



St. Stephen's School
and Children's Centre
Learning for life

Headteacher's Newsletter

Issue 2

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Dear Parents,

It has been a busy first half of term and I am glad to say that the children have settled well with their new teachers and into their classes. I would like to say a huge thank you for your contributions to the Harvest collection, our hall was overflowing with your generosity.

We are all looking forward to a busy second half leading up to the Christmas break.

As the winter nights draw in and it turns colder please ensure your children are wearing coats that can be fastened and gloves/scarves as necessary. This is also a time when children get a range of coughs and colds. Please don't worry and continue to send your child to school. If your child is too unwell one of our many trained first aiders will contact you and let you know.

It was good to see so many of you at the initial parent meetings in September. This year, we are continuing our Parents Q & A in year groups; this will be a good opportunity for you to ask me any questions directly in a smaller forum. I look forward to getting to know you better at these.

For those of you who are celebrating the many festivals taking place this term, the staff and I hope you enjoy celebrating Diwali, Guru Nanak's Birthday and Christmas!

Please read this letter carefully as it contains useful information about school events and dates for the rest of this term.

I would like to thank you for your continued support.

Ms. Neena Lall
Headteacher

AUTUMN TERM DATES 2017**NOVEMBER**

Monday 6 th November	School restarts at 8:55 am
Monday 6 th November	Year 6 educational visit to The Tate Modern Art Gallery
Tuesday 7 th November	Year 5 educational visit to The Tate Modern Art Gallery
Tuesday 7 th November	Governors Open Day Governors Meeting @4 pm
Wednesday 8 th November	Year 4 educational visit to The Tate Modern Art Gallery
Thursday 9 th November	Year 3 educational visit to The Tate Modern Art Gallery
Thursday 9 th November	Year 4 parent meeting- Science museum overnight stay @3.15pm
Friday 10 th November	Year 2 educational visit to The Tate Modern Art Gallery
Tuesday 14 th November	Head teacher Parent Q and A for 6TN-3.30pm
Tuesday 14 th November	Best Start in Life Children's Centre advisory board meeting @5pm
Thursday 16 th November	Curriculum Evening @7.15pm
Tuesday 21 st November	Head teacher Parent Q and A for 6SR-3.30pm

DECEMBER

Tuesday 5 th December	Year 5 Head teacher Parent Q and A -3.30pm
Tuesday 5 th December	Daycare parent meeting @5pm
Friday 8 th December	Nursery and Reception Disco/Bazaar 3.30-5pm
Friday 8 th December	Years 1-6 Disco/Bazaar 5.30-7.30pm
Saturday 9 th December	Year 4 overnight stay at the Science Museum
Tuesday 12 th December	Year R and Year 1 visit to the Kenneth More Theatre-Peter Pan
Thursday 14 th December	Year 4 Parent Meeting-Swimming at 3.30pm
Tuesday 19 th December	Christmas Jumper Day-£1 to wear your Christmas jumper for Save the Children
Tuesday 19 th December	Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 20 th December	EY and KS1 -End of term Parent Assembly 9.30am
Thursday 21 st December	KS2 Christmas Recital @9.15am
Friday 22 nd December	Christmas Holiday - School closes at 12:30 pm
Friday 22 nd December	Daycare and Children's Centre closes 1pm

JANUARY 2018 SPRING TERM

Tuesday 2 nd January	Daycare Children return
Friday 5 th January	Daycare Parent Consultation Day-Daycare Closed
Monday 8 th January	Primary Pupils return 8.55am
Monday 8 th January	Maintained Nursery and Daycare CLOSED-Staff Training
Tuesday 9 th January	Maintained Nursery Pupils return
Thursday 18 th January	Nursery and Reception Class Consultation Day
Thursday 18 th January	KS1 Parents evening 2pm-7.30pm
Thursday 25 th January	KS2 Parents evening 2pm-7.30pm

I will inform you of any additional dates and events that may be set during the term.

JUNIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

I am pleased to announce the new JLT team for 2017 2018

Head Boy	Head Girl	Deputy Head Boy	Deputy Head Girl
Redowan Amin	Tanusri Dabbara	Rasikan Manogaran	Naeema Noor

PARENT GOVERNORS

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce the Parent Governors to you. The Governors and staff are dedicated to ensuring that all our children are safe, well supported, achieve their potential and enjoy school. If you have any concerns, or something which you are pleased about then let us know. Your feedback is extremely important to us. Their photographs are displayed in the front entrances of both the School and Nursery.

Parent Governor	
Ms Nasima Noorani	Parent of Yahya in year 2 and Mohammed Ali in Year 6
Ms Sarah Butler	Parent of Indie in Year 1 and Jetson in Daycare

END OF KEY STAGE RESULTS 2016-2017

We are pleased to report to parents that the pupils achieved very good end of key stage results.

EYFS

	% of pupils expected or exceeding	2017	National
	Good level of development	81%	71%
Prime Learning goals	Communication and language	90%	TBC
	Physical Development	96%	TBC
	Personal, Social and emotional Development	93%	TBC
Specific Learning goal	Literacy	84%	TBC
	Mathematics	91%	TBC
	Understanding of the world	91%	TBC
	Expressive arts and design	94%	TBC

Year 1 phonics

	2017	National
Phonics year 1 Screening	93%	81%
Phonics year 2 retakes	69%	TBC

End of Key Stage 1

	2017	National
% of pupils achieving EXS		
Reading	91%	76%
Writing	91%	68%
Mathematics	93%	75%
% of pupils achieving GDS		
Reading	39%	25%
Writing	35%	16%
Mathematics	50%	21%

End of Key Stage 2

	2017	National
Reading	98%	71%
Grammar Punctuation and Spelling	98%	77%
Writing	95%	76%
Mathematics	97%	75%
English and maths combined	95%	61%
Reading	58%	25%
Grammar Punctuation and Spelling	90%	31%
Writing	75%	18%
Mathematics	72%	23%
English and maths combined	42%	9%

Average scaled score per pupil

	2017	National
Reading	111	104
Grammar Punctuation and Spelling	117	106
Mathematics	112	104

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (SDP)

SECTION 1: PRIMARY/ NURSERY/ DAY CARE

a) Federated Target: To develop fluent readers who can comprehend at or above age related expectations.

SECTION 2: Ofsted

- a) DAYCARE OFSTED: To continue to support growing independence of the under 3's.
b) NURSERY: To increase maintained attendance to 93%.

SECTION 3: BEST START IN LIFE (BSIL)

- a) Federated Target: To engage parents to support their children to become fluent readers.
b) Prime target group: Training parents of children with SEN and 0-18 months in sharing stories.
c) Child Development and school readiness: Integrated 2 year old checks are completed the term after children turn 2.
d) Parenting aspirations and parenting skills: To bridge the gap between Coffee and conversation and ESOL
e) Child and family health and life chances: To achieve Bronze Early Start Nutrition award.

CHARITY WEEK

This term we had 'Charity Week.' All year groups studied a different charity and gained in-depth knowledge about what charities do. Children were challenged to think about why we give to charity and the impact our donations make to those less fortunate than ourselves. Some of the charities studied were Great Ormond Street, Shelter and United World Schools. At the end of the week KS2 pupils took part in a debating competition to convince JLT that we should donate some of the money raised at our Summer Fayre to their charity. Year 2 pupils studied 'Water Aid' and wrote letters to the Queen offering her tips on how to save water at Buckingham Palace. We hope the Queen will reply.

PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT SURVEY RESULTS

The 2016/17 parent questionnaires were completed at the end of the summer term.

A total of 423 questionnaires were returned.

The school has 510 pupils on roll with a large numbers of families containing siblings.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
My child is making progress in school because the teaching is good or better.	228	94	1		5
I feel that my child is safe and well cared for at school.	216	115	2		6
Behaviour in school is very good.	216	97	2		6
The school is well led and managed.	193	119	6		17
The school listens to children's views.	192	112	1		11
The school is open and welcoming to the community.	156	129	4		16
The school seeks the views of parent/carers and takes account of their suggestions and concerns.	198	104	2	2	5

Main outcomes from the questionnaire replies

- 99% of parents believe that their children enjoy school and 100% of parents believe that their children are making good progress because of good or better teaching.
- 99% of parents feel that their child is safe and well cared for at school.
- 99% of parents think that behaviour is good and 99% stated that the school is well led and managed.
- 98% of parents stated that the school listens to the children's views and 98% believe the school is welcoming to the community.
- 95% of parents believe that parent/carer views are taken into account by the school

Quotes from the Parent Survey

"I think the school is good already and the teachers are good."

