



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

Headteacher's Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the Summer Term at St Stephen's. We were very pleased to see your children return to school at the start of the new Term. We have a busy half term ahead of us with Parents' evenings, SATs week and sports days and many other visits and events.

The Year 6 and Year 2 children have been busy preparing for their SATs. These tests will be taking place from the week beginning 14th May. I would like to thank the parents especially for encouraging their children to grow in their determination to succeed as well as supporting the school by attending meetings and overseeing additional homework. We will be running a breakfast club for the Year 6 children at 8:15 a.m. each morning of SATs week. On behalf of the staff of the school, may I take this opportunity to pass on our best wishes for the success they have worked so hard for.

The DfE has released the list of schools in England receiving a congratulatory letter from school's minister Nick Gibb for excellent performance at key stage 2 in 2017. I am proud to announce that St Stephen's was on the list- Top 2% of schools nationally for progress in reading, writing and mathematics combined. I would like to thank the staff for the hard work and professionalism in producing such high standards.

As a result of being awarded the top state Primary School in the country we have been inundated with requests from key people and other schools to visit to share our good practice. Last term we were visited by Galleons Primary School, Grange Primary School, Park Primary School in Lancashire, Ravenor Primary School in Greenford, Nilesh B Dosa, Robert Singh from Ambitious Schools, Simone Milani from the DFE, Alice Gasson from Teach First, Sophie Taylor from the DFE, Dame Alison Peacock from Chartered College of Teaching and Fulbridge Academy Peterborough. These visits are testament to the hard work and dedication of the staff and your children.

Thank you

Ms Neena Lall
Headteacher

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF GOVERNORS-Mr Shashankar Jana

Year after year everyone at St Stephen's is doing an excellent job of bringing the best out of every pupil we have. I am extremely thankful to Ms. Neena Lall and her exceptional team. Also, I would take the opportunity to extend my thanks to all staff for their hard work and efforts in not just SATS but also for teaching them the determination to shine in life. I thank all the parents for their constant support to the school. Let us jointly wish our children to do their best and keep our school at the top of education lists and in all respects. I would kindly request our parents encourage children to believe in themselves, to keep calm, relax and have lots of sleep. Preferably less time on tech gadgets such as computers/ipads/smartphones etc. The more relaxed they are, the better they will perform with the right guidance they are getting from you and from our school.

SUMMER TERM DATES 2018

APRIL

Thursday 26 th April	Nursery and Reception parent consultation Day- Nursery and Reception CLOSED
Thursday 26 th April	Primary Parents evening 2-7.30pm

MAY

Tuesday 1 st May	Year 6 SATs Parent meeting- 3:30
Tuesday 1 st May	NSPCC sponsored money raising event- The big workout
Thursday 3 rd May	Polling Day -SCHOOL CLOSED
Thursday 3 rd May	NURSERY AND DAYCARE CLOSED-Staff training
Monday 7 th May	MAY DAY -SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday 8 th May	Years 1 and 2 Sports Day at West Ham Park
Monday 14 th May- Thursday 17 th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Tuesday 22 nd May	Reception and Nursery Sports Day in school
Wednesday 23 th May	Years 5 and 6 Sports Day at Newham Leisure Centre
Thursday 24 th May	Years 3 and 4 Sports Day at Newham Leisure Centre
Monday 28 th May- Friday 1 st June	Half Term holiday - School closes at 3:15 pm

Children's Centre and Day Care will remain open.

Monday 4th June -School restarts at 8:55 am

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

PARENTS QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS-Q&A

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents who attended the Head teacher's Q&A sessions that have taken place throughout this year.

The table below shows the parent attendance figures.

Year group	Numbers attending	Percentage
Year R	23 out of 90	25%
Year 1	21 out of 90	23%
Year 2	40 out of 90	44%
Year 3	18 out of 90	20%
Year 4	18 out of 60	30%
Year 5	23 out of 60	38%
Year 6	24 out of 60	40%

Next year these meetings will be replaced by year group parent consultation meetings as requested by yourselves. Your attendance for these meetings is important as this is your opportunity for your views to be heard.

HOW CAN PARENTS APPLY FOR 30 HOURS EARLY EDUCATION AND CHILDCARE?

30 hours places for 3 and 4 year olds are being offered from September 2018 to all eligible working parents.

Parents can check whether they are eligible for 30 hours at

<http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk> where the eligibility criteria is clearly shown. If you have any questions about 30 hours places, please enquire at the Nursery Reception desk.

JOY CUP

The joy cup will be awarded to a member of each class each term. The joy cup is awarded to those children who have a joy for coming to school and embrace all that St Stephen's has to offer.

I would like to congratulate the joy cup winners for the Spring Term 2018.

RIN - Hayrunisa Gilgil RMW - Om Patel RRF - Afsheen Rashman	3CP- Safa Sulemani 3JM- Rianne Aden 3HA- Mohammed Raihan Uddin
1 DT- Khadeeja Rameez 1GD- Rayyan Islam 1SC- Aalim Malik	4EW - Areej Patel 4TB- Jayden Wheatle
2ZK - Umarah Ghauri 2JW - Kavinila Alagirisingam 2SH -Zaid Rahman	5AW: Christian Patanghel 5JW: Faheem Khan
	6TN: Adam Zafaar 6SR: Yusuf Shaikh

SAFEGUARDING

Attendance Target= 98% or above.

Extended holidays need to be applied for through the school office and the school will only permit leave under exceptional circumstances. If you do book a holiday during term time then we will be requiring **evidence of flight bookings**. In agreement with the local authority, unwarranted delayed return from term time leave without school agreement resulting in a child missing the beginning of a term, or the date set by the head teacher for return from an authorised leave of absence can result in the issue of a Penalty Notice. The penalty for each parent is £60 for each child, if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. The penalty increases to £120 if paid after 21 days but within 28 days of receipt of the notice.

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This newsletter is also available on the school website.

SCHOOL TERM/HOLIDAY DATES 2018-2019

AUTUMN TERM 2018

1 TT day	Monday 3 rd September
First day of term for pupils	Tuesday 4 th September
Half term	Monday 22 nd October to Friday 2 nd November
Last day of term	Friday 21 st December

SPRING TERM 2019

First day of term	Monday 7 th January
Half term	Monday 18 th February to Friday 22 nd February
Last day of term	Friday 5 th April

SUMMER TERM 2019

First day of term	Tuesday 23 rd April
May Day	Monday 6 th May
Half term	Monday 27 th May to Friday 31 st May
Last day of term	Wednesday 24 th July