



Newsletter 11

24th November

Happy Friday!

Abbey Christmas... Yesterday evening our combined Orchestra and recorder group took part in the Bath Primary Schools Advent Concert in the Abbey. It was a wonderful evening featuring musicians from 12 local schools and it will not surprise you to know our children did us proud. They played their piece 'somewhere only we know' beautifully and in that setting, in front of a huge audience, an experience they will never forget. Thank you to the parents who helped with transport and stage setting up, Mr Cox who braved the market traffic to take the equipment to and from the Abbey and of course to Mrs Reid whose enthusiasm and skill gave the children the confidence to make the most of this fantastic opportunity.



Brilliant Becky... A couple of weeks ago I told you about Becky in Year 3 who was planning on cutting her



long hair off to donate to the Little Princess Trust to make a child's wig. Well on Tuesday morning she did it! Not only has she donated her hair, but she has also raised over £700 in sponsorship. What an achievement Becky, well done! Here are the before, during and after pics.

Christmas Fair... The team have been working extremely hard in preparation for the fair tomorrow and I look forward to seeing you there if you can make it. It's 2pm – 5pm and has a Narnia theme!

Year 1 wonders... Amelia, Chloe, Edith and Florence in Class 3 decided to raise some money for Send-A-Cow by selling their old toys and cup cakes on the green last Friday. They organised and publicised it themselves and raised a terrific £75! That is amazing girls – well done!

New 'Absence' Answering Machine... To make it easier for you to let us know if your child is unable to come to school, we have installed a new answering machine which will take messages between 5pm and 8.30am. Please only use this service to report absences – for all other messages please wait until office hours to speak to one of the office team. I hope this system will be easier all round so please let me know how it goes.

Have a great weekend, Andy Bowman

Clubs....

A reminder that there will be **no Hockey or Netball** TODAY.

I know that this time of year can be very busy but please remember to fill in a pink slip if your child is unable to attend a club. It's so important that we know your child is safe and accounted for. Thank you to everyone who already does this.

Club letters for Terms 3 & 4 are available today from the carousel in the reception area. Some clubs have limited numbers so it is important to hand them in as soon as you can.

Deadline for club applications is December 8th.

School Christmas dinner.... is on Wednesday 13th December and is open to all pupils.

If your child does not usually have a school dinner you will need to complete the meal order form attached.

Please return the form to the office by Monday 04.12.17.

YOU DO NOT NEED TO COMPLETE THE FORM IF YOUR CHILD USUALLY HAS A SCHOOL DINNER. There is no charge for infant meals. The cost of a meal is £2.60 for children in Classes 7 – 14.

Please make your payment in advance via Parent Pay.

Thank you.

Love

Courage

Creativity

Joy



After School Care Club.... If your child attends the After School Care club, please check that your account has sufficient funds in it to cover the remaining three weeks of term and please ensure your account stays in credit at all times.

As the club is now running at full occupancy, if your child no longer requires a place, please notify us in writing as early as possible, as we have a waiting list.
Thank you for your co-operation and support.
Joanne Goldaniga

Donations of clothes and shoes required....

Malaika Vaudin [F12] and her family are going out to South Africa to help improve some buildings that house vulnerable children. She will hopefully be helping with the building and painting. She is also taking out some old school clothes/shoes and books.

Whilst we don't want to take away from the second hand uniform collection the PTA undertake, if you have any old clothes and shoes you would like to donate please could you give them to Malaika in F12. There can't be any branded St Stephen's items - but school shoes, coats, shorts, PE kit etc. will all be gratefully received.
All donations by 8th December at the latest please.

Many thanks.
Malaika and her mum!

Coming up in November....

25th – PTA Christmas Fair

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- 5th - Phase 1 Dress Rehearsal 2pm
- 6th - Phase 1 Nativity Performances 10am - parents of classes 1, 3 & 5
- 7th - Phase 1 Nativity Performances 10am - parents of classes 2, 4 & 6
- 8th - Phase 1 Nativity 10am - parents of classes 7 & 8
- 11th – 15th Week of Christmas parties
- 12th - Phase 2 Christmas Concert 6pm – 7 p.m. at Church
- 13th – School Christmas lunch**
- 13th - Carols by Candlelight 6pm -7pm
- 14th – Theatre visit
- 15th - End of Term Service in Church 9.45am
- 15th – End of Term

***Please note items in bold are new to the list**

Mathletics news.... Four whopping gold certificate winners this week! Congratulations to Finn, Babafemi, Poppy and Nell. The list of names is continuing to grow as we celebrate more mathematicians this week. Well done to the following children:

Poppy, Eve
Ciara, Siani
Polly, Daniel, Ben
Angelo, Toby
Clara (Silver!)
Izzy (Silver!)
Millie, Jasmine
Sofia (Silver!)
Sophie, Lauren
Emily, George
Nell (Gold!)
Eva, George
Florence
Charlotte (Silver!)
Nicholas, Alexander
Becky (Silver!)
Sophia, Thea
Jasper, Amelia
Lily (Silver!)
Izabella
Annabelle (Silver!)
Lynden, Ana
Rufus,, Callum
Linden (Silver!)
Babafemi, Poppy
Freddie, Milo
Fraser
Florence (Silver!)
Zach (Silver!)
Babafemi (Gold!)
Poppy (Gold!)
Jakob, Saskia
Finn (Gold!)
Elias, Jessica
George (Silver!)
Madeline-Mae
Oscar (Silver!)
Tutku, Bo
Sophie, Charles
Oscar, Conrad
Florence, Clare
Denis, Tutku
Harry
Madeleine (Silver!)
Cara, Lyra
Carter, Ronan
Daniel (Silver!)
James (Silver!)
Betsy (silver!)
Layla, Jack, Harry,
Hector, Cara, Isla
Megan, Antonia