

**St Stephen's Catholic Primary School**


**Newsletter**






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


**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Foundation Stage Stars of the Week	
Foundation Stage Silver Stars 	Harry R Suri

Key Stage 1 Stars of the Week		
	Year 1	Year 2
	Simon Demi	Conor B Julia K

Key Stage 2 Stars of the Week			
Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Paige Charlie J 	Finlay Crystal	Hannah Jamie 	Ziyang Jakub

ATTENDANCE		
School Attendance this Week	Attendance Awards	
Reception	98.0%	Mason
Year 1	96.4%	Niall
Year 2	92.9%	Breanna-Mae
Year 3	98.2%	Charlie B
Year 4	97.5%	Vienna
Year 5	96.3%	Mya
Year 6	97.3%	Ziyang
School Attendance Award 96.7%	Congratulations to Year 3 class for having the highest attendance.	

<u>Proud Work Display</u>
This week's children on our 'Proud Work' display are:- <b>Reception</b> - Pola <b>Year 1</b> - Thomas <b>Year 2</b> - Damian <b>Year 3</b> - Angel <b>Year 4</b> - Tianna <b>Year 5</b> - Olivia <b>Year 6</b> - Keira <b>Leapfrog</b> - Davie

## Rainbow Champions

- Reception** - Victoria, Bailey, Chloe, Harry R and Harry W
- Year 1** - Jimmy, Alexis, Anthony, Lily, Codie, Olivia, Izabelle, Niall, Amelia P and Sheza
- Year 2** - Oliver B, Laney-Mai, Alissa, Connor G, Paula, Julia, Kornel, Cecylia, Dominic, Millie, Lacey, Ollie and Damian
- Year 3** - Mark, Grace, Charlie, Kiara, Mya, Jemima, Angel, Anthony, Charlotte, Jake, Filip, Charlie, Yarraah, Maci-Beau and Oliver
- Year 4** - Georgie, Faith, Tyler, Gracie, Weronika, Skye, Crystal, Lindsay, Madelyn, Courtney, Abdul, Finlay and Emily-May
- Year 5** - Abbie, Euan, Tyler, Lena, Molly and Megan
- Year 6** - Jakub, Charlie, Olivia, Merse, Joshua, Oscar, Abbie Mc, Nadia, Leah, Emily and Ilinca

## Welcome Back!

This week we welcomed back Miss Parker who has returned to school following her maternity leave. Miss Parker has taken over the teaching responsibilities of Year 3 on Mondays to Wednesdays.

## KS2 Christmas Family Celebrations

Thank you to all of our families who took part in the class celebrations this week. It was lovely see the school hall so full as the children led a Christmas themed collective worship, sung carols so beautifully and read their poems so confidently. We were thrilled to see pupils and their loved ones spend some quality time together and making some Christmas craft. The children shared the true meaning of Christmas and certainly left us all feeling proud and full of festive cheer!

## Reception Phonics Parent Workshop - Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December

Mrs Burnham and Mrs Porter will be leading a session for parents in Reception on how to support your child with their phonics skills at home. This practical and informative session will take place in the Reception classroom next Wednesday morning at 9am. Thank you to those parents who have returned their replies already. If you wish to attend then you still have time to send them into school by early next week.

## KS1 Christmas Production - 'Born in a Barn'

All requested tickets have been sent home this week for KS1's Christmas production 'Born in a Barn'. As stated in the letter from Mrs Sheron, for Thursday's performance, children need to be back at school at 4.30pm and not before.

## Christmas Dinner - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December

All pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free meal as part of the universal offer. Pupils in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are asked to pay £2.30 on the day to cover the cost of the meal. There will be no other food options available on the day only a vegetarian alternative. Toast will not be on sale so if your child requires a morning snack please send one from home. Chips will be served on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> instead of Friday.

## Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December

We are inviting pupils to wear a festive, Christmas themed jumper on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December - the same day we will be having Christmas Lunch. Pupils can wear a Christmas jumper with their uniform for the day.

### **Sponsored Event - Elf Run - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

We are once again supporting St Rocco's Christmas charity event. This year, it's an 'Elf Run'. Each child will be given an elf hat to take part and will be sponsored to complete as many laps as they can of the playground. Sponsorship forms have been sent home this week. All money raised will be forwarded to St. Rocco's Hospice.

### **Year 5 - Advent Service at Liverpool Cathedral**

On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December, Year 5 will go to Liverpool Cathedral for the Advent Service. Pupils will leave school over lunch time and will return at approx. 3pm. There will be no charge for this trip, but if children wish to bring in a donation of an unwrapped, new toy or game they can and it will be given to a child for Christmas through the Nugent Care Charity.

### **Christmas Movie Nights**

Letters will be sent home next week so that pupils can book their place at one of our special Christmas Movie Nights. At a cost of £2.00 per pupil this covers drinks and refreshments. Pupils in Reception, Years 1 and 2 are welcome to join us from 3.00-5.00pm on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December. Children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 can join us on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December from 3.00-5.00pm. Bookings and payments will need to be sent back into school by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December. A 'Teddy Tombola' is being run on both nights, children can buy raffle tickets at £1 per strip for a chance to win lots of teddies.

### **Christmas Chocolate Raffle**

Raffle tickets are on sale to win our bonanza of Christmas chocolate goodies which will be drawn on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December. Raffle tickets are £1 each.

### **After School Clubs**

After such a busy half term where we have provided such a range of after school clubs ranging from football, fencing and boxing to photography, mindfulness and art and crafts - next week will be the last session for each club before the Christmas break. There will be no after school clubs during the last week of term (w/b 17<sup>th</sup> December). We will be providing a new selection of clubs in the new year which we will share with you after the Christmas break.

### **Flu Immunisation**

Children from Reception class through to Year 5, who returned their consent forms, will be receiving the flu immunisation in school on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Reminder:**

School closes for the Christmas holidays on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 3.00pm.  
We reopen for the Spring Term on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 8.45am.

### **Events week beginning Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December**

Wednesday - KS1 Christmas Production 1.30pm

Thursday - KS1 Christmas Production 5.00pm

Friday - Christmas Jumper Day/ Elf Sponsored Run/ Christmas Dinner

Yours sincerely  
**Steven Hatton**  
Head Teacher