

St Stephen's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter



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

Friday 3rd May 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Foundation Stage Stars of the Week	
Foundation Stage Silver Stars 	Cameron Lucas

Key Stage 1 Stars of the Week		
	Year 1	Year 2
	Leo Amelia-Rose V	Mason Kornel

Key Stage 2 Stars of the Week			
Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Ryan Maci-Beau 	Roxanne Skye	Euan Jamie 	Dominic C Charlie

ATTENDANCE		
School Attendance this Week	Attendance Awards	
Reception	92.1%	Katarzyna
Year 1	91.1%	Frankie-Joe
Year 2	89.9%	James
Year 3	94.6%	Niia
Year 4	91.5%	Jacob
Year 5	97.6%	Damian
Year 6	96.4%	Dominic E
School Attendance Award 93.3%	Congratulations to Year 5 class for having the highest attendance.	

<u>Proud Work Display</u>
This week's children on our 'Proud Work' display are:- Reception - Max Year 1 - Demi Year 2 - Mimi Year 3 - Whole Class Year 4 - Emily-May Year 5 - Grace Year 6 - Amelia Leapfrog - Hannah

Rainbow Champions

Reception - Victoria, Katarzyna, Bianka, Joseph, Mason, Alice, Harry R, Lamiya, Alfie W and Harry W

Year 1 - James, Leo, Frankie-Joe, Dominik, Jessica, Stefan, Lily, Olivia, Franciszek, Kaden, Izabelle, Demi, Hannah, Nevaeh and Amelia V

Year 2 - Oliver, Riley, Mimi, Laney-Mai, Connor, Paula, Julia, Kornel, Cecylia, Dominic, Millie, Lacey, Oliwier, James, Harvey and Maksym

Year 3 - Grace, Olivia, Kiara, Mya, Paige, Jemima, Angel, Bobby, Niia, Charlotte, Ellis, Filip, Billy, Maja, Natalia, Yarrah, Maci-Beau, Oliver, Mark and Moise

Year 4 - Weronika, Skye, Jakub, Courtney, Jacob and Finlay

Year 5 - Cerys-Ann and Hannah

Year 6 - Jakub, Alex, Callum and Nathan

Primary Quality Mark:

At the end of the Spring Term, St Stephen's underwent an external assessment to be awarded the Primary Quality Mark. The assessment focused on the standards, provision and outcomes in English and Maths for all pupils from a teaching and learning and leadership and management perspective. The assessor met with subject leaders, had a tour of the school led by the head boy and girl and their deputies, discussed English and Maths in more detail with pupils and discussed standards with a governor. I am delighted to share with you that the assessor had no hesitation in re-accrediting St. Stephen's with the Primary Quality Mark. The full report is available on the school website under the Inspection Reports tab. Below are a selection of quotes that we are very proud of from the report:

- ✓ *The school has ensured that the needs of all pupils are met.*
- ✓ *Scrutiny of books, lesson observations, pupil discussions and learning walks are included within the monitoring process. From these activities, action plans are developed and shared with whole staff and leadership teams.*
- ✓ *Careful analysis of data, pupil progress meetings and staff discussions all contribute to the identification of school priorities.*
- ✓ *In addition, school provides a Nurture Group where identified pupils are supported with their English and maths development in a small group setting which promotes positive pupil well-being.*
- ✓ *There is a strong commitment to staff CPD within the school. Continuous professional development is well aligned to staff's individual needs and whole school priorities.*
- ✓ *Working walls and learning links further support pupils and develop independence and resilience.*
- ✓ *Pupils were extremely complimentary about the range of extended opportunities within the school such as extra-curricular activities, educational excursions and residential visits.*
- ✓ *There are a range of interactive resources available to support pupils' learning. Examples include TT Rockstars, Read Theory and Spelling Shed.*
- ✓ *Children spoken to were very keen to share their views about what made their school great. Rainbow Champions, (children who go above and beyond to help others) Attendance Awards, Birthday Celebrations, Good Work Certificates are presented on Tuesdays and names of recipients included within newsletters to parents. They stated that, "This makes parents proud of us!"*
- ✓ *Parents are well informed of the work of the school through a variety of ways including school website, information events and newsletters.*

Parentsapps Launch:

You should've received a letter earlier this week explaining we will be launching a school app. This is because we wish to improve communication with our families and also reduce the amount of paper and ink we use as a school. Most adults have a smart phone these days so by downloading and accessing our app you will be provided with up to date news and information. The newsletter will be provided in paper copy until the end of this half term and then it will go paperless from June. The app will also enable quicker ways to report a pupil absence, provide medical evidence and quick links to ParentPay when you need to credit your child's account.

An invite to download and access the app has been text today (Friday 3rd May) please sign up ASAP

Summer Term Newsletters:

All pupils have brought home today a parent/carer information sheet about what topics they will be covering in class over the Summer Term. Please keep hold of this as it will come in handy when chatting to your child/ren about their day and helping them with homework or research tasks.

Y4 First Holy Communion:

This weekend sees the next group of our Year 4 pupils making their First Holy Communion. The children and their families have been notified about the date, time and venue for which they have been allocated over the next three weeks. We ask that you keep our Y4 children in your thoughts and prayers as they take this special step in their sacramental journey.

Y5 Residential Trip for October 2019:

The deadline for the final payment for the trip to Colomendy is Friday 12th July. However, to avoid a big payment all at once in July, why not pay off a small amount each week? The difference as little as £5.00 a week or once a fortnight can make will help out all of our families I am sure. Please send in your payment card with any money you send in as proof of payment. If you have any questions or query about the trip then please speak to Mr Glynn, Mrs Bishop or myself.

Reception Snack Information:

I would like to make our Reception Class parents aware that toast will no longer be available after the May half term break. As part of our transition work to help get ready for Y1, the children will still receive a free bagel at the start of the day as well as free fruit. Milk will also still be available to buy from the kitchen. We wanted to make you aware in advance to avoid you topping up your ParentPay account with too much money! If you have any questions or queries please see Mrs Sheron or a member of the Reception Class team.

Reading Support at Morning Break:

As part of our Home School Agreement, regular reading at home is expected and as we all know helps to make a huge impact on children's progress. We have been closely monitoring reading at home in Years 3 to 6 and I am concerned that not all pupils are reading regularly. Mrs Georgiou, our Reading Lead, is offering pupils who don't read regularly at home the opportunity to read with her at break times for 5 minutes in the Hall. I want to be clear that this is not a punishment but a means of helping your child/ren progress with their reading.

Events week beginning 6th May 2019

Monday - Bank Holiday Monday - school closed
Tuesday - School re-opens at 8.45am
 Y3 Swimming
Friday - PTA Parents Meeting at 9am - all parents/carers welcome
 Nelson Mandela Celebration Day

Yours sincerely,
Steven Hatton
Headteacher