

ST. STEPHEN'S NEWS

FRIDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER 2024

WHOLE SCHOOL

KITCHEN NEWS

Please see attached our lunch menu for the week beginning 9th September.

We are very lucky here at St. Stephens as our lunches are cooked fresh every day. If your child has any dietary requirements or religious preferences please let us know and we will ensure these are accommodated.

Please can we also remind you that we are a nut free school and no fresh nuts or nut products should be brought into school (this includes peanut butter or hazelnut spread in sandwiches). Thank you.

Please note that next Thursday, 12th September we are asking all children to bring a packed lunch from home due to the Kent Test taking place. If your child has free school meals, please email shull@ststephensjuniorschool.co.uk if you would like us to provide lunch.

BIKES IN SCHOOL

It is lovely to see so many children and parents using bikes to come to school. We have several areas where bikes can be left for the day. We would however ask that both children and parents do not ride their bikes in the school grounds, please dismount whilst other people are around. We have a lot of people moving around the site and we had a near miss this week when a parent was riding their bike and children from Breakfast Club were crossing the road between the two schools. Thank you for your cooperation.

LEAVING THE SCHOOL SITE IN THE AFTERNOONS

We know we have a lovely site and it is great to see children and parents enjoying it after school. However, we would ask that all families leave our grounds **by 4.00pm** as our Extended Schools facility use the site until 6.00pm.

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS/FINANCE OFFICE HOURS

Please note that both our School Office and Finance Office are open as follows to sell uniform and take enquiries:-

8.30am to 9.15am Monday to Friday

2.45pm to 4.00pm Monday to Thursday

2.45pm to 3.30pm Friday

We are of course available to take phone calls and messages outside of those times. In respect of messages, we would ask that these are given as early as possible, as we cannot always guarantee getting a message to a child if it is after 3.00pm in the afternoon.

UNIFORM

As mentioned above, this can be bought from the School Office during our opening times in the morning and afternoon. If however, you are a working parent and unable to come in, please email nrayner@ststephensjuniorschool.co.uk with your order and we can arrange for payment through bank transfer and the uniform can be given to your child directly.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM

We do have a supply of second-hand uniform in the School Office, jumpers, cardigans, trousers and skirts: in particular for the next 4 weeks, we have some girl's Summer dresses. Please come and see us if this is something we can help you with.

Also, if you have any uniform that is in good condition, we are happy to take donations.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

We are in the process of organising these activities which run between 3.15pm and 4.15pm on different days and each child is given the opportunity of taking part in one activity. A letter will be coming out next week with the new clubs and the process of applying for a place on one of these activities.

DRUMMING LESSONS

We are very fortunate to have a drumming teacher who comes into our school on a Friday afternoon and gives drumming lessons. Please see the attached flier and if you are interested, please contact the teacher directly.

EMAILS THIS WEEK

Please see below a list of correspondence that has been sent home via ParentMail this week in case you missed it:-

Challenger Troop Kit List	Year 6
School Dog	All Year Groups
PE Days	All Year Groups
Attendance	All Year Groups
Swimming Lessons	Giraffe and Red Panda Classes
Year 3 Newsletter and Curriculum Overview	Year 3
Year 4 Newsletter and Curriculum Overview	Year 4
Year 5 Newsletter and Curriculum Overview	Year 5
Year 6 Newsletter and Curriculum Overview	Year 6

TERM DATES

Thursday 12 th September	Kent Test	
Friday 13 th September	Flu Immunisation	
Monday 16 th September	Red Panda Class Assembly	9.10am (approx. 20 mins)
Monday 23 rd – Wednesday 25 th September	Challenger Troop Trip	
Monday 30 th September	Camel Class Assembly	9.10am (approx. 20 mins)
Wednesday 2 nd October	Year 6 Height and Weight Check	(more details to follow)
Wednesday 9 th October	Year 4 Beaney Trip (2 classes)	(more details to follow)
Monday 14 th October	Giraffe Class Assembly	9.10am (approx. 20 mins)
Tuesday 15 th October	Parents Evening	(more details to follow)
Wednesday 16 th October	Parents Evening	(more details to follow)
Thursday 17 th October	Year 4 Beaney Trip (2 classes)	(more details to follow)
Friday 18 th October	Year 6 World War 2 day	(more details to follow)
Thursday 24 th October	Last day of Term 1	
Monday 4 th November	First day of Term 2	
Tuesday 5 th November	Individual Class Photographs	
Friday 8 th November	Firework Night Celebration	(more details to follow)