



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

Headteacher's Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the Summer Term at St Stephen's. We have a busy half term ahead of us with Parents' Days and SATs weeks.

I would like to thank all the mums and female carers that joined us for mum's morning. We were inundated with positive and happy comments from you all. As a school, we were delighted to see you and are excited to finally be able to have the parents and community on site again. I am sure we will see you all for The Jubilee Summer Fair at the end of this half term.

I would also like to reiterate the message I gave in our end of term assemblies. We have noticed an increase of inappropriate comments made particularly by boys to girls relating to gender. I would like to remind parents that here at St Stephen's, we believe that boys can do what girls do and girls can do what boys do.

Be mindful of your daily actions and habits.

- Have the same expectations for your boys and girls.
- Ensure your sons and daughters have the same chores.
- Grandparents and parents, please champion your daughters' educational and career choices as much as your sons.
- Be a role model to your child in how you speak to female members of the family.
- Challenge stereotypes.
- **Boys can do what girls do and girls can do what boys do.**

Unicef Article 29-Education must develop every child's talents and abilities, regardless of religion, race and gender.

As always, if you have any other queries or questions, please contact the school who will direct your query to the appropriate member of staff.

My door is always open so please feel free to contact me, Mark or my Deputies. We regularly update school news on the website so please look there for new information.

With much respect

Ms Neena Lall OBE
Headteacher

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF GOVERNORS-Mr Shashankar Jana

I am very happy to welcome all our pupils back to school for another warm and wonderful term. We seem to be coming to the end of the pandemic and to healthier times. I would encourage you to follow healthy habits continually.

On behalf of all governors, I would like to thank our Head Teacher Ms. Neena Lall OBE and her senior leadership team, administrative team and all the staff for their hard work and efficiency. They have supported our children with mental health and overall wellbeing as well as educating them throughout the pandemic period. We hope and believe for normal school terms without any disruption for this year and the years ahead. Our best wishes for the children sitting their SATs exams.

Wishing you all the very best. Please reach out to the school or to the governors through the school if you need any support with your children or even for just a chat if you need the support. We are here to help.

JOY CUP

(Article 29- Education must develop every child's personality and talents)

The joy cup is awarded to a member of each class each term. It 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 2022.

<u>Reception</u>	<u>Key Stage 1</u>	<u>Lower Key Stage 2</u>	<u>Upper Key Stage 2</u>
RIN - Anisha Mazumder RMR - Siyana Choudhury RKC - Ibraheem Ismail	1BH - Merunnisha Patel 1LP - Mahmuda Sujana 1SS - Saavan Khela	3EW - Maryam Yunus 3RM - Affifah Ali 3MS - Manha Majumder Trina	5CC - Deen Zia 5GC - Zareeful Islam 5NB - Anusha Hassan
	2AG - Dylan Patel 2JM - Aliyah Harif 2HA - Shanzay Toqeer	4LT - Yusuf Ali 4LH - Ali Abbas 4JR - Eidi Hossain	6EH - Afia Khan 6RF - Dylan Pillai 6AQ - Muhammad - Yusuf Aqeel

PARENTS CONSULTATION DAYS

This term, we will be holding parent consultation days for each year group, including for Reception and Nursery year groups. This is an excellent opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress and wellbeing with their class teacher. Please see your individual date and time on your child's report card.

On the day of your appointment, for year groups 1 - 5, please arrive at the front entrance of the Primary school, where you will be admitted by a member of staff. For Reception parent consultation meetings, please use the back entrance and for Nursery parent consultation meetings, please enter through the Nursery and Children's centre.

Please note that Reception and Nursery classes will be closed for children on their consultation day.

Please see the Diary dates section at the end of this newsletter for the dates for each year group.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Article 28- Every child has the right to an education

We wanted to remind you of some key messages around attendance. **Please remember that children must come to school every day and that holidays are unauthorised and should only be taken during the school holidays.**

Attendance Percentages can be misleading and all families should aim for 100%

95% attendance = 9 days of school missed
85% attendance = 28 days of school missed
75% attendance = 46 days of school missed

If your attendance falls below the school expected target, you will receive a letter to inform you of this. We will then continue to monitor attendance more closely for your child until attendance improves.

