

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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Christmas Message 2019

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to everyone who has helped and/or supported our school in any way this term. Your generosity of spirit is very much appreciated.



The children have been a credit to you at events in and out of school since half-term. They have represented school at the swimming baths, at the Remembrance Sunday service, on visits to the local Library, at the 'Rewind to Christmas event at Holy Trinity Church, at Abbeyfield Home, in the Nativity plays and in today's Carol Service at St Stephen's church.

Overall their behaviour for learning in lessons is positive, they are keen to share their increasing knowledge with their teachers and peers and are enjoying the topics that they are studying.

Behaviour towards each other and adults in the children's social times has improved since September. Staff are working in partnership with parents of any children who still find these times difficult to help accelerate these their social development.

Once again 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.

On your behalf, I would like to extend our warmest good wishes to Miss Martin who starts her maternity leave tomorrow afternoon. We hope that she has a good rest over Christmas and enjoys preparing for the baby's arrival in 2020.

Wishing you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas,
Alixena Lubomski (Headteacher)

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

- 6/1/20: School re-opens @ 8.45am
St David start swimming lessons
Y6 Dance workshop PM
- 14/1/20: Mass for St Stephen's class in Church @ 9.30am
- 15/1/20: St David to attend Aquathlon
- 17/1/20: Awards' Assembly—Parents are welcome
- 24/1/20: St George's Class assembly
- 31/1/20: Awards' assembly
- 2/2/20: St Margaret Clitherow House to lead 9.30am Mass @ St Stephen's Church
- 7/2/20: St Stephen's (YR) Class assembly
- 10/2/20: INTERNET SAFETY WEEK
- 14/2/20: End of Half-term Awards' Assembly—parents are welcome
School closes @ 3.15pm
- 17/2—21/2/20: Sportscool Holiday Club
- 24/2/20: School re-opens @ 8.45am

OFFICE NEWS

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

Please would all parents who use our out of school clubs return the booking form—spaces are filling up fast.

We would also appreciate all dinner choices being submitted by the end of school tomorrow.

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

Dr Perry

Mrs Fox—Parent Gov

Mr Duckworth—Parent Gov

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

Please return your booking forms asap for the spring term. Places are filling up fast!



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 £2000 from the varied and enjoyable events.

The children have had a fabulous visit to the cinema this week and a significant amount has been donated to school to help to fund some new equipment in school over the coming months.

