



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

Headteacher's Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the final newsletter of this academic year.

At this time of year, I once again find myself immensely proud of our Year 6 children. They had their SAT tests in May and they all worked incredibly hard. This was an opportunity for them to show all of the skills that they have learnt at St Stephen's and their focus, determination, enthusiasm and attitude was excellent. Well done Year 6 and get ready for your busy last half term at St Stephen's. Year 6 are still completing their writing assessments, preparing for their end of term production performance and we will be bidding them farewell with a graduation assembly, a theatre visit and a social leavers' celebration. We must not forget our Key Stage 1 children who have been involved in their Phonics revision and Year 2 SATs. They have worked hard and have been very well prepared to flourish in these tests. Results will be shared later this term.

A number of our nursery and day-care children will be moving to reception classes, at the end of this term. They will be moving to a variety of schools and I wish them a smooth and happy transition into their new classes. All children will have the opportunity to meet their teacher for next year during a transition morning in the last week of term.

The year has passed quickly and it seems like only yesterday that we were celebrating being named 'The State Primary School of the Year.' The children have worked extremely hard and achieved so much. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the children for all their efforts and achievements and thank all parents for their continuous support of the school and their children.

I am grateful to staff and governors for their commitment and loyalty so generously offered to the school. I am delighted that St. Stephen's continues to maintain such high standards and has enjoyed another successful year where pupils have achieved exceptionally well.

Along with the staff, I would like to wish you a restful and enjoyable Summer and for those of you observing fasts I wish you a peaceful Ramadan. Please join us in our event to feed local homeless people and vulnerable families as we take part in a community dinner on the 13th June. All donations will be most welcome.

Ms Neena Lall
Headteacher

SUMMER TERM DATES 2018**JUNE**

Monday 4th June	Term Starts
Monday 4th June-15th June	Year 4 swimming at the Olympic park return to school at 4.15pm
Tuesday 5th June	Governors Open afternoon 12 noon Governors' Meeting 4pm start
Tuesday 12th June	Primary School Class photos
Tuesday 19th June	BSiL Advisory Board meeting @2pm
Tuesday 26th June	Year 4 National Timetables Trial Test
Thursday 28th June	New reception parents' meeting- 9am Followed by Teddy bears picnic- New reception classes

JULY

Thursday 12th July	Year 6 Production- 7pm
Thursday 6th July	Nursery Performances 9.30am and 1pm Day care Performance 3pm
Thursday 12th July	Nursery and Reception Parent Consultation Day
Friday 13th July	Report cards to parents
Thursday 19th July	Day Care parent meeting 5pm
Tuesday 24th July	Year 6 Graduation Assembly-9am-Only Year 6 Parents invited
Tuesday 24th July	Year 6 leavers celebration visit
Thursday 26th July	Summer Holiday - School closes at 12:30 pm
Friday 27th July	Daycare Parent Consultation Day

Extended year Daycare and Children's Centre closes on Friday 17th August and reopens on Monday 4th September.

Summer Play scheme-Monday 30th July - Friday 10th August

See Children's Centre for stay and play activities.

Monday 3rd September- Daycare closed - Teacher Training

Tuesday 4th September - Primary School restarts at 8:55 am

Monday 10th September-Nursery School starts

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

PHONICS SCREENING

Year 1 pupils will have their Phonics Screening Check week beginning Monday 11th June. Pupils will individually take the check with a familiar teacher. Pupils will find out their score on the summer term report card. If you have any further questions about the Screening Check please speak to Georgia Dawson, our assessment co-ordinator.

REPORTS and FEEDBACK

Reception Class teachers have written EYFS reports. These will be issued to parents on Friday 6th July and will also contain details of classes and teachers for September.

Reception Parents will have an opportunity to discuss this report with the class teachers on Thursday 12th July at the reception parent's consultation day.

Year 1-5 parents will receive a report card with details of attainment, classes and teachers for September on Friday 13th July.

Year 6 will receive their SATs and teacher assessment results.

We always welcome feedback.

OFSTED has a Parent view section where they gain a parents perspective of the school. If you would like to leave comments on how well your children are doing at St Stephen's, please use this link:

<http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

STAFFING

Primary

We have appointed, Ruth Munglani, Eva Duncan and Elin Harding as permanent members of staff to start as NQTs in September.

We offer our congratulations to Andrew Whitehead, who has been accepted into medical school and will leave us to begin his studies.

Josef Wheldon is leaving us to teach in Liverpool; although a loss for St Stephen's, we wish him all the best for the future.

Nursery:

We have appointed Katie Munro as a permanent member of staff to start as an NQT in September

We are sad to be saying goodbye to Tugba Acar and Tim Cooke; we wish these teachers all the best for the future.

FUNDRAISING THIS YEAR

Poppy Appeal	£173.23
Book fair	£266.00
Easter egg raffle	£41.95
Christmas Disco	£2278

I would like to thank the parents and community for their generosity to charities during the year.

SAFEGUARDING

Pupil safeguarding and the promotion of fundamental British values are a core business of our work at St. Stephen's Primary. Great importance is placed on identifying opportunities in the taught curriculum for children to learn about safeguarding. Our broad curriculum gives pupils opportunities to equip every child with the knowledge and skills required for personal safeguarding. As well as implementing safeguarding into our everyday curriculum, including every year group covering online safety throughout the academic year, we also carry out specific workshops and assemblies to cover important safeguarding issues with our Year 5 and 6 pupils throughout the year.

