



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

Headteacher's Newsletter

Issue 6

11th June 2012

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the final newsletter of this school year. It has been a very eventful and productive half term ending with a glorious week of Jubilee celebrations.

The last few weeks of term are always particularly busy and enjoyable. Year 6 will be preparing for their end of term production performance, and we will be bidding them farewell with a leavers' celebration. September's reception children are looking forward to their 'teddy bears picnic' and all the children will have the opportunity to meet their teacher for next year during a transition afternoon in the last week of term.

The year has passed quickly and 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 has enjoyed another successful year where pupils have achieved well.

Ms Neena Lall
Headteacher

SUMMER TERM DATES 2012

Monday 11th June -School restarts at 8:55 am

JUNE

Thursday 14th June-Dads' Morning 9am- DADS please come and join us and have a look at what the children are working on.

Thursday 14th June -Governors' Meeting 5.30pm start

Thursday 14th June - Parents' evening for **3E only** 4-7pm

Wednesday 20th June- Cambridge University visit

Thursday 21st June-New reception parents' meeting- 9am

Thursday 28th June- End of year reports to parents

Friday 29th June -Summer Fair 3-6pm- We are hoping for good weather for the school summer fair. Please come along and join in the fun! The money raised goes towards School Fund and a chosen charity. All donations will be gratefully received.

JULY

Wednesday 4th July -Teddy bears picnic- New reception classes

Thursday 5th July -Parents' evening for nursery, Years R to 6 -4-7pm

Thursday 5th July -Day care parents' meeting 5pm

Monday 9th July- Nursery and Daycare parent consultation Day

Monday 9th July- Year 6 Production- 7pm (Tickets will be on sale in the entrance from the 2nd July).

Wednesday 11th July -Year 6 leavers celebration 5-7pm-Year 6 parents to join us at 6.30pm

Friday 13th July-Summer Holiday - **School closes at 12:30 pm**

Extended year Daycare and Children's Centre closes on Tuesday 24th July and reopens on Wednesday 15th August.
See Children's Centre for stay and play activities.

Wednesday 5th 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.



Parent reports

Class teachers have been very busy writing each child's Annual Report. These will be issued on Thursday 28th June and will also contain details of classes and teachers for September.

You will have an opportunity to discuss this report with the class teachers on Thursday 5th July 2012 between 4-7pm.

STAFFING

- We are very pleased to welcome back Alex from her maternity leave.
- Emilie Johanson will be taking her maternity leave. Her last day in school will be 29th June 2012.
- We will be saying goodbye at the end of this term to Karen who has taken a teaching post in Redbridge. We are grateful to her for all her hard work and dedication to the children during her time at St Stephen's.

Queen's Diamond Jubilee Lunch winners

I am pleased to announce the winners of the Jubilee celebration lunch competition.

Main meal: Destiny Chin 3D-Chicken breast with white parsley sauce, carrots and new baby potatoes.

Sandwich Option- Aleena RA-Cucumber sandwiches and cheese straws

Pudding- Muhammad Ismail 3D- Union Flag Cake

This winning menu was served to the children during our Jubilee Celebration Lunch.

The Olympics 2012- poster winners

Well done to the following children for their winning entries in the Olympic poster competition.

Inyanne Tamijarassane 6G, Muhammad Ibrahim 6A, Zanab Shams 6A, Alex Swinney 5D, Ishaq Tahrin 5D, Tabassum Rahaman 5D, Rafsan Ahmed 4C, Munnam Khan 4J, Ayma Nasim 4E, Wafa Feroze 3D, Zahin Raidah 3E, Aahil Qureshi 1S, Aruhipreet Kaur 1K, Aleeza Kashif 1K, Yunan Shekar RA, Haily Dave RS and Adam Zafar RS.

Please come and see the winning entries displayed in the school entrance.

Spelling Bee

Our congratulations to Eesa Raja from 6A, for winning the St Stephen's Annual Spelling Bee.

E safety for Parents

As parents, you may not use the internet and other technologies in the same way as your children, but it is really important that you understand what they are doing, what the risks might be, and how we can help them to keep themselves safe.

As a school, we are already doing a lot to help keep children safe online and about how to use technology safely. In addition, you can help by following these top tips:

E-Safety Top Tips

1. Keep the computer in a family area, not in the child's bedroom
2. Use "child lock" or filter settings on your Web browser e.g. Google safe search to help prevent unsuitable site access by your child.
3. Regularly check or supervise the sites your child is visiting.
4. Encourage your child to use their Favourites list to access the sites you have approved to prevent accidental entry to unsuitable sites.
5. **Do not** allow your child to use social Networking sites e.g. MSN, Facebook, Twitter, Youtube etc. to keep them safe from dangers such as cyber bullying.
6. Teach your child to switch the monitor off or close the laptop lid, then fetch or tell you if something unsuitable "pops" onto the screen.
7. Encourage children to keep all personal details private and be aware of stranger danger.
8. Above all, encourage your child to talk to you about the web sites and electronic devices they are using at home and school.
9. Visit the CEOP website for advice and activities at www.thinkuknow.co.uk

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