.



'Wind in the Willows'

Image Musical Theatre Company will be in school on Monday 13th November to perform 'Wind in the Willows' with help from twelve of St. Stephen's pupils.

This is an exciting opportunity and we request a voluntary contribution of £2.50 per child towards the cost of the event. Without these donations we will unfortunately not be able to fund these productions in the future. (The picture is from last years 'Jungle Book'.)



Junk modelling materials

Malhamdale are going to be building houses from junk modelling materials. Mrs Moon would like any boxes, tubes or egg cartons that you have to help with this. Also Mrs Darling would like plastic milk bottles of any size to transform Malhamdale into a winter wonderland.

Dates for your diary

November

Monday 13th – "Wind in the Willow" musical theatre

Tuesday 14th – KS1 Mass at Church

Thursday 16th – Open Morning for prospective parents and children 9.30am to 11.30am

Thursday 23rd - Open Afternoon for prospective parents and children 1.30pm to 3.00pm

Monday 27th – Malhamdale 'Forest School' trip

Tuesday 28th – Open Morning for prospective parents and children 9.30am to 11.30am

December

Saturday 2nd – FOSS Christmas Fayre 1-3pm

Saturday 9th – FOSS present 'Cinderella' doors open 5.15pm

Tuesday 12th – Rewind to Christmas for Year 5

Friday 22nd – Close for Christmas holiday