

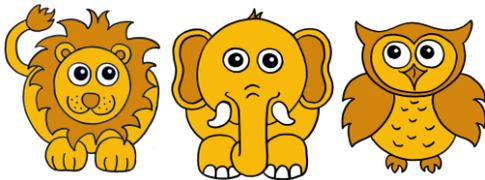


## Newsletter 18

22nd January, 2016

### Happy Friday!

Well, Term 3 is well and truly underway now, and as you will see from this newsletter, there is lots happening in school at the moment. As well as all of the events and celebrations this week, we have been talking a great deal with the children about how we are going to make sure the 'Golden 3' expectations for behaviour become more and more consistent in the coming weeks and months. I have talked the children through the new behaviour policy and have attached a letter which summarises the new approach for you. We have tried to keep it simple and clear so that it can be consistently understood by all adults and children, and it is rooted in good relationships, care and wanting everyone to be the best they can be. And helping us every step of the way are these little golden critters...



...who help us remember the Golden 3.

So from the four of us, have a fantastic weekend.

Andy Bowman

**Amazing Swimming...** On Monday, 23 pupils from Years 5 & 6 competed with 10 other schools at the B&NES Swimming Gala. It was a really exciting and very close competition and the St Stephen's Team came 3rd. Our pupils led by Emma M (Captain) displayed a fantastic team spirit, supporting each other fully and every member performed to their best. I was extremely proud of them all.

Jennifer Newman, PE Co-ordinator

**Clubs.....**Musical letters went out last Monday but unfortunately it showed last year's dates. The dates for the 2016 Musical are **7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> July**.

**Optician visit.....**Last week F14 had the experience of meeting Mrs Oliver, an Optician from Specsavers, who taught us all about our eyes and how to look after them. Mrs Oliver described her job as an optician and gave us lenses to look at. We were also able to look at the back of her eye with a special device which was very interesting. We were all given goody bags as well and F14 can now be seen walking home in their high viz jackets! We really enjoyed the visit and learnt a great deal.  
By Florence Burton F14.....



**Walk to School Breakfast....** Just a reminder that we will be holding a walk to school breakfast on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January in the school hall at 8am and you are all welcome to join us. If your child is a school council member in Phase 2 please could they come to school before 8am to help out with serving the breakfasts. Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you there.

**Friday deadline for buying World Book Day books.....**Friday 22nd January is the final day to place your orders with the office for World Book Day books by this year's author Maudie Smith. Three books – Owen and the Onion, The Cake the Witch and the Wolf plus Milly and the Mermaids – will be the centre of attention when Maudie visits school and talks to the children about her work. Maudie has kindly agreed to sign copies of her books bought from us. Last orders are due in today.  
Jakob Zanutto, now in Form 3, has finished the 2015 Reading Challenge in time to start 2016. Well done Jakob – happy reading.



## PTA News.....

### Art cards..... the whole family can join in!

Over the next couple of weeks the children will be producing artwork in school which will be turned into beautiful cards. At the end of February each child will bring home a free personalised, printed card of their own artwork. Parents/carers will have the opportunity to order pack/s of cards and other items with the same design. As well as helping to raise funds for the PTA you will have the chance to own personalised cards and items such as bags and aprons. If you (adults) would also like to design your own card or have older or younger siblings who might want to have a go, please contact Karen ([K.Toogood@bath.ac.uk](mailto:K.Toogood@bath.ac.uk)) for an art card information kit and return art work back to the office by Thursday 4th February 2016. Happy designing!

### Second-hand uniform and DVD sale..... In the school hall after school **TODAY** (3.20pm)

If you can help, that would be great, if so please come along a little earlier.

**Quiz....**We are still working out a date which doesn't clash with another school's quiz night! If you are interested in helping to organise this year's quiz, or would like to enter a team please contact Angela at [pta@st-stephens.bathnes.sch.uk](mailto:pta@st-stephens.bathnes.sch.uk)

Have a great weekend

Angela

**Physical Education - A note to all parents....**During the very cold weather, it would be advisable for all children to wear tracksuit bottoms and sweatshirts for lessons and clubs. We have a number of outside coaches leading PE lessons at present and these sessions will go ahead, regardless of temperature. A number of children have been complaining of being extremely cold outside and so I was hoping that parents would ensure that warm PE clothes are in their bags. Equally, a hat and gloves (appropriate for sporting activities) are perfectly acceptable. Thank you.

**Hockey Stick Loans.....**Hockey sticks are traditionally borrowed for after school clubs on a regular basis. Please if you borrow a stick from the bag, I would be grateful if you could sign it out at the office so that we can keep a track of equipment. We no longer have a full set for class lessons/coaches which is a great shame. If anyone has hockey sticks that are no longer used....donations would be most appreciated. I will contact John Moore Sports to replace the grips should that be necessary. Thank you.

**Charlcombe Lane Closure.....**Charlcombe Toad Rescue Group have advised us that Charlcombe Lane will be closed to through traffic from 15<sup>th</sup> Feb to 28<sup>th</sup> March from about 200m north of the junction with Richmond Rd, for about 900m in a northerly direction. This is to reduce the risk to the toads crossing the lane. If you would like further information please see the school notice board where a poster is displayed giving full details.

### Diary dates reminder.....

#### Coming up in January.....

22<sup>nd</sup> – Second Hand Uniform & DVD sale

27<sup>th</sup> – Walk to School Breakfast 8am

#### Coming up in February.....

2<sup>nd</sup> – Newbarn Meeting 6pm

11<sup>th</sup> – Storybox Theatre

12<sup>th</sup> – End of Term 3

22<sup>nd</sup> – Beginning of Term 4

**Message from Revds Philip and Debbie.....**This Sunday is our All Age service at St Stephen's. As usual it'll be about 45 mins long, and will feature all sorts of things for ... well, all ages. We'll be thinking about what binds us to the shared humanity we have, and what can happen when we are released to see the divine in all people ... even ourselves. Oh and there'll be the most daring (and potentially dangerous) thing we've ever attempted. Don't hear about it, experience it! Sunday at 10.45.