"I would like to see it continue as it is as I cannot find fault in the way the school is run and continue to be an outstanding school."

"I believe there is strong leadership and a dedicated staff that have the best interest of the pupils in encouraging them to enjoy education and the community that we all live in. I believe that the school is forward

looking and will continue to develop to produce well rounded young people."

"All parent meetings are excellent, we have been offered enough time to speak and it was a good standard."

"Keep up the good work! We are very impressed."

How would you like to see the school develop in the future?

PTA / Increase parent involvement in school events - We always welcome parents to join Friends of St. Stephen's. If you are interested please contact the school office.

More competitions and events with local schools - Our revised PE overview now enables year groups to compete at the sports they are learning in borough competitions.

Equal opportunities for all pupils / Girls more involved outdoor - We firmly believe that all children should receive equity of provision at school. This should be mirrored at home.

More holiday clubs - This year, we extended the holiday scheme to 2 weeks, and after this summer's success will continue in future to support working parents.

Staff - All staff receive a copy of our school's code of conduct at the beginning of each academic year.

More playground equipment - We have recently had 2 table tennis tables installed in the garden and we have given skipping ropes to every child in key stage 2 for use at home and in school.

Better communication between parents and leadership - This year we are to continue the Headteacher, Q&A sessions for parents from every class. Anything you would like to discuss can be brought up in these sessions. A representative governor will also attend these meetings.

Increase parent workshops and visits - Educational experiences are the joint responsibility of parents and the school. We take all pupils on a range of visits linked to their learning each term and provide opportunities for parent workshops, themed days and visitors throughout the year. In order to best prepare your children for their learning, parents are encouraged to take their children on a range of visits, local and in London.

WE CARE

At St. Stephen's Federation, we believe that all our pupils, staff and school community share the same rights and duties. In September 2017, St. Stephen's School became the first Newham school to receive the Level 2 Rights Respecting Schools Award (RRSA). Through the 'WE CARE' charters, St Stephen's will continue to keep this at the heart of all that we do. We have aligned these rights to our school rules under the acronym WE CARE.

Rights	Duties
Wellbeing	To be safe, happy and healthy.
Expression	To share our views and listen to others.
Courtesy	To be polite and courteous at all times.
Aspiration	To aspire and achieve to our potential and beyond.
Respect	To be respected, respect others, ourselves and our environment.
Equity	To ensure all people receive the same treatment.

SAFEGUARDING

Discipline - It has come to my attention that some parents are finding it difficult to discipline their children and are therefore resorting to smacking or hitting their child. Please note that it is against the law for a parent or carer to smack their child. Hitting your children may stop their bad behavior in the short term but will damage them and your relationship with them in the long run. As you may know, the school has a duty to refer instances of this nature to social services. There are more effective ways of getting the behavior you want and if you feel that you need support with this, please speak to Jenna Chapman, our safeguarding lead who can refer you to our children centre for support.

Parking - You may have noticed that we now have 3 new parking attendants in the form of plastic children in Wyndham road. Thank you to parents who have been avoiding these when dropping off their children. Please ensure you find an alternative place to drop off your children and do not stop in the middle of the road. This is for the safety of all pupils and other drivers. We appreciate your support with this.

Attendance - For the month of September our whole school's attendance was 96%. Our target is 98%. Please ensure your child comes into school every day and if they are unable to attend due to sickness, please call the school office to inform them. May I take this opportunity to remind you that the Local Authority can fine any parent whose child's attendance falls below 85% in one half term. Extended holidays need to be applied for through the school office and the school will only permit leave under exceptional circumstances. If this procedure is not followed then the pupil's place will be closed and may incur a fine from the Local Authority.

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