



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

## Headteacher's Newsletter

Issue 2

5<sup>th</sup> November 2012

Dear Parents,

All the children have had a really good first half term, settling into their new classes and working hard. 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.

For those of you who are celebrating the many festivals taking place this term, the staff and I would like to wish you a Happy Diwali, Eid Mubarak and a Merry 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 2012

#### NOVEMBER

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November-School restarts at 8:55 am

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November -Year 6 Educational visit to the Tower of London

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November- Year 4 Educational visit to the Tower of London

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November - Year 2 Educational visit to the Tower of London

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November- Year 5 Educational visit to the Tower of London

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November- Parents' evening for Year 1, 4-7pm

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November -Pupil Report Cards go out to parents

23<sup>rd</sup>- 29<sup>th</sup> November-Scholastic book fair in the dinner hall

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November-Governors' Open Day

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November-Parents' evening for nursery, Years R, 2 to 6, 4-7pm

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November-Day care parents' meeting 5pm

#### DECEMBER

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December-Nursery and Reception Disco 5-6pm

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December-Years 1-6 Disco 6.15 -8.15pm

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December -Reception visit to the Kenneth More Theatre-Cinderella

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December -Nursery and Reception Parent Consultation Day

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December -Year 1 visit to the Kenneth More Theatre-Cinderella

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December-Christmas Dinner

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December -End of term Parent Assembly 9am

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December- Christmas Holiday - **School closes at 12:30 pm**

**Extended year Daycare and Children's Centre closes 1pm Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December**

**Re-Opens Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2013 8am**

## JANUARY 2013

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January-Pupils return 8.55am-SPRING TERM

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

## RESULTS -July 2012

### End of Foundation Stage Assessments

% of pupils achieving FSP 6+	2010	2011	2012
Personal, Social and emotional Development	69%	73%	81%
Communication, language and literacy	47%	63%	76%
Mathematical development	62%	70%	80%
Knowledge and understanding of the world	78%	80%	76%
Physical Development	86%	90%	86%
Creative development	90%	81%	85%

### End of Key Stage 1

% of pupils achieving Level 2	2010	2011	2012
Reading	80%	89%	93%
Writing	83%	89%	92%
Mathematics	93%	89%	95%
% of pupils achieving Level 3			
Reading	22%	31%	34%
Writing	12%	25%	20%
Mathematics	25%	27%	31%

### End of Key Stage 2

% of pupils achieving Level 4	2010	2011	2012-provisional
Reading	88%	93%	87%
Writing	76%	88%	86%
Mathematics	91%	88%	93%
English and maths combined	88%	88%	88%
Average APS	27.5	28.1	29.5
English 2+ levels of progress	76%	89%	92%
Maths 2+ levels of progress	93%	89%	94%
% of pupils achieving Level 5			
Reading	40%	39%	64%
Writing	4%	18%	26%
Mathematics	36%	46%	71%
English and maths combined	2%	18%	42%
% of pupils achieving Level 6			
Mathematics	-	-	6%

## STAFFING

### Primary

- It is with much sadness yet heartfelt thanks that I have to inform you that Georgia Dawson will be leaving the school. Her last day will be 28<sup>th</sup> November. Georgia began her teaching career here at St Stephen's 10 years ago and has blossomed into a highly effective, much respected senior teacher. She has taught across the primary school demonstrating her ability to achieve high standards for all children. Georgia is moving to Australia and I wish her all the best in her new adventures. Iain will be taking Georgia's class up until Christmas. We have recruited Meera Menon to take her class from January 2013.
- Barbara, one of our long serving Education Assistants, will be retiring at the end of November. We wish Barbara all the best and thank her for all her hard work and endless commitment to the school.
- I am delighted to inform you that Alex Smith has been appointed Inclusion AHT from November 2012.

### Children's Centre:

- Sajeeda Ismail our Childminding network coordinator will be leaving the Children's Centre team to continue studying. We would like to wish her all the best.

**School Development Plan (SDP)**Whole Federation Target:

To develop a healthy, active, independent community of learners.

