

**St Stephen's Catholic Primary School**

**Newsletter**



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

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Foundation Stage Stars of the Week	
Foundation Stage Silver Stars 	Kai Harry W

Key Stage 1 Stars of the Week		
	Year 1	Year 2
	Nevaeh Nathaniel	Julia T Cecylia

Key Stage 2 Stars of the Week			
Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Anthony Yarrah 	Finlay Vienna	Megan Euan 	Daniel Nathan

ATTENDANCE		
School Attendance this Week	Attendance Awards	
Reception	94.3%	Flynn
Year 1	96.1%	Alice
Year 2	96.9%	Riley
Year 3	95.0%	Logan
Year 4	98.2%	Jack
Year 5	96.0%	Lena
Year 6	96.4%	Sophie
School Attendance Award 96.1%	Congratulations to Year 4 class for having the highest attendance.	

<p align="center"> <b><u>Proud Work Display</u></b>            This week's children on our 'Proud Work' display are:-  <b>Reception</b> - Oliver <b>Year 1</b> - Codie  <b>Year 2</b> - Ollie <b>Year 3</b> - Ryan  <b>Year 4</b> - Lindsay <b>Year 5</b> - Elise  <b>Year 6</b> - Charlie         </p>
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## Rainbow Champions

- Reception** - Bailey, Lucas, Pola, Bianka, Mason, Alice, Kai and Harry W  
**Year 1** - Jimmy, Jessica, Isabelle and Hannah  
**Year 2** - Berrie, Riley, Paula, Cecylia, Dominic, Talullah, Julia T and Maksym  
**Year 3** - Mark, Grace, Olivia, Charlie B, Kiara, Mya, Logan, Jemima, Angel, Jake, Ellis, Billy, Charlie, Natalia, Maci-Beau, Oliver, Ryan and Harry  
**Year 4** - Skye, Keane, Vinnie, Lindsay, Madelyn, Jacob, Tianna and Emily-May  
**Year 5** - Willow, Faye, Lena and Hannah  
**Year 6** - Jakub, Sophie, Savanna, Jemma and Leah

## Welcome Back!

Welcome back to the Spring Term! We hope you all had a wonderful break over Christmas and New Year with your loved ones. On behalf of the staff, I would like to thank our pupils and their families for the kind, thoughtful gifts and cards we received at Christmas time. We have lots to look forward to over the coming months as we begin a brand new term. Accompanying the newsletter today is:

- Spring Term Diary Dates - stick it on your fridge and use it to guide you through each week until April.
- 2019/20 School Holiday Dates - in order to help families plan trips, holidays and time off from work we have circulated next year's holiday dates. These are also available on the school website.

## Staffing Update:

We welcome two new colleagues to the St. Stephen's staff this term. Mrs Webb is our new Y4 class teacher and is very much enjoying getting to know her new class. The children have made her feel very welcome. Also, Mrs Beeley, has joined our Leapfrog Nurture Group team to work alongside our pupils and Mrs Stamper. We hope they both settle in well to our school community and I am sure you will make them feel very welcome too!

## Y5 Parents/Carers' Meeting:

Mr Glynn and I will be holding a meeting for the parents/carers of our current Y5 pupils on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January at 9am about the new residential trip they will go on in September 2019 when they move up to Y6. Thank you to those who have returned reply slips already. If you have not returned a slip but can still make the meeting, please feel free to join us on Monday morning.

## After School Clubs:

Information about our after school clubs for this term has been sent home this week. All clubs begin next week and will run across this half term. They will finish during week commencing Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February but will continue after the half term break. You will be notified if your child has or has not been successful on securing a place on a course. Places will be offered on a first come, first served basis.

**Punctuality:**

A reminder that classroom doors open at 8.45am each morning. Pupils enter school and begin their morning maths activities whilst enjoying a hot bagel. It is so important that you make every effort to ensure that your child is in class for 8.45am as we have noticed specific pupils or families who are arriving quite late to school or having to be registered as late at the school office. I will be making contact with these families and hope to see a marked improvement for a prompt start to the school day. Thank you in advance of your support with this matter!

**Deadline for Reception Class Places in September 2019:**

The deadline for parents/carers to submit their application forms online to WBC to apply for a place in our Reception Class in September 2019 is next Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January. School faith forms need to be returned to the school office as soon as possible.

**ADVANCE NOTICE:**

Families will be receiving information over the coming weeks as we transfer to a cashless system for dinners and snacks over the next few weeks. Once the new system has been set up school will no longer accept money for dinners and snacks and parents/carers will have to credit their child/ren's account to enable them to purchase food. We will continue to take cash for the payment of school trips.

**ADVANCE NOTICE:**

Year 6 will be taking their end of Key Stage 2 assessments during the week beginning Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019. 100% attendance is expected by all pupils in Y6 during this week as they will not be able to re-sit any assessments that they miss. More information about the timetable and organisation of the week will be sent home nearer the time.

**Polite Parking Reminder:**

We appreciate that parking is limited around school. However, it has been brought to our attention that many of our families are parking at Sandy Lane Nursery which is causing congestion and parking issues over there. As the Sandy Lane site has expanded so much over the years they do not have the capacity for additional parking at drop off times and the beginning and end of the day as it is impacting on their own staff and families. I politely ask that you do not park on the Sandy Lane Nursery car park from now on. Also, can I remind all children to take care and make sure the road is clear when using the zebra crossing, especially those children who make their on way to and from school.

**Events week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> January**

Monday - Y5 Parents Meeting for Residential Trip 9.00am

Tuesday - Y5 Sports Event CNHS 3.00pm

Yours sincerely  
**Steven Hatton**  
**Head Teacher**