



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

Newsletter

26th April 2018



Attendance fell this week to 91% which is well below our target of 97%.
Congratulations to Reception and Year 3 who both achieved 96%.

Message from Mr Pye

Welcome to the first newsletter of the summer term. We have made a very positive start to the term. The changes to the learning environment made over the Easter holidays have been favourably received and created a more welcoming entrance to school. We are continuing to develop the school environment in what will be an exciting last term of the year.

This term promises to be every bit as busy as the last, with residential trips, "bikeability", some sporting competitions, SATs and of course a Year 6 end of year production. As always, do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any queries.

Attendance

You are all aware we continue to monitor attendance because attendance really does matter. This year attendance was slightly down on last year (when we were above National figures for the first time in a number of years), but only marginally so. The weekly figure for the first week back however, was very low. It is important we all work hard to ensure this is just a one-off and the overall figure for the year does not start to dip. Thank you for your support on this matter.

New Sign In System

We have installed a new entry system in school that electronically records visitors in school.. All visitors – except at Achievement Assemblies and Mass – should enter the school through main reception and record their details. We will also use this system to record children arriving after start time or being collected early.

This is an important part of our safeguarding procedures which keep children safe in school and we ask for your co-operation with this.

Rhymecraft Winners!

Children in Year 5 entered the Rhymecraft creative writing competition open to all children aged 7-11. They had to create their own world and then write a poem inspired by it! Eleven children received certificates and of these seven poems have been selected to be included in the Rhymecraft book of poems. The children wrote about a number of different worlds including Candy Kingdom and minecraft.



East Barnby Trip 16th - 20th July

Reminder to parents of Year 6 children that payments for the residential trip to East Barnby can be made online and in instalments. It must be paid in full by 13th July.

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.

This week's 'Thunk'

Which is heavier promises or lies?



FOSS 80's and 90's School Disco
Saturday May 12th
7.30pm start
£5 entry including a drink
Adults only



FOSS Waterways Festival
Sunday 6th May

FOSS are holding a chocolate tombola at the Waterways Festival. Drop in to their stall and support them.

There is a non uniform day on Friday 4th May – please bring in some chocolate for the stall.
 Thank you



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.

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 23rd March and 20th April

Reception: Elissia

Year 1: Poppy, Viktor

Year 2: Isabella, Viktoria

Year 3: Ameena, Jacob

Year 4: Maddy

Year 5: Thomas, Roisin

Year 6: Lucas, Katie

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



Dates for your diary

April

Monday 30th – Swimming for Wharfedale class

May

Friday 4th – 2pm May procession

Friday 4th – Non Uniform Day – bring in chocolate for the FOSS staff at the Waterways Festival

Friday 4th – Year 2 Allstars Cricket Festival – Skipton Cricket Club 1-3pm

Sunday 6th – FOSS stall at the Waterways Festival

Monday 7th - Closed May Day holiday

Wednesday 9th – Alien Day for Malhamdale (details to follow)

Thursday 10th – Whole school Mass in Church

Saturday 12th – FOSS present an adult school disco 7.30 pm

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

Monday 14th – Year 6 SATs week

Monday 14th – Playground games for Malhamdale at Sandylands (details to follow)

Monday 21st – Tempest class photographs

Tuesday 22nd – Malhamdale trip to Tropical World

Friday 25th – Break up for summer half term

June

Monday 4th – School reopens

Tuesday 19th – E-safety workshop for Parents (NSPCC) 2.15pm – 3.15pm

July

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

The Golden Book
Madeline, Jenna, Summer, Mati,
Lena, Patrick & April