MEAT FREE MONDAY

Article 24- Every child has the right to nutritious food

Following an idea put forward by the Student Council and consulted upon with all pupils, St. Stephen's is launching Meat Free Monday in the Summer Term.

This was suggested owing to the incredibly positive impact on the environment that changing to meat free meals for one day a week can have. By starting this new initiative, over the course of the year, we will save the equivalent of over 2,300 tennis courts of forests from being destroyed, prevent over 340,000 greenhouse gas miles from being created and save over 630,000 bathtubs full of water.

We are very proud of the children for suggesting this as a way forward for us and are very happy that we can help the children's voices be heard as they should. The new menu can be found on the school website.

WHAT IS 'BULLYING'?

Article 12- Every child has the right to say in all matters affecting them, and to have their views taken seriously

Here at St Stephen's we take pride in the excellent behaviour and moral values of all our pupils.

However, at times, children will have disagreements or differences of opinions. We teach children ways of dealing with this respectfully and encourage them to speak to an adult if they feel upset. Sometimes children may choose to inform a parent rather than an adult at school. If your child has spoken to you about an incident in school, please speak to the class teacher to check they are informed and then we can work together to ensure it is dealt with promptly.

Within our curriculum we teach children what bullying is and why it is not acceptable. We are proud to say that we do not have any cases of bullying at St. Stephen's. If your child expresses that they are being 'bullied', find out what has caused them to be upset and remind them of the difference between an one-off incident and bullying.

Please let the class teacher know if something has upset your child and then this can be looked into and dealt with appropriately. It is our priority to ensure that all pupils are happy at St Stephen's and we appreciate your support with this.

CHARITIES

It's been a very busy year to date for all our charity efforts to date and we thank you very much for your continued generosity.

The amounts raised and charities supported are as follows:

- Macmillan Cancer Support = £1038
- London Air Ambulance = £590.00
- Comic Relief = £810
- DEC (Humanitarian Appeal) = £1433.99

Last, but certainly not least, Inayya Qureshi in 4JR made the selfless decision for her birthday this year to forgo any presents and instead to ask family and friends to donate to a chosen charity - an Orphans and Widows appeal. Inayya raised over £400 through this, enabling two children living in a remote area to go to school. Very well done Inayya - what a role model!

NURSERY ADMISSIONS

Article 28- Every child has the right to an education

The Nursery is now allocating places for September 2022. We have spaces for two year olds and three year olds.

If you have received a 'Golden Ticket' from the Local Authority then you will be eligible for a two year old space. Please register your ticket and then bring it to the Nursery and your child's name will be added to the waiting list.

If your child is 3 years old please come to the Nursery entrance and ask for an admission form at the front office. Your child's name will then be added to the waiting list.

If both parents are working and you are interested in a 30 hours place please follow the link below to check your eligibility: <http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk>

Please be aware when registering your child at the Nursery that this does not automatically entitle your child to a place at St Stephen's Primary School.

If your child is eventually allocated a place in the Reception class at St Stephen's when they leave Nursery it is worth remembering that the school closes at 1:00pm every Friday afternoon and there is no childcare available.

SAFEGUARDING

Article 12- Every child has the right to say in all matters affecting them, and to have their views taken seriously

Children left unsupervised

We have noticed an increase in incidents of children being left at home on their own without any adult supervision. Please be aware that it is an offence to leave a child at home unsupervised if it places them at risk.

The NSPCC guidelines are as follows:

- children under 12 are rarely mature enough to be left alone for a long period of time
- children under 16 should not be left alone overnight
- babies, toddlers and very young children should never be left alone

Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy

As parents/carers of the children across the Federation, we want to draw your attention to our Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy which can be found on our website under the School Information/Safeguarding tab. If you have any concerns about the safety of a child, please speak to any member of staff who will put you in touch with a member of our safeguarding team.

