



Banks St Stephen's Primary School



Newsletter

14th November

OPEN DAY - THURSDAY 21ST NOVEMBER

School will be open to visitors from 9.00am 5.30pm. Please share this date with friends. We are really proud of what St Stephen's has to offer, so please spread the word!

PHOTOGRAPHS

Collection of photographs has now ended. Late orders will have to be sent directly to Tempest.

HOME SCHOOL VALUES ACTIVITY SHEET

Children will be bringing home an activity sheet for our Christian Value of Compassion. Completed sheets to be returned to Mrs Owen or Mr Richardson. Home-school challenges will be displayed in the Hall.

Christian Value for this Half Term: Compassion

EYFS CHILDREN - FRIDAYS

This half term our PE focus is 'Outdoor Pursuits' where the children will be doing various outdoor activities in the morning. This will be followed by our usual forest schools in the afternoon. It therefore makes sense for all EYFS children to come to school wearing their outdoor weather clothes to wear all day on a Friday rather than changing twice throughout the day.

OUTDOOR ADVENTUROUS ACTIVITIES

As part of West Lancs Sports Partnerships Rec, Y2, Y3, Y4 and Y6 will be participating in Outdoor Adventurous Activities sessions each Friday from 1st November till 13th December. This will include orienteering to develop map reading skills. This will be delivered along with some Problem Solving Activities to develop teamwork and communication skills. **Children will need a change of clothes (old jogging bottoms, t-shirt and jumper etc.), appropriate footwear e.g. wellies or old trainers/shoes for being outside and a waterproof coat.**

NURSERY

Places are available in our nursery. We are now taking rising three's. Wraparound care is available. Please ask at the school office for details or contact school on 01704 225332

NEW TODDLER GROUP

New toddler play session for parents and toddlers (stay and play) every Friday in Nursery Class 9.00am - 10.30am. Bring babies too. See school Facebook page for details.

SCHOOL GAMES GOLD AWARD

Yesterday Miss Baines and 2 children from Year 6 - Caitlin and Harry - went to the School Games Mark Award Ceremony at The Evermoor Hub in Skelmersdale to receive the award for our school. The School Games Mark is a Government led award scheme launched in 2012 to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community. There are 4 standards overall: Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum. This is the first time we have been awarded the Gold Standard and we are really pleased to have achieved this level.

BOXERCISE

IMPORTANT: Boxercise has been cancelled tonight.

ARCHERY

All KS2 children will be bringing a flyer home for Archery. Please note: This is a first come first served basis and is limited to 24 children.

FARMER TEDS

Thank you to all parents for their contribution to the Nursery/Reception Trip. Just a reminder that all Medical/Consent Forms need to be returned to school A.S.A.P. Your child will not be allowed on the trip unless we receive the form back. If you require another form, please ask at the office.

THE NARNIA EXPERIENCE

All the children in school have been invited to the Narnia Experience. This will take place over two days and each class will have an allotted time. The children will be transported by mini bus. The voluntary cost of the trip is £3.00 (payable on ParentPay. All parents need to log on and give your consent by Wednesday 20th November). Any children unable to join us will stay in school.

BBC CHILDREN IN NEED FRIDAY 15TH NOVEMBER

Children are to come to school in school uniform on this day with something spotty or yellow being included in their clothing. We would like all children to bring at least £1 donation for this annual fundraising event.



STARS OF THE WEEK



Reception:

Year 1: Ella

Year 2: Sophie

Year 3: Mia

Year 4: Jacob

Year 5: Charlie

Year 6: Amelia AW

ATTENDANCE

Class 6 had the best attendance in school last week with attendance of 100%. Well done!

F.O.S.S. DISCO

The F.O.S.S. Disco will now replace the Christmas Fair as previously advertised. The Disco will now be held on Friday 13th December from 6.30pm - 8.30pm in St Stephen's Institute. This is a ticket only event and tickets are limited. Tickets are priced at £1.50 for adults and children (children receive a small gift). There will be a box in the main school office for ticket requests. Ticket requests must be in a sealed envelope with correct money and slip. **Please Note: The school office will not be selling tickets.**

VOMITING BUG

Please Note: If your child has been sick or has had diarrhoea please keep them off school for at least 48 hours from the last time they were sick to prevent it spreading.

WRITERS OF THE WEEK



Reception:

Year 1: Leah

Year 2: Mason

Year 3: Rodrigo

Year 4: Teagan

Year 5: Lotti & Brooke

Year 6: Shannon

HOUSE POINTS

Red House won our weekly House Points Competition with 363 points.

EARRINGS

Thank you so much for your support in sending your children to school without earrings. Some children's ears are healing this term but we are aiming to make St Stephen's an earring-free zone by January!

HEAD LICE

Please Note: Could you check your child's hair daily or at least weekly as we have had several reports of children with Head Lice.