



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

Headteacher's Newsletter

Issue 5

23rd April 2014

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new term at St Stephen's.

We were very pleased to see your children return to school at the start of the Summer Term. I am sure, with your continued support and our drive for real learning your child will continue to work hard and make good progress.

We have a busy half term ahead of us with Parents' evenings, SATs week and a Dad's morning as part of Maths week.

The Year 6 children have been busy preparing for their SATs tests and will be taking them during the week beginning 12th May. I would like to thank the Year 6 parents especially for encouraging their children to attend the Year 6 after school booster classes, the mental maths sessions before school and Easter School. On behalf of the staff of the school may I take this opportunity to pass on our best wishes for the success they deserve. We will be running a breakfast club for the Year 6 children at 8:15 a.m. each morning of SATs week.

Finally I would like to remind you that it is important to register your child for a place at St Stephen's Nursery after their 2nd birthday. Please go the reception desk in the nursery to do this. In September the nursery will be admitting children who were 3 before the 31st August 2014. Thank you

Ms Neena Lall
Headteacher

SUMMER TERM DATES 2014

APRIL

Tuesday 22 nd April	School restarts at 8:55 am Year 6 mock SATs Week
Thursday 24 th April	Reception parent consultation Day-Reception CLOSED Primary Parents evening 4-6.30pm
Tuesday 29 th April	Nursery and Primary Parents evening 5-7.30pm

MAY

Thursday 1 st May	NURSERY AND DAYCARE CLOSED-Staff training
Monday 5 th May	MAY DAY -SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday 6 th May	Primary Class photographs
Monday 12 th May- Thursday 15 th May	Year 6 SATS Week
Monday 19 th May	Nursery and Daycare Class Photographs
Monday 19 th May	Maths Week
Tuesday 20 th May	Dads Morning-Primary School
Tuesday 20 th May	NURSERY MATHS DAY
Thursday 22 nd May	EUROPEAN ELECTIONS-PRIMARY SCHOOL CLOSED
Friday 23 rd May	Sponsored Timestablethon
Monday 26 th May- Friday 30 th May	Half Term holiday - School closes at 3:15 pm

Children's Centre and Day care will remain open.

Monday 2nd June -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

- Jewel Miah left at Easter to take on a new role. We wish him well.
- The reception team this term will be joined by Jemma Kendrick.
- We welcome Sarah Raven back from Maternity leave and she will be working in Year 3.
- We welcome Halama Ali back.

Children's Centre

- We would like to congratulate Jasmine Choudhury who has been appointed as an outreach worker.

Day Care

- Rebecca Ross has taken her maternity leave. Her last day in school was Friday 21st March 2014.

ST STEPHEN'S CHILDREN'S CENTRE

I would like to remind all parents of the work of our "outstanding" Children's Centre based in the Nursery. There is a range of adult learning classes, toddler groups, activities for under 2s, healthy lifestyle information and support for families. Please visit and ask for further information and the current activity calendar.

SPELLING BEE

The Spelling Bee Final was yet again a success, and this year, the parents and carers of the finalists were invited to watch with pride. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Nishat Basir (5K) on winning the Spelling Bee Shield. Well done to all the finalists! Sidharth Jana, Hassan Shafeer, Snehashon Chowdhury, Andrei Macsim, Fatima Khatun, Reda Feroose, Wafa Feroose in KS2.

In KS1 1st place was awarded to Alif Amin and Utkarsh Jana. Well done to all the finalists! Khateja Akbar, Abdulahi Ahmed, Naeema Noor, Ahfum Sheikh, Zoheb Ahmed, Jesho Kurian and Dhairya Vyas.

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 2014.

Reception	Zayd Rahman Daniel Khaliq
Year 1	Tayiba Iffat Aina Rifat
Year 2	Fatima Bariwala Mohammed Yasin Sidat
Year 3	Mayuddin Namaji Shaffir Waseem
Year 4	Mehreen Qureshi Tammana begum
Year 5	Kartik Dhakecha Ajmatfatema Momin
Year 6	Kushleen Kaur Malaika Shahid

SAFEGUARDING-Children not collected on time

The school procedures for dealing with children who are not collected on time are as follows:

- Check with school office to see if there are any reasons for late pick up
- Parents/carers are contacted at home or work
- If this is unsuccessful other authorised adults are contacted
- In the meantime the child will wait with adult supervision
- If the child is not collected by 5pm (6.30pm for day care), after calling all phone numbers provided, this is treated as a safeguarding incident. In this event, the school will contact social care and the local police.

It is therefore really important that the school has all your up to date telephone numbers and emergency contacts. It also helps your child to keep safe if they know their home telephone number and address.

Thank you for your continued support in keeping our children safe.

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This newsletter is also available on the school website.

SCHOOL TERM/HOLIDAY DATES 2014-2015

SUMMER TERM

First day of term	Tuesday 22 nd April 2014
May Day	Monday 5 th May 2014-SCHOOL CLOSED
European Election	Thursday 22 nd May 2014-SCHOOL CLOSED
Half term	Monday 26 th May 2014 to Friday 30 th May 2014
Tour de France	Monday 7 th July 2014-SCHOOL CLOSED
Last day of term	Wednesday 23 rd July 2014 12.30pm finish for pupils

AUTUMN TERM -Please note that governors have agreed to amend the return to school in September to allow for a period of transition for staff to move into the new expanded school.

First day of term DAYCARE	Monday 1 st September 2014
First day of term PRIMARY	Monday 8 th September 2014
First day of term NURSERY	Wednesday 10 th September 2014
Half term	Monday 20 th October 2014 to Friday 31 st October 2014
Last day of term	Friday 19 th December 2014 12.30pm finish for pupils

SPRING TERM

First day of term	Monday 5 th January 2015
Half term	Monday 16 th February 2015 to Friday 20 th February 2015
Last day of term	Thursday 2 nd April 2015 12.30pm finish for pupils

SUMMER TERM 2015

First day of term	Monday 20 th April 2015
May Day	Monday 4 th May 2015-SCHOOL CLOSED
Half term	Monday 25 th May 2015 to Friday 29 th May 2015
Last day of term	Wednesday 22 nd July 2015 12.30pm finish for pupils

