

ST STEPHEN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY A VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

'Learning, living and loving one another in God's name'

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And take a breath...



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for all your help and support for your children over this half-term. The children have been a credit to you all in the way that they have welcomed myself, Mr Gilhooly and Mrs Holt into the family of St Stephen's. They have risen to the challenges set for them in their learning by their teachers and have taken the tweaks that I have made to school life in their stride.

It has been a pleasure to give out so many awards this term to children across the school for such a variety of reasons, including those which celebrate our School Virtues in action on a daily basis. Huge congratulations go especially to our ten Y6 children who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last night at St Stephen's church. It was a truly uplifting celebration and I am proud to be their Headteacher.

During this half-term the staff and governors have reviewed the school's Positive Behaviour Policy and Homework Policy. A copy of the main changes are attached to the bottom of this newsletter for you to discuss with your children during the holiday please. The full policies are on our school website for your information.

I hope that you all have a lovely holiday with your children and that they return refreshed in November ready to continue their learning journeys.

Best wishes, *Alixena Lubomski (Headteacher)*

DIARY DATES *(Annual Calendar is available on the website)*

- 25/10/19: Bishop Wheeler Trust Staff Training Day
- 28/10—1/11/19 Sportscoool Holiday Club in school hall
- 4/11/19: School re-opens @ 8.45am
- 8/11/19: St Christopher's Class Assembly (Parents welcome)
- 10/11/19: St Stephen's wreath to be placed at the Cenotaph
- 11/11/19: 'Robin Hood' Theatre production
- 12/11/19: New to YR 2020—Open Morning 9.30—11am
- 13/11/19: Parents' Evening 4.30—7pm
- 14/11/19: Parents' Evening 3.30—6pm
- 15/11/19: 'Non-uniform day Wear Red' for Firefighters' Charity Awards' Assembly @ 9.10am
Flu immunisations YR-6 AM
- 19/11/19: New to YR 2020 Open Event 6-7pm
- 20/11/19: Individual school photos
- 22/11/19: St Andrew's Class Assembly (Parents welcome)
- 24/11/19: FOSS @ Santa Fun Run
- 29/11/19: Awards' Assembly @ 9.10am
- 1/12/19: Parish Family Mass @ 9.30am
- 2/12/19: Beginning of Advent Liturgy @ 9.10am All welcome

OFFICE NEWS

OFFICE HOURS
8.30am—4.30pm
Mon-Thurs
8.30am- 4pm Fri

We would be grateful if all parents could bring their Parent Pay accounts up to date before we return to school after half term. Places at After School Club and Breakfast Club cannot be guaranteed without payments being made.

Please can the remaining general consent forms also be brought back after the holidays.

Thank you.
Mrs Millington and
Mrs Dunn

HEALTH AND SAFETY NOTICE:

Beginning of the School Day:

Please ensure that all children who are brought to school by an adult **remain in their supervision ON THE AVENUE** until the doors open at 8.45am.

End of the School Day:

Please note that school finishes at 3.15pm.
Unless there is an unexpected emergency, children who are not collected by 3.30pm will be placed in the After School Provision and their parents will be charged.

Parish Mass Times at Weekends:

ST STEPHEN'S, SKIPTON:
Sat 5pm/ Sun 9.30am (Children's
Liturgy) and 6pm

**ST MARGARET CLITHEROE,
THRESHFIELD**
Sun 11am



**SACRED HEART CHAPEL,
BROUGHTON HALL**
Sun 8.30am

Effective and Respectful Communication

In order to maintain our excellent lines of communication with our families, we request that all adults in our community follow these guidelines please:

Be polite in all situations : stay calm and use respectful language.

Be Factual: please ignore hearsay and stick to the facts; let's work together to find out the truth and establish the full picture.

Be Patient: Take time to listen to one another, give time for things to be followed up properly both in school and at home. Unless it is an emergency, book meetings in advance so that we can discuss things when we have time to do so properly.



KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE

CLASSROOM WATER BOTTLES: *please ensure ONLY water is placed in the bottles going forward. Thank you.*

Food allergies : Please ensure that school is notified about any allergies that your child may develop.

Packed lunches/snacks: please ensure that **ALL the food is healthy** and that there are **NO foods containing nuts** provided. We have a number of children across the school with severe allergies who need to be kept safe from accidental exposure to nuts.

Who are our Governors?

Mrs Sheehan—Chair of the Academy Council

Ms Copeland—Vice Chair

Mgr Summersgill

Mrs Boulton

Mr Jones

Mrs Fox—Parent Gov

Parent Gov—Vacancy

Mrs Moon—Staff

Mrs Lubomski—HT

See the website for further information about them and their role in the life of the school.

Headteacher's 'Open Door' **MONDAYS**

9.30—10am each week.

If you wish to pop in to see Mrs Lubomski, this time is available without any appointment. Please just sign in to school and wait in the front entrance.

