



# Banks St Stephen's Primary School



## Newsletter

21st November

### OPEN DAY - TODAY 21ST NOVEMBER

School will be open to visitors from 9.00am 5.30pm. Please share this 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.

#### ARCHERY

All KS2 and Year 2 should have brought a flyer home for Archery. Please note: This is a first come first served basis and is limited to 24 children.

## 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.

## MAN CITY V WEST HAM LADIES

On Sunday 17th November 8 very excited girls from Years 4 and 5 (plus two equally excited members of staff) went to the Manchester City Academy Stadium to watch Man City Ladies v West Ham Ladies. This event was the first of several Olympic Inspiration trips organised by West Lancashire Sports Partnership with the aim of this one to engage girls in women's football. Everyone had a great day and the home team didn't disappoint winning 5-0 against their opponents. The children were treated to a pre-match buffet and halftime hot chocolate and pastries in the hospitality area and also got to meet some of the players after the game including Man City and England captain Steph Houghton! We are hoping to be involved in some more of these trips in the New Year.



## 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 (including Pupil Premium Children). Any children unable to join us will stay in school.

## NURSERY WINTER CRAFTS

Children in Nursery have been sent home with a letter about a Winter Craft activity on **Monday 2nd December 9:15am-11:15am**, inviting parents/grandparents/carers to join us in class with their child to take part in a variety of craft activities. Please return slips to Mrs Moore so we can let providers know how many people we will have in attendance.

## STARS OF THE WEEK



Reception: Harley

Year 1: Harper

Year 2: Emmy

Year 3: Sophie

Year 4: Spencer

Year 5: Bobby

Year 6: Jack

## ATTENDANCE

Class 2 had the best attendance in school last week with attendance of 99.09%. 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.**

## F.O.S.S. NON UNIFORM DAY

F.O.S.S. are holding a non-uniform day on Friday 6th December. FOSS would like all children to bring bottle donations into school on that day. All donations will be used at the Christmas Fair.

## WRITERS OF THE WEEK



Reception: Poppy

Year 1: Sarah

Year 2: Libbie

Year 3: Ethan A

Year 4: Sean

Year 5: Ben

Year 6: Amelia S

## HOUSE POINTS

Red House won our weekly House Points Competition with 397 points.

## BBC CHILDREN IN NEED

A big thank you to all who donated to BBC's Children In Need. A grand total of £131 was raised.



## ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH

### CHRISTMAS FAIR

This will take place on Saturday 30th November from 11.00am - 2.00pm at St Stephen's Social Club. There will be various stalls including Cake stall, Christmas goods, Tombola, Raffle etc. Please come and support us. All proceeds to Church Funds.

## TARLETON LIBRARY EVENTS

### **Christmas Decorations Workshop**

Saturday 23 December 10-12

Come along for a special Friends of Tarleton Library craft session where you can make your own Christmas Decorations from recycled materials. Adults and accompanied children aged 4 and over welcome, no booking required

### **Coding Fun**

Monday 25 November 16:00-17:00

Learn to code in a fun session with Barclays Digital Eagles  
Suitable for ages 7-11

Please bring your own laptop for this session

Places need to be booked in advance with library staff or on the Tarleton Library Eventbrite page

### **Story Shed Christmas Stories**

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 10:30-11:30

The fantastic story-teller from Cedar Farm's Story Shed Tracey Collins is returning to enthrall us with more of her wondrous tales. Perfect to help keep your children entertained in the run up to Christmas

## **CHRISTIAN VALUES-TREE PAINTING DAY-**

### **THURSDAY 28TH NOVEMBER**

So here is what the day is all about. The children will be painting wooden leaf, butterfly, children, school logo and Christian value word shapes as well as three tree trunk pieces.

**The children will be using acrylic paints to paint their leaves so they will need an old shirt from home as we have been informed that the paints don't wash out of clothes.**

Once all the leaves have been painted and dried the tree will be erected in the School Hall for all to see.

## **INTERNATIONAL AID CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES**

Julie from International Aid came to talk to all the children today about Christmas Shoeboxes (leaflets are in the children's bags today). Each class will also make their own shoebox and class teachers will help the children put these together. If you want to make a shoebox at home I will be happy to deliver them to International Aid for you.

There is a tin in the school office for any cash donations. Please do not put money in the shoebox as this is used for transport costs.

We will take the boxes in the last week of term.