**SDP SECTION 1:PRIMARY**

- a) To develop the integration of appropriate and effective speaking and listening
- b) OFSTED
- Maintain higher level reading and maths and raise L5 writing to 35%+
  - To raise outstanding teaching from 42% to 50%+

**SDP SECTION 2:NURSERY**

- a) Implement the new EYFS framework including planning provision and assessment for 3-5 year olds
- b) To analyse early language acquisition assessments and refine practice. (Early years letters and sounds project).

**SDP SECTION 3: CHILDREN'S CENTRE**

- a) Continue to raise the skills of the governance committee and parents to promote increased community involvement.
- b) To develop a robust system for evaluating all services and their impact. To use the data and evaluation information to inform future developments.

**SDP SECTION 4:DAY CARE**

- a) Implement the new EYFS framework including curriculum planning, provision for all and assessment for 0-5 year olds
- b) Implement the 2 year assessment check
- c) FINANCE
- To monitor the budget on a monthly basis to ensure sustainability
  - To work with the LA in regard to the aged debt.

**Head Boy Head Girl The Student Council and House Captains**

New student council members from Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 have been elected by the children this term.

Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Reda Ferose	Umema Ismail	Amsal Bhullani	Shakhawat Khan	Oisin Mulholland
Humayra Chowdhury	Alyah Mohamed	Mohammed Hussein Maknojiya	Rafsan Ahmed	Aaisha Adam

In addition this year we are introducing the roles of Head Boy, Head Girl, Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl.

Head Boy	Head Girl	Deputy Head Boy	Deputy Head Girl
Owais Siddique	Zainab Bhariwala	Gabriel Weeden	Tabassum Rahman

House captains and vice house captains have been chosen from Year 5 and 6.

Red House	Blue House	Green House
Vatsal Shah (Captain)	Tayib Thawa (Captain)	Mohammed Khokar (Captain)
Humayra Ishmael (Vice)	Keerthi Kadari (Vice)	Nishat Bashir (Vice)

I wish to extend my congratulations to all those that have been elected.

**Educational visits-Changes to parental contributions**

From this year parents who are on income support, job seekers allowance, child tax credits or pension credits will receive a 50% reduced rate of contribution for Educational visits. If you are unsure of your eligibility please contact the school office.

## A Healthy School

St. Stephen's School and Children's Centre advocates a healthy, balanced diet for all pupils. As part of our schools healthy eating guidelines, we ask that children do not bring chocolates, sweets or cakes to share for their birthday.

## Primary Parent Survey results

The 2012 parent questionnaires were completed at the end of the summer term. Thank you for sharing your views with us.

A total of 243 questionnaires were returned. The school had 408 pupils on roll with a large number of families containing siblings.

The following is the analysis of the results based on returns.

### Main outcomes from the questionnaire replies

- A large majority of 98% of the parents who returned questionnaires were in agreement that their child enjoyed school, 96% holding the opinion that their child was well cared for and in a safe environment.
- 97% stated that their child was making good progress.
- A large majority of 97% agreed that behaviour in school was good and 99% viewed the school as well led and managed.
- The opinion that the school takes into account the views of the children rose by 8% to 96% from the previous questionnaire.
- 97% viewed the school as open and welcoming to the community, with 94% agreeing that the school seeks the views of parents and carers, taking into account their suggestions.
- 4% or under of the parents who returned the questionnaires disagreed with the statements.
- 97% of parents were able to support their child's learning and 4% of the children received additional private tuition.
- **How the school is addressing key issues:**
- We run a number of events for parents throughout the year. These include a Careers Evening or Curriculum Evening and Dads' or Mums' Morning and parent/child workshop days.
- We have revised the Homework Policy and have added a homework link on our website.
- We offer a range of after school clubs across the school.
- Our website has links to a variety of educational sites for pupils to use.
- Now that we have started the school expansion consultation process there will be many opportunities to improve the outdoor spaces.
- Continuing the Olympic legacy we have a number of sporting opportunities planned for this year to support the whole federation target on the SDP- "To develop a healthy, active, independent community of learners".
- We encourage parents, carers, ex pupils and members of the community to join our 'Friends of St Stephen's' organisation. It provides an opportunity for parents to have more involvement within school.

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