

St Stephen's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter



**Working together to succeed through faith
in Jesus Christ**

Friday 16th November 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Foundation Stage Stars of the Week	
Foundation Stage Silver Stars 	Toby Oliver

Key Stage 1 Stars of the Week		
	Year 1 Alexis Frankie Joe	Year 2 Laney-Mai Ollie

Key Stage 2 Stars of the Week			
Year 3 Angel Natalia		Year 4 Abigail Connor	Year 5 Tyler Grace
			Year 6 Nadia Abbie Mc

ATTENDANCE		
School Attendance this Week	Attendance Awards	
Reception	96.6%	Harry R
Year 1	94.3%	Jimmy
Year 2	96.5%	Julia K
Year 3	99.3%	Bobby
Year 4	99.3%	Abigail
Year 5	96.7%	Lewis
Year 6	98.7%	Abbie M
School Attendance Award 97.3%	Congratulations to Year 3 and 4 for having the joint highest attendance.	

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Proud Work Display</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">This week's children on our 'Proud Work' display are:-</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> Reception - Victoria Year 1 - Niall Year 2 - Riley Year 3 - Natalia Year 4 - Ethan Year 5 - Molly Year 6 - Jemma </p>
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Rainbow Champions

- Reception** - Victoria, Flynn, Chloe, Pola, Bianka, Harry R, Lamiya and Harry W,
Year 1 - James, Alexis, Stefan, Olivia, Niall and Simon
Year 2 - Oliver B, Laney-Mai, Cecylia, Nikola, Dominic, Tia and Lacey
Cecylia, Dominic, Ollie, Damian, Breanna-Mae, Oliwier S and James
Year 3 - Charlie, Kiara, Mya, Angel, Bobby, Niia, Ellis, Filip and Oliver
Year 4 - Emily, Abdul, Connor, Finley, Crystal, Ethan, Roxanne and Alfie
Year 5 - Jazmyne, Faye, Jamie, Joshua, Hannah and Molly
Year 6 - Michalina, Olivia, Merse, Jemma, Abbie Mc and Emily

Anti-Bullying Week

The children have enjoyed a range of assemblies, class activities and visitors to school this week to reinforce this year's message of 'Choose Respect'. Y5 had a visit from former pupils who now attend Cardinal Newman Catholic High School and Y6 performed a 'play in a day' based on anti-bullying messages and themes.

NSPCC Assembly and Workshops

Thank you to all those who attended the parents session on Monday afternoon which provided lots of useful information and practical tips on how we can keep our children safe on the internet. The NSPCC have teamed up with O2 who have 'gurus' in their stores to talk parents through security settings on their phones - this is a free service and open to all. Also, there is a free app called 'Net Aware' available to download which explains what different social media sites and apps are all about and who they are suitable for. In addition, the NSPCC have *Share Aware* animations available on their website (www.nspcc.org.uk) that are well worth a look at as they explain a range of different topics at age appropriate levels.

All children listened well in their sessions and hopefully now have a greater understanding of how to keep themselves safe wherever they are.

Magic Breakfast

We have launched our new breakfast incentive linked to attendance and punctuality this week. Every child at St. Stephen's will now receive breakfast every morning as they enter their classrooms. From our survey in October, bagels were the most popular choice and these will be provided each day to help pupils get to school on time, help parents if your child has missed breakfast and know a bagel will be waiting for them in class! After two days, the free breakfasts are proving very popular indeed!

Autumn Term Parents' Evening

Thank you to our parents/carers who attended Parents' Evening last night. We hope you found the time with your child's class teacher/s useful and informative. If anyone wishes to meet with Mrs Barbera, our SENDCO, please contact her via the school office on Tuesdays or Thursdays. Thank you for the positive feedback via the surveys distributed. The governors and I will be analysing the results in school next week. These will then be posted on the school website.

Polite Reminders: Parking

We ask that our families take care when parking near school. We appreciate that parking spaces are limited however local residents are becoming frustrated with their roads and driveways being blocked at the beginning and end of the school day. Please refrain from parking illegally and be considerate of our neighbours whom we have always had a good relationship with.

Non-Uniform Day

Next Friday 23rd November, we will be holding a non-uniform day in exchange for chocolate goodies for our Christmas Chocolate Tombola. Thank you in advance of your support.

Social Media

Further to our survey in October, we are pleased to announce that our school social media accounts have been developed. We now have a live St. Stephen's Twitter page which you can follow us on: **@stephen_cps**.

Also, the overwhelming majority requested a Facebook page which is almost complete and will be live soon. More details will follow in the next week. Both pages will provide information and insight to all areas of life at St. Stephen's.

Children in Need 2018

Thank you for all of the wonderful cake entries in our 'bake off' competition to mark this year's Children in Need fundraiser. By the time we went to print with the newsletter, the judges hadn't made their final decisions on the winning cakes - the winners will be shared in next week's newsletter. Many thanks to Molly in Year 5 and her family who have put a lot of time and effort into organising this event and providing the wonderful prize hampers. All monies raised today will be forwarded on to Children in Need. Thank you all for your support.

Events week beginning 19th November

Tuesday 20th - Y6 Sports Event at Cardinal Newman - 3.30-5.00pm

Wednesday 21st - Y4 Swimming - 1.00pm

Saturday 24th - Y4 Sacrament of Reconciliation Service at 11.00am at St
Bridget's Church

Future Diary Dates

Y3 Class Christmas Celebration from 9.00-10.00am - 4th December

Y4 Class Christmas Celebration from 9.00-10.00am - 5th December

Y5 Class Christmas Celebration from 9.00-10.00am - 6th December

Y6 Class Christmas Celebration from 9.00-10.00am - 7th December

Yours sincerely
Steven Hatton
Headteacher