



ST. STEPHEN'S JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Homework review and Parent View

We have all been so impressed by the children's creative homework that has been arriving in school. Our Wednesday celebration assembly has been overflowing with caves from Year 3, Viking ships from Year 4, Canterbury Cathedral replicas from Year 5 and some brilliant electrical circuit inventions from Year 6. The children are so proud to bring in the homework that you have helped them create. Thank you for your support and for responding so positively in this area, at the start of next term, you will be able to view a video clip on our website which will showcase all of these wonderful pieces. Your child's new creative homework menu for their next topic will come home during their first week of next term.

Following our recent Parent Forums on homework, we have been considering ways in which we can provide more resources to you as parents to help children with the learning of times tables and number bonds. We have also received enquiries from parents asking about ways that their children can be using and applying their knowledge beyond simple recall of times tables. Following a recent review by staff, we are proposing that all children will receive a weekly times table or number bond activity to improve their understanding of this subject. For children already demonstrating their knowledge and understanding in this area, tasks will be sent home to help them extend and broaden their number and arithmetic skills. These will differ depending on your child's confidence and knowledge, but in all cases are to provide you with a targeted activity or series of questions which you can use to support them with their learning. This will begin on the week commencing 13th November 2017.

As we approach the half term I do hope that all children are now feeling settled in their classes and year groups. As a school, your views on your child's education are important to us and I ask that over the half term you complete a short survey with Ofsted Parent View. The link for this is www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk and is linked to your email address. Every individual parent and carer can complete this and the views we receive help to encourage us in areas that you are satisfied with and focus us to address areas we need may need to change.

Yours faithfully

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Executive Headteacher

