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10th June, 2016

Happy Friday!

Back in February we launched Mathletics in years 2-6, and it has taken off brilliantly. Mrs Foster has set up a notice board in the Phase 2 corridor which celebrates the week's certificate winners from across the school. This week we have reached an important milestone - over 1 million points have now been won by the children at St Stephen's! We are also very proud of our first Gold Certificate winner - Evie Hopkins. Well done Evie!

Sports Day Dates...We have realised that the sports day dates on the website calendar are incorrect and should say Monday 11th July – Reception; Tuesday 12th July - Year 1 and 2; Thursday 14th July - Year 3 and 4; Friday 15th July - Year 5 and 6. I am very sorry for any inconvenience and we will rectify this as soon as possible.

Wall Transfers...Over the last few months, you may have noticed wall transfers popping up around school. We chose them as they touch upon our Core Values, and it has been lovely to hear children chatting about the meanings as they walk around school. We are thrilled with them, and are extremely grateful to Shop Aardvark (<http://www.shopaardvark.com>) who donated them to us completely free of charge! There is one more still to go up, but here the first four in all their glory - in the music room, outside my office, in the hall and in the Year 5-6 corridor. Thank you Shop Aardvark!



Great St Stephen's Bake Off.....The bake off is next Friday (June 17th). Please read the letter that has been sent for all the details but entries should be 6 cupcakes or muffins decorated in whatever way you choose. Please include a card with name, class and details of cakes with your entry. Entries should be brought into school on the Friday morning and left in the foyer. Judging will be around 3pm following our afternoon assembly and then the cakes will be on sale after school with the money going to UNICEF to support Syrian children. Please enter and come and buy some delicious cupcakes at the end of the day.

After School Club Job Opportunities.....Please find attached details of new job opportunities for our After School Club. Applications should be made through eteach which you can access on our website by clicking on 'Key Information' and then 'vacancies'. If you or anyone you know, would like to find out more about the vacancies, please contact the office.

Cricket Success...The Year 6 A & B Teams competed in the BANES Cricket Tournament yesterday. The A Team, captained by Ned Burn, made it to the quarter finals of the Cup Competition only losing by 8 runs to Saltford Primary School. The played to a very high standard; The bowling and fielding was out of this world! The B team captained by Kit Marrack entered into the Plate Competition which they went on to win after some very exciting matches. All the boys showed real focus and their team spirit was notable all day. Well done.
Jenny Newman

Clubs news.....Monday Music Club for Years 1 & 2 will now run until 4.30pm instead of 4.15pm, until the end of term.
Ms Flood

University of Bath....have advised us that their open days will be held on Thursday 16th and Friday 17th June from 9.30am to 4pm. Therefore please be aware that this may cause more road congestion than usual.

Love

Courage

Creativity

Joy



From Revd Philip.....Hope you had a great half term.

Next week Revd Debbie is off to Zambia. You may remember I wrote about her trip St Mathias' School, Lusaka. The school is for children whose parents have died from AIDS/HIV, which is still devastating the country. A local priest, Fr Jackson, has made the school out of an old shell of a building, and has done so much for so many orphans. Two of the things they urgently need are pens/pencils and clothes. Revd Debbie has booked in two suitcases with the intention of filling them. With Mr Bowman's agreement, we have asked if children might bring in one pen/pencil and an item of clothing that is no longer needed. Monday is the deadline! Thank you. Advance warning.....Saturday 25th June is the Charlcombe Annual Barbecue: 12.30 for 1pm. Tickets are £10/£4 available from the Parish Office (office@ststephensbath.org.uk).

Sunday 26th there'll be a pet service in Charlcombe garden at 4pm. This is an occasion to bring along your pet to church. It's all about being thankful for the part pets play in our lives. There'll be songs, activities, and each pet will receive a blessing from Revds Philip and Debbie. Enjoy your weekend! Revd Philip

Summer Instrumental Concert.... Tuesday, 28th June, 6pm in the Hall. This is a lovely opportunity for children to perform in a relaxed environment and for their parents to hear the music we have been playing in clubs and groups. The Orchestra, Recorder Clubs and Year 6 Band will all be performing and there will be an opportunity for children to perform solos. Children of all ages and abilities can perform and it is always a very positive experience. This year we have a Film/TV and Popular Music theme to the evening. Children in clubs will receive a letter this week; they are also available from Jeni Reid and from Reception.

Recorder Amnesty!! Do you have a recorder that is not being used? In the attic? Under the bed? We are in need of a few reasonable quality recorders; any donations gratefully received in reception. Jeni Reid

PTA News Summer Festival..... Friday 24 June 3.30pm-8pm

Plans are coming along for the Rio-style celebrations, with live music, dancing and a DJ set from Stuart Dashwood. There'll be a host of sporting activities (Olympic- themed) and lots of fun stuff like creating your very own Rio mask with gems and feathers. Plus food, Pimms, a bar and much more. Tickets are £1 for adults and 50p for children. So that you can avoid the queues, tickets are available in advance, or you can buy them on the door. We'll have an amazing Raffle (tickets in book bags) and a Toy Tombola, so any donations of good quality used toys or gorgeous raffle prizes would be very welcome. There may also be an opportunity to throw a wet sponge at your favourite Headteacher! Have a lovely weekend, and thanks for your support. Angela

Mums' Night Out! Grab some girlfriends, and come along to a fabulous night of stand-up comedy in the school hall with..... Harriet Beveridge! Harriet is a Bath-based Mum who performed at the Edinburgh Fringe last year, to rave reviews. Date: Thursday 30th June. Timings: 8pm - 11pm (show will start at 9pm and will last for about an hour) Price: £7, to include a glass of prosecco or soft drink (there will also be a paid bar). **Limited tickets available!** Make sure you get yours next week. Tickets will be on sale in the playground after school on Monday and before school on Tuesday. Or by emailing Marianne (mariannehogg@hotmail.com), Kate (kateabbey@hotmail.com) or Sharon (sagewillis4@yahoo.co.uk)

Term dates reminder.....

13th-17th – Phonic Check Week

21st – Year 3 trip to The Roman Baths

24th – F1 trip to Warleigh Lodge Farm

(F2 Farm visit is on 1st July)

24th – PTA Summer Festival

28th – Summer Instrumental Concert 6pm

30th – Mum's night out (PTA) 8pm

Foundation Governor vacancy....Please see the attached advert giving full details of this important role.

Musical dates... Please note the dates for this year's musical are 7th, 8th and 9th July. Please check that you have these dates correct in your diary as some months ago we advertised last year's dates in error. Many thanks.

