



Banks St Stephen's Primary School



Newsletter

7th November 19

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! Also, every day here is Open Day and Mrs. Owen will be happy to show you around at any time.

PHOTOGRAPHS

Any orders for the school photographs should be returned to school, with payment, in the envelope provided by Tuesday 12th November. Any late orders will have to be sent directly to Tempest.

Christian Value for this Half Term: Compassion

HOME SCHOOL VALUES ACTIVITY SHEET

An activity sheet is attached for all the family, with this newsletter, 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.

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.

POPPY APPEAL

We are once again supporting The Royal British Legion in their Poppy Appeal. We have various items for sale ranging from £1.50 for a snap bracelet to 20p for a poppy. Please try and support this worthy cause.

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.

DONATIONS OF INSTRUMENTS

Mrs. Pugh, one of our local residents, has kindly donated 2 instruments to school in memory of her daughter Debbie. This is what she wrote:

'We are delighted that school has accepted our offer of the guitar and piano accordion that belonged to my late daughter Debbie.

Debbie attended St Stephen's with her brother Andrew and loved her music, she was a cornet player with Banks Brass Band.

Both her children were pupils of the school and Tania was a Child of Achievement after being nominated by school.

We hope our donation will encourage pupils to enjoy making music in memory of Debbie'.

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 children to come to school wearing their outdoor weather clothes to wear all day on a Friday rather than changing twice throughout the day.

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.

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!

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.

ATTENDANCE

Class 6 had the best attendance in school last week with attendance of 98.67%. 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, which is being sent home today.

Please Note: The school office will not be selling tickets.

STARS OF THE WEEK



Reception: Joshua
Year 1: Octavia
Year 2: Charlie
Year 3: Cherieann
Year 4: Ruby
Year 5: Olivia
Year 6: Harry

WRITERS OF THE WEEK



Reception: Cali-Roo
Year 1: Daniel
Year 2: Corah
Year 3: Cooper
Year 4: Sammie
Year 5: Kai
Year 6: George

HOUSE POINTS

Blue House won our weekly House Points Competition with 214 points.

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.

