



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

Newsletter

23rd March 2018



Attendance increased this week to 98% which exceeds our target of 97%. Thank you for all your help and support in achieving this target. Congratulations to Wensleydale who achieved 98%.

Nursery Open Afternoon

Wednesday 28th March 1pm – 2.30pm

Nursery is holding an open afternoon for parents and children to visit and see our superb Nursery and meet our wonderful and caring staff.

If you are interested in visiting please contact the school office on 01756 709451. Funding for 15 hours or 30 hours is available – please see the school or NYCC website for details.

We have some available spaces for Summer term and next year. Please talk to our Nursery teacher Mrs Turvill for details. If you are unable to make the open afternoon please contact us to arrange an alternative time.

Wharfedale trip to Malham

Wharfedale went on a trip to Malham to learn about rivers as part of their topic work. The day was run by the Field Studies Council and the children had the opportunity to do some river dipping for creatures in the beck, learn more about the features of a river, go on a walk to Janet's Foss waterfall and measure the width, depth and speed of a river.



This week's 'Thunk'

Is a toy car that has never been played with still a toy?



#BringSeedsToReplaceTheWeeds Letter from the School Council

Thank you for all the donations so far to help the School Council revive the school allotment. The garden will involve all the classes e.g. through raising funds with a non-school uniform day and making bird feeders in classes.

They still require any spare plant pots, seeds and tools, especially gardening gloves, so any donations of these would be gratefully received.



Voluntary Contributions

Information on supporting St. Stephen's Voluntary Contribution Scheme have been sent home by email. Please support this scheme to enable us to develop the school further. We want to improve the literacy area, to encourage reading and literacy skills, and the outside playgrounds to provide a more stimulating, varied and natural environment.

Easter Egg Raffle

We are raising money for the Good Shepherd Appeal by holding an Easter Egg Raffle. Tickets are 20p for the chance to win one of 17 Easter Eggs. If you wish for your child to take part in the raffle please put the money in sealed envelope with your child's name on by next Wednesday 28th March.



FOSS Disco Friday 23rd March

£3 entry on the door – includes hotdog, drink and tip top.

6.30pm – 7.30pm

Early Years & KS1 – Parents to stay

7.45pm – 8.45pm KS2



East Barnby Trip

Reminder to parents of Year 6 children that payments for the residential trip to East Barnby can be made online and in instalments.

Dates for your diary

March

Friday 23rd – School Disco

Monday 26th – Palm Liturgy 9.15am

Wednesday 28th – Nursery 'Open Afternoon' 1 – 2.30pm.

Wednesday 28th – 3.30pm at Church re learning to play the organ

Thursday 29th – 2pm Holy Week Mass in school

Thursday 29th – Break up for Easter

April

Monday 16th – Inset Day

Tuesday 17th – School reopens

Thursday 19th – Mass starts at Church and then in Hall Time?

Thursday 19th – Information evening for parents re: Y5 Assisi trip 5pm

Thursday 26th – Bikeability for Year 5

May

Friday 4th – 2pm May procession

Thursday 10th – Whole school Mass in Church

Sunday 13th to Thursday 17th - Assisi Pilgrimage Year 5

Monday 14th – Year 6 SATs week

June

Tuesday 19th – E-safety workshop for Parents (NSPCC)

July

Monday 16th – Friday 20th – Year 6 trip to East Barnby

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 16th March.

Reception: Daisy

Year 1: Ria

Year 2: Maya

Year 3: Jenna

Year 4: Lucy

Year 5: Jessica

Year 6: April

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



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.

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.

Learning to Play the Organ

The Diocesan Music Department has been running an Organists Training Programme and is looking to expand into Skipton. At the moment the programme teaches 35 students each year, about three-quarters are school pupils and one-quarter adults. Later this year they are looking to double that capacity to 70 across the Diocese, both school children and adults (including those who play the piano and would welcome tuition on the organ). Fr Andrew is very happy that the organ at St Stephen's can be used for the tuition and the Tutor would be available at the end of the school day.

Without any commitment at this stage, if you think you might be interested and to receive more information (any level of interest, experience or expertise is welcome), please contact Fr Andrew or Mr Pye before 24 March 2018. The programme is supported by grants and so the costs will be either non-existent or very low. It would be great from a School and Parish point of view to develop a pool of musicians.

There is a meeting at Church on Wednesday 28th March 2018 at 3.30pm for those who are interested.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

It was a pleasure to witness 11 of our pupils receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation on 21st March. The children showed great maturity and appeared to enjoy the experience immensely.
Mr Pye

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.