BSiL CHILDREN'S CENTRE

Now that the warmer weather is on the way this is a good time to start eating more fresh and healthy food with your children. There is lots of evidence to suggest that if children help to prepare their food - safely slicing fruits and vegetables to make salads, soups and sandwiches - they are much more likely to eat their meal and try different foods. Children should be eating at least five portions of fruits and vegetables every day and drinking at least 7 glasses of water. This diet prevents constipation and builds immunity.

The Children's Centre is currently running a new group called 'Cook and Play' which is running on Friday mornings for parents to attend with their young children. All ingredients are provided and you could learn some fabulous healthy recipes to make at home.

Please contact the following staff for help and support:

Marie Foley: 07904 663 072

Meral Sami: 07494 067 676

Wendy Campbell: 07946 708 602

OFSTED PARENT VIEW

Ofsted Parent View is an online survey that allows parents to give their views about their child's school. Parents can complete the survey at any time. By 'parents', we mean any person with parental responsibility for a child at the school.

It is an online survey which takes about 5 minutes to complete.

To register and complete a submission on the Ofsted Parent View website, users must complete the following steps:



- 1) Enter an email address and confirm that they are a parent or carer.
- 2) Follow simple on-screen instructions before completing registration.
- 3) An email is then sent to the specified email address with a link to validate and activate the log-in.
- 4) Select a secure password for their account with a minimum of 8 characters, there is also a password strength indicator to help users create more secure passwords.

Please visit

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=give-your-views>

Parent View is available for both the Primary and Nursery School, therefore if you have children in both schools, we welcome you to fill in 2 separate surveys.

Please could you share good news about the school, to ensure we maintain 'Outstanding' for your children. Thank you in advance and we appreciate your time and continued support in this.

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This newsletter is also available on the school website.

SUMMER TERM 1



DIARY DATES 2022

APRIL

Monday 25th April	Year 4 Parent Consultation Day
Tuesday 26th April	Year 5 Parent Consultation Day
Wednesday 27th April	Year 3 Parent Consultation Day
Thursday 28th April	Year 2 Parent Consultation Day
Thursday 28th April	Nursery, Reception and Year 1 parent consultation Day Nursery and Reception classes will be CLOSED
Friday 29th April	Class photos for Nursery and Daycare

MAY

Monday 2nd May	MAY DAY -SCHOOL FEDERATION CLOSED
Wednesday 4th May	Year 1 Parent Consultation Day
Wednesday 4th May	Year 6 SATs Parents Meeting @2.45pm
Thursday 5th May	POLLING/TRAINING DAY-PRIMARY SCHOOL CLOSED Nursery, Daycare and Children's Centre open as normal
Monday 9th May to Thursday 12th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Tuesday 17th May	BSiL Children's Centre Advisory Board Meeting @2pm
Monday 23rd to Friday 27th May	Themed Week- The Queen's Platinum Jubilee
Thursday 26th May	JUBILEE SUMMER FAIR including Children's Centre School Readiness event- 4.30pm-6.30pm
Monday 31st May- Friday 4th June	Half Term holiday

The Children's Centre will remain open during half term.

Monday 6th June -School restarts at 8:45 am

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

SCHOOL TERM/HOLIDAY DATES

SUMMER TERM 2022

First day of term	Tuesday 19th April
May Day	Monday 2nd May
Half term	Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June
Last day of term	Thursday 21st July 12.45pm finish

AUTUMN TERM 2022

First day of term for pupils	Tuesday 6th September
Half term	Monday 24th October to Friday 4th November
Last day of term	Thursday 22nd December 12.45pm finish

SPRING TERM 2023

First day of term	Wednesday 4th January
Half term	Monday 13 th February to Friday 17 th February
Last day of term	Friday 31st March 12.45pm finish

SUMMER TERM 2023

First day of term	Monday 17th April
May Day	Monday 1st May
Half term	Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June
Last day of term	Friday 21st July 12.45pm finish