



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

Newsletter

9th February 2018



Attendance dropped this week to 94% which is below our target of 97%. We understand that this can be difficult time of year so where possible please ensure that your child attends school on time.

Thank you for your support in achieving this attendance.

Congratulations to Reception who achieved 97%.

Letter from the School Council

To St. Stephens Community,

We have written this letter to tell you all about the School Council's plans.

Our main plan is to sort out the allotment. We will start by making sure there are no weeds, so that the soil is ready for planting. So that everyone can be involved, we will make bird feeders as classes.

We would like to ask for some donations of a variety of seeds and plant pots. This will be aided by a non-school uniform day, where people will wear green or flowery clothing, to generate proceeds to go towards the allotment.

We are doing this because we would like to create a nicer environment that everyone can enjoy and would really appreciate all of your help!

From the School Council

#BringSeedsToReplaceTheWeeds

The School Council provide a voice for the children in school to represent the views of all pupils and help to improve their school. There are two children from each class who are elected by their peers. Please help to support them in developing the garden area by donating seeds and plant pots.



St Stephen's App

St. Stephen's has launched an app to improve communications between home and school. The app is now available to download in App Store or Google Play under

St Stephen's CPS

Please download the app to receive news, updates, calendar and newsletters direct to your phone or tablet.

This week's 'Thank'

Can you touch the wind?



Internet Safety Week

This week has been Internet Safety week. All classes have been thinking about how they can stay safe while on the internet both at home and in school. It has definitely been an eye-opening week for children and staff alike! Each class looked at it in an age appropriate way and these are some examples.

Nidderdale watched a video 'Jigsaw' from 'think you know' website which is about being careful with information on line. They discussed the issues raised in the video and thought about what they could do to be safe.

Malhamdale learnt about safety through Smartie the penguin and learnt a song about thinking before you click. They also talked about what to do if someone is mean to you online and how to report or block someone.

Airedale looked at how to be a good friend online through the story of 'Digiduck'.

If you would like some guidance on how to talk to it with your children or how to keep children safe on line please see the e-safety page on the school website which provides links to a variety of resources. We have also arranged a visit from the NSPCC in the summer term specifically for parents to learn about e-safety and ask any questions that they wish. More details will follow nearer the date.



Last chance to claim lost property

We have a build up of unnamed lost property. We will keep this in a box in the reception area until half term when we will dispose of any remaining items.

Please ensure that all items are marked with your child's name.

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.

Dates for your diary

February

Monday 19th – Re-open

Monday 19th – Liturgy of the Ashes

Saturday 24th – First Reconciliation Preparation at 5pm at

Sunday 25th – First Reconciliation Preparation at 9.30am

Monday 26th – CAFOD assembly

March

Thursday 1st – World Book Day

Friday 2nd – Clothing Bag Collection

Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th – First Rec. Preparation

Wednesday 7th – Parents' Evening 4.00pm – 6.20pm

Thursday 8th – Parents' Evening 4.00pm – 6.20pm

Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th – First Reconciliation Preparation

Tuesday 20th – 27th – Book Fair in school

Tuesday 20th – Crucial Crew for Year 6

Thursday 22nd – First Reconciliation 7.00pm

Friday 23rd – School Disco

The Golden Book Amber (Nidderdale) and Marcus (Wensleydale)



Middy Supervisor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Middy 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.

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 week ending 19th January.

Reception: Jayden & Esme

Year 1: Sophia & Lily

Year 2: Kuba & Isabella

Year 3: Niamh, Kayden & Anika

Year 4: Iona & Amber

Year 5: Oliver & Roisin

Year 6: Ella & Isabelle

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

Golden Book Winners

The winners of the Golden Book this half term were all treated to a cake at Cake Hole in Skipton. Congratulations to Cora, Marcus, Amber and Niamh.



Volunteers needed - Book Fair

We are holding a book fair from 22nd to 27th March and are looking for volunteers to help after school with this. Please contact Mrs Moon for details.

Midday Supervisor Vacancy

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