These include workshops led by members of our leadership team including:

- General Hygiene
- Bodily Changes

As well as workshops led by external professionals:

- **NSPCC: Speak out. Stay safe** - provides our pupils with the knowledge and understanding they need to stay safe from abuse.
- **Newham's Community Resilience Team: Extremism, Online Safety and building resilience.**
- **TfL: Staying safe when using public transport** - for Year 6 only
- **NPW: Online safety** - workshops for Reception through to Year 6
- **Community Police: Stranger danger.** These take place in the form of an assembly
- **London Met: Gang resilience workshops**

SPONSORED WALK

On Tuesday 1st May, St. Stephen's Primary School, Nursery School, Daycare and Children's Centre took part in a sponsored walk to raise money for the NSPCC. All children, staff and some brave parents joined us to walk laps of the playground for an hour to raise money for vulnerable children and families nationally.

A message from Mel Sahotay, from the NSPCC:

'Your amazing school have raised £2,822.64 which is just brilliant. You smashed your £2,000 target. I was so humbled by the enthusiasm from your teachers at the school.'

This is a reminder of not only how generous our community is, but also how active our children can be! Even the youngest children in Toddler Group, Daycare and Nursery were able to complete 10 laps of the Nursery Garden, which means that they walked a mile. No excuses now parents - your children clearly don't need to be brought to school in a pushchair!

I would like to thank everyone involved in setting this up, including Nabila and Abida in the Children's Centre and Ray, our primary school sports coach, for making the event such a success.

WHITE ROSE MATHS

In mathematics this year, the school has adopted the White Rose scheme of work in order to integrate a mastery approach to teaching into St. Stephen's. This provides teachers with a thoroughly researched and developed structure to follow and breaks down all national curriculum objectives into 'Small Steps' which enable the children to deepen their understanding. Furthermore, it provides invaluable resources that support our staff in delivering high quality, mastery lessons. If you would like to read more about maths mastery or the White Rose Hub, please see the curriculum section of the school website.

SUMMER PLAY SCHEME

The school will be offering a play scheme for our pupils here at St Stephen's this summer. The play scheme will starting on Monday 30th July and will running for two weeks this year finishing on Friday 10th August. If you would like further information about the details of the play scheme and booking a place for your child, please see a member of leadership.

UNIFORM

As we come to the end of another academic year I would like to remind you of our school uniform policy. Please read it carefully.

At St Stephen's we are proud to show that we belong by wearing a clean, presentable uniform. Children and their parents are responsible for ensuring that they are wearing the correct uniform every day. This fosters a feeling of belonging to our community and enables children to feel smart, ready for learning and equal to each other.

UNIFORM ITEM	NURSERY	RECEPTION YEAR 1 YEAR 2	YEAR 3 YEAR 4	YEAR 5 YEAR 6
CLOTHES	Warm clothes that are suitable for running and climbing. Clothes may get messy with water and paint.	White shirt/ polo shirt Blue sweatshirt with school logo Grey trousers/shorts/ skirt/pinafore Pale blue gingham/checked summer dress. White leggings	White shirt/ polo shirt Purple sweatshirt with school logo Grey trousers/shorts/ skirt/pinafore Pale blue gingham/checked summer dress. White leggings	White shirt/ polo shirt Red sweatshirt with school logo Grey trousers/shorts/ skirt/pinafore Pale blue gingham/checked summer dress. White leggings
FOOTWEAR	Trainers Wellington boots on wet days	Black or white socks Black shoes - not trainers or boots	Black or white socks Black shoes - not trainers or boots Shoes must be lace-up for boys	Black or white socks Black shoes - not trainers or boots Shoes must be lace-up for boys
PE KIT	Not applicable	White T-shirt Black shorts or jogging bottoms Black sweatshirt with school logo Black plimsolls or trainers PE Kit bag- not a carrier bag.	White T-shirt Black shorts or jogging bottoms Black sweatshirt with school logo Black plimsolls or trainers Swimming costume or trunks for swimming (Year 4) Swimming hat (Year 4) PE Kit bag- not a carrier bag.	White T-shirt Black shorts or jogging bottoms Black sweatshirt with school logo Black plimsolls or trainers PE Kit bag- not a carrier bag.

HAIRSTYLES	<p>Hairstyles should be kept neat, patterns/lines and cuts shaved into hair or eyebrows are not allowed</p> <p>Hair of shoulder length or longer should be tied back</p>	<p>Hairstyles should be kept neat, patterns/lines and cuts shaved into hair or eyebrows are not allowed</p> <p>Hair of shoulder length or longer should be tied back</p>	<p>Hairstyles should be kept neat, patterns/lines and cuts shaved into hair or eyebrows are not allowed</p> <p>Hair of shoulder length or longer should be tied back</p>	<p>Hairstyles should be kept neat, patterns/lines and cuts shaved into hair or eyebrows are not allowed</p> <p>Hair of shoulder length or longer should be tied back</p>
JEWELLERY	<p>For reasons of health and safety, children cannot wear necklaces, bracelets and rings. Sensible stud earrings are permitted. Watches may be worn but these must be analogue. Nail varnish or make up should not be worn at any time.</p>			

The school sweatshirt may be purchased online and from Ian Howard in East Ham. Each item of uniform **must** be clearly marked with the pupil's full name.

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