



'Working together to succeed, through faith in Jesus Christ'

Weekly Newsletter: Friday 10th September 2021

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Celebrating our gifts, talents and achievements...

Stars of the Week:			Proud Work of the Week:		
	YR	Whole Class		YR	Whole Class
	Y1	Harry		Y1	Bailey
	Y2	Mihai		Y2	Natalia R
	Y3	Bianka		Y3	Lamiya
	Y4	Kaden		Y4	Nathaniel
	Y5	Lacey		Y5	Paula
	Y6	Bradie		Y6	Porchia



Rainbow Champions



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Y1: Fatima, Sonny, Hallie, Lily, Max, Harry, Bailey, Bradley, Sophie

Y2: Jaxon O, Hattie, Emily, Mihai, Olivia, Sebastian, Harrison, Heila, Natalia, Zac, Tilly, Freya, Jaxon V, Logan

Y3: Victoria, Kasia, Flynn, Toby, Anthony, Bianka, Aidan, Keilon, Marshall, Alice, Harry R, Harry Wa, Alfie, Harry W

Y4: Alex, Nathaniel, Janice, Kaden, Demi, Thomas, Ruby

Y5: Mason, Paula, Amelia, Cecylia, Ollie, Talullah, Damian, James, Harvey

Y6: Bradie, Olivia, Logan, Paige, Bobby, Niia, Yarrah, Oliver, Gunnjot

 Attendance Matters Every student. Every day.	
98-100%	Excellent
96-97%	Good
93-95%	Needs to Improve
90-92%	Cause for Concern
Our attendance target is: 97%	

SCHOOL DAY ORGANISATION:

- **School gates will open at 8.45am each day.**
- Please queue up along the school fence along Sandy Lane and **do not** congregate near the main gate or pedestrian crossing.
- **Pupils in Y1-6 are to come on to the playground by themselves and make their way to their classroom whilst school staff supervise them on the playground.**
- Reception pupils are to be walked to their classroom gate by their grown up once the older children have made their way into school. Your patience with this matter is much appreciated.
- **School finishes at 3.00pm each day and parents/carers are asked to queue outside their child's classroom for a safe handover. Only pupils in Y5&6 with permission will be allowed to walk home alone.**

School News...

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to a brand new school year! The children have returned to school looking smart in their uniforms, have settled into their new classes and routines well and are approaching their learning with enthusiasm already. We pray that this will be a much more settled year for us all and hopefully with the new guidance in place all pupils will be in school learning each day! As we begin the term, we will be taking sensible and cautious steps as we return to 'normal' for the benefit of pupils, staff and families so please bear with us and respect and follow the approaches and measures we will be taking as they will all be taken with the health and safety of our whole school community in mind.

At the start of term, we offer a very warm welcome to our new Reception pupils who have made a fantastic start to school life this week. We also wish every success and happiness to the children who have joined us this week in other classes and hope they settle into life at St Stephen's quickly and happily. We also offer a big hello and welcome to new members of staff in school: Mrs Coy is our new class teaching assistant in Y5 and Mr Donovan, our new maintenance officer. We are all looking forward to a happy, fun and exciting year ahead!

PE	Y6 High School	School Meals
<p>Please send your child to school wearing their PE kits on the following days:</p> <p>Monday: Years 4 and 6 Tuesday: Years 3 and 5</p> <p>Wednesday: Reception and Year 1 Thursday: Years 1, 2 and 5</p> <p>Year 5 begin their swimming lessons next week and can come into school in their PE kit/tracksuit each Thursday.</p> <p>Friday: Years 2, 4 and 6</p>	<p>Our Y6 pupils have barely set foot in the Y6 classroom this week and they were sent home with information regarding their transfer to high school in September 2022. Parents/carers have until midnight on 1st November to submit their preferred high school choices for their child. Confirmation is usually sent out to families at the beginning of March.</p> <p>Our feeder high school, Cardinal Newman, have an open evening on Thursday 16th September from 5-8pm. You need to book through their school website to visit on the evening.</p>	<p>A copy of our new school Autumn Term menu from the School Meals Service is now available on the front page of the school website and via the app.</p> <p>All pupils in Reception, Years 1 and 2 have now opted in for school dinners or opted out and must bring a packed lunch from Monday of next week.</p> <p>For pupils in Years 3-6, unless your child is in receipt of free school meals, a school lunch will cost £2.40 per day and Parentpay accounts must have the funds in to pay for the meals on a daily basis.</p>
Y5 Holy Communion	Parentapp	Autumn Term Dates
<p>Y5 families will have received a letter this week from Father John about Holy Communion Masses on Saturday 2nd October and the organisation of the Masses. As part of the preparation Fr John is expecting families to attend Sunday Mass weekly throughout September at either of the following Masses:</p> <p>St. Stephen's Church at 9.45am St. Bridget's Church at 11.30am.</p> <p>Details about First Reconciliation will be sent home next week.</p>	<p>Please ensure that you have activated Parentapp and receive notifications from the app on your mobile phone or other devices. Communication from school will include: weekly newsletters, after school club bookings, parents evening appointment bookings, surveys, letters from staff and term dates.</p> <p>This will be our main source of communication from school so please speak to the office if you have any issues with the app.</p>	<p>Thursday 16th September Y5 Swimming lessons begin w/b Monday 20th September After school clubs begin for Years 1-6 Tuesday 21st September Welcome Mass at Church Wednesday 29th September Autumn Term Parents' Evening (face to face in school) w/b Monday 11th October Harvest Week</p>

Attendance

We have had an excellent first week back in school with our attendance – let's keep it up so we can get back on track and achieve our school target of 97% this year. Please remember to inform school by our app or contacting the school office if your child is off ill clearly stating the nature of the absence. If your child displays any COVID-19 symptoms then please keep them off school and book a PCR test immediately. School must see proof of any positive or negative results, like we did last year, before a child returns to school so we can support with NHS test and Trace and warn and inform other close contacts.

After School Clubs

We are in the process of organising our after school clubs for the first half term of the Autumn Term. Information will be sent out next week and clubs will begin w/b 20th September. Clubs will be year group specific for this term.

