

St Stephen's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter



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

Friday 25th January 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Foundation Stage Stars of the Week	
Foundation Stage Silver Stars 	Sophie Keilon

Key Stage 1 Stars of the Week		
	Year 1	Year 2
	Kaden Alexis	Maria Julia K

Key Stage 2 Stars of the Week			
Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Ryan Mya B 	Elis Weronika	Emilia Lewis 	Olivia Alex

ATTENDANCE		
School Attendance this Week	Attendance Awards	
Reception	96.0%	Pola
Year 1	91.8%	Oliver W
Year 2	96.5%	Mason
Year 3	87.6%	Ellis
Year 4	91.8%	Conor B
Year 5	93.5%	Jack
Year 6	93.6%	Sophie
School Attendance Award 92.9%	Congratulations to Year 2 class for having the highest attendance.	

Proud Work Display

This week's children on our 'Proud Work' display are:-

Reception - Alfie P Year 1 - Codie

Year 2 - Nikola Year 3 - Grace

Year 4 - Keane Year 5 - Angelika

Year 6 - Logan Leapfrog - Kaden

Rainbow Champions

- Reception** - Victoria, Pola, Bianka, Joseph, Suri, Mason and Alfie W
- Year 1** - Ajsa, Alice, Alexis, Jessica, Nathaniel, Demi, Hannah, Amelia P, Thomas and Nevaeh
- Year 2** - Mimi, Paula, Kornel, Amelia, Cecylia, Nikola, Millie, Lacey, Damian, Oliwier S, Jacob and Harvey
- Year 3** - Grace, Caiden, Charlie, Kiara, Logan, Jemima, Angel, Niia, Charlotte Jake, Ellis, Charlie, Yarraah and Oliver
- Year 4** - Elis, Weronika, Skye, Alfie, Jakub, Abdul, Finlay and Kristen
- Year 5** - Faye, Euan, Grace, Emilia, Hannah and Elise
- Year 6** - Charlie, Alex, Callum, Abbie Mc and Emily

Y5 Residential Trip for October 2019:

If you would like to secure a place for your child on the new residential trip to Kingswood in Colomendy then please complete the tear off slip and send in the £48 deposit by next Friday 1st February. A payment card will be issued on receipt of your deposit. If you have any questions, please speak to myself or Mr Glynn.

Class Trips:

This morning Y6 attended 'The Punctuation Show' at Cardinal Newman Catholic High School. The aim of the show was to help pupils with their grammar, punctuation and spelling skills and was presented in a fun, imaginative way. The children had a great time and enjoyed the show!

Y3 visited Tatton Park today as part of their History studies on the Stone Age. They took part in practical workshops and explored how we learn about the past through messages left by prehistoric communities. Our staff were full of praise for the children with regard to their behaviour and how they enthusiastically took part in all of the activities.

Year 5 Come and See Assembly

Our Y5 pupils will be leading our collective worship next Friday 1st February at 2.30pm in the hall. Parents/carers of Y5 pupils are very welcome to join us. Please send along grandparents or other family members to support your child if you are unable to make the assembly.

PE Kits:

Thank you for the response to last week's newsletter as I have already noted an improvement in the standard of PE kits and the improved number of children taking part in PE. This must continue now and all children must have a PE kit in school each week to take part in their statutory PE lesson.

KS2 Holocaust Memorial Assembly:

Mrs Georgiou led a thoughtful and reflective assembly with pupils from Years 3 to 6 yesterday about Holocaust Memorial Day. Sensitively, the reason and meaning behind the day was explained as we approach the annual memorial of Holocaust on 27th January.

Parent Pay Launch Letters:

Yesterday, each child brought a letter home in a brown envelope with details for parents/carers how to activate their own ParentPay account in readiness for school dinners and snack going cashless in school as of **Monday 4th February**.

As of that Monday, we will no longer be accepting money in school. **It is your responsibility to make sure that your child's account has enough money in each day for their snack and their school dinner.** Even if your child is in receipt of free school meals, you must activate your ParentPay account to enable your child to buy snacks at break time.

From the survey I sent out in the Autumn Term, the vast majority of parents/carers stated that they would prefer to go cashless for school dinners. Therefore, we have moved ahead with this project and will rely on your support and co-operation in making it a success. As always with a new system, I am sure there will be teething problems however the ParentPay system is straightforward and easy to use. **Your first job is to activate and credit your child's account by Monday 4th February.**

If you require any support or assistance in the setting up of your child's ParentPay account then please visit our school website. On the front page of the website there is a 'Links and Downloads' section and a link to the ParentPay website can be found there and will take you through step by step on how to activate and credit your child's account.

- Each child must have their own account activated and credited with money
- Snacks must be paid for via ParentPay
- We will only be using ParentPay for school dinners and snack for the time being. Cash will still need to be sent in for any future school trips
- We will have a new 'No Debt Policy' as of Monday 4th February which will result in school meals and snacks being stopped if a child's account is not in credit and up to date. Parents/carers will then have to provide their own lunch and snack for their child/ren

Events week beginning 28th January 2019

Friday - Y5 Come and See Assembly 2.30pm

Saturday - Y4 Sacramental Preparation St. Bridget's Church 10.30am

Yours sincerely

Steven Hatton

Head Teacher