Thank you

Breakfast and After School Club

Places are available with our on-site breakfast/after school clubs in the School Hall.



Please contact

Mrs Millington for further information.

Friends of St Stephen's (FOSS) News

Thank you to all of the team for the tremendous work that they have done this term on behalf of the school. They have raised about £1000 from the Bingo and Race Nights .

The children are already enjoying the benefit from the purchase of the Bibles across the school from Y1 – Y6. This is the first year of this scheme and has been well received.



Rights and Responsibilities

Every member of our school community has a number of key rights and each right has a commensurate responsibility.

Right	Responsibility
To be safe and secure	Not to threaten the safety and security of others
To be loved and cared for	To love and care for others
To be treated with courtesy, by adults and children	To be courteous to adults and other children
To be heard	To listen to others
To be valued for what they can offer	To value the contribution of others
To praise, for every effort and success, so that they feel good about themselves	To praise the efforts and successes of others
To be trusted	Not to bring dangerous items into school
To have loyal friends	To be loyal to their friends
To be in an environment where learning can take place	To avoid behaviour that will disrupt the learning environment for others
To be in a clean environment	To keep the school tidy
To be in an interesting and stimulating environment that is properly equipped	To help create and sustain an interesting and stimulating environment, and to look after the school and its equipment properly
To know what reasonable and consistent expectations are made of them by adults	To work hard to meet these reasonable and consistent expectations
To be dealt with fairly and consistently, by adults and children	To deal fairly and consistently with others
To have their own opinions and beliefs	To tolerate the different opinions and beliefs of others
To develop independence and self discipline	To exercise independence and self discipline responsibly
To be respected	To respect others

BEHAVIOURS MATCHED TO SANCTIONS

Whole School

(Nursery Level 1 only / Reception all levels from after October half-term)

	BEHAVIOUR	SANCTIONS
LEVEL 1	Disrupting lessons	5 min 'time out' at next break
LEVEL 2	Swearing	15 min 'time out'/noted in Homework/ Reading planner
	Spitting at another person	15 min 'time out'/noted in Homework/ Reading planner
	Inappropriate behaviours (touching/ nasty words/ meanness via online computer games)	15 min 'time out'/noted in Homework/ Reading planner
	Being rude to an adult	15 min 'time out'/noted in Homework/ Reading planner
	Answering back	15 min 'time out'/noted in Homework/ Reading planner
	Fighting	15 min 'time out'/noted in Homework/ Reading planner
<p>Staff will ensure incidents are investigated at an appropriate level and will consult with the SLT before using L3/4 sanctions.</p> <p>The SLT will always consider each situation in relation to age-appropriate expectations and the wider context.</p> <p>Timings of consequences may be adjusted dependent on the age or needs of the child.</p>		
LEVEL 3	Swearing at an adult	30 min Reflection + Parents/carers informed by the SLT
	Racist comments	30 min Reflection + Parents/carers informed by the SLT
	Bullying	30 min Reflection + Parents/carers informed by the SLT
LEVEL 4	Intentional extreme violence towards an adult/child which has required in an adult intervening to stop the child's actions	Fixed term half day exclusion/ Parents/ carers informed by the SLT by phone/letter

HOMework— SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES OVER A WEEK:

Year Group	Homework
Reception	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phonics practice. High Frequency words practice. Reading – paper books and/or set e-reading books. Occasional challenges linking to the curriculum being taught set on 'Tapestry'/ in children's Scrap Books.
Year 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reading – 2 reading scheme books and a phonics book. Phonics/ High Frequency words practice. Abacus online activities will be made available as and when required.
Year 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reading – 3 reading scheme books Spelling Common Exception words practice Maths homework either paper based or Abacus online activities will be set weekly. Practise 2x,5x 10x Multiplication tables Other curricular area - occasionally and will be in replacement of one of the above activities
Year 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reading - 3 reading scheme books Y3 Spellings practice. Grammar/English worksheet or online activities. Maths Activity sheet or Abacus online activities. 3x, 4x, 6x, 8x, Multiplication tables. Other curricular area - occasionally and will be in replacement of one of the above activities.
Year 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reading – 3 reading scheme books Y4 Spellings practice. Grammar/English worksheet or online activities. 7x, 9x, 11x,12x Multiplication tables. Maths Activity sheet or Abacus online activities. Other curricular area - occasionally and will be in replacement of one of the above activities
Year 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reading - their book sent home from the reading scheme or free reading. Y5 Spellings practice. Grammar/English worksheet or Phonics bug online activities. Maths Activity sheet/ or Abacus online activities. All Multiplication tables/ number facts. Other curricular area - occasionally and will be in replacement of one of the above activities
Year 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reading - their book sent home from the reading scheme or free reading. Y6 Spelling Practice. Grammar/English worksheet or Phonics Bug online activities. Maths Activity sheet or Abacus online activities. Multiplication tables – if still not secure. Other curricular area - occasionally and will be in replacement of one of the above activities