



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

Headteacher's Newsletter

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25th February 2013

Dear Parents,

Welcome to a short half term.

We had a very successful careers evening where many parents from years 5 and 6 attended to listen to a number of guests from different fields of work, from army cadets to a chef to a barrister to teachers. We were very privileged to have Olympic Medallist, Christine Ohuruogu, as one of our guest speakers. Thank you, your attendance was much appreciated.

All previous newsletters are archived on the website, so you can catch up on anything you may have missed. Key dates and the latest school news are also available to view on the school website. Please let me know if you can think of ways of further improving communication between school and home.

Please don't hesitate to come in and talk if you need to. Kenneth Davies and Janet Mantey my deputies are also available before and after school.

Ms Neena Lall
Headteacher

SPRING TERM DATES 2013

Monday 25th February -School restarts at 8:55 am

MARCH

Monday 4th March-Governors finance committee -9.15am

Monday 4th March-Year 5 residential at HayBay Barge

Tuesday 5th March-Year 5 residential at HayBay Barge

Wednesday 6th March-Year 5 residential at HayBay Barge

Thursday 7th March -World book day-Dress up as your favourite book character

Thursday 7th March-Children's Centre Committee meeting

Friday 8th March- Spelling Bee final

Tuesday 12th March-Mum's morning-9 11 am

Thursday 14th March- Governor's Meeting 6pm

Friday 15th March-Red Nose Day -Wear red for a £1 donation

Thursday 21st March - Nursery and Reception Parent consultation day

Thursday 21st March -Parents' evening for Nursery, Years R to 6 -4-7pm

Thursday 21st March -Daycare parents' meeting 5pm

Tuesday 26th March -Parents assembly 9am

Wednesday 27th March- Easter Holiday - **School closes at 12:30 pm**

Extended year Daycare and Children's Centre closes on Friday 29th March and Monday 1st April and then from Monday 8th April to Friday 12th April.

See Children's Centre for stay and play activities.

Monday 15th April -School restarts at 8:55 am

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

STAFFING

Primary

- Dan Baumber and Iain Harris will be leaving us at Easter to take on international teaching posts in Thailand. We wish them well on their travels.
- We have appointed Julia Weeden to manage the sustainable projects across the federated schools.

ANNUAL REPORTS TO PARENTS

Traditionally the annual report on your child's progress has been written in the summer term. However, we as a school and many parents felt that it would be of more use to have an overview of progress mid-year allowing targets set to be met this academic year. Therefore, this term you will be receiving your child's annual report on Thursday 14th March 2013 and have the opportunity to discuss this with the class teacher at parents evening on Thursday 21st March 2013. The reception classes will receive their report at the end of the summer term as it is a report for the end of the 'Early Years Foundation Stage' as required by the Government.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

We recently sent out a letter asking for your updated telephone contact number for our texting service. We are only unfortunately able to take one number for the texting system, so please ensure the school office has the correct number where you would like the school text messages to be sent.

PUNCTUALITY

A reminder that the ringing of the Primary School bell in the morning denotes the beginning of the school day. The bell is rung at 8.55 and therefore the children should be here in the playground ready to line up before 8.55. We have noted that several children are repeatedly coming into school late. This is disruptive for both them and the rest of their class. There is supervision in both playground areas from 8.45am, please ensure that your child has arrived at school and ready for the bell at 8.55.

Please also ensure that your child is collected promptly at the end of the school day at 3.15pm and from after school clubs.

FREE FRUIT

We are delighted to offer all children free fruit every school day. We are committed to giving every school child the best start in life. This includes encouraging healthy eating habits that will stay with them for life. Research has shown that there are links between nutrition, hydration, concentration and pupil behaviour. The fruit will be available at playtimes for all children from Nursery to Year 6.

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