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24th June, 2016

Happy Friday!

I am sure by now you will have all heard the historic news - it is our Summer Festival today! A great deal of work has gone into organising it and I know it is going to be a brilliant event so I hope to see you there.

Rocket Seeds... With Tim Peake's return to Earth came the end of our Rocket Seeds experiment. Alice Rees has done a fantastic job of helping our young scientists conduct the experiment and she has now loaded all of the children's results into the national database. The children even managed to correctly guess which batch of seeds were the space travellers! Thank you Alice!

Mountain Mission... Nine intrepid explorers are going to be climbing the highest peak in South Wales this weekend, covering Pen y Fan and 3 other peaks on a 9 mile trek. They're doing it to raise money for Send a Cow. It's their second mountain climb following Snowdon last year when they raised £2000 for Cancer research. So, good luck to Sienna and Ella Daye, Matilda and Anna Zannelli, Daniel and Nell Abbey, Molly and Eli Williams and Oscar Billet. They're hoping to raise £500, and if you would like to sponsor them you can do so at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ststephenstrek>

Clothes Rail Plea... We are gearing up for the Musical 2016 and at the moment are short of hanging space for costumes. If you have a spare clothes rail we could borrow for the next two weeks we would really grateful. If you can help, please speak to myself or Ms Flynn or just drop it in. Thank you

After School Club Update... Places are filling fast so if you haven't already put your applications in for September please do so as soon as possible. All requests have now been processed and we will be in touch next week to confirm places.

Right, I'm off to apply sun cream ready for the festival. See you there! Andy Bowman

Great British Bake Off..... Congratulations to everyone who entered the Bake Off. The cakes were all amazing and the judges had a really tough time choosing the winners. The judges looked at both appearance and taste and finally chose the following winners and runners up:

Phase 1: Winner – Benjamin Bassford F5 Runner up - George Groves F2

Phase 2: Winner – Jimmy Ross F14 Runner up – Grace Toogood F10

The Bake Off raised **£240** for UNICEF so thank you very much to everyone who entered the competition and bought the cakes after. Prizes will be awarded at the next celebration assembly.

Summer Instrumental Concert, 28th June, 6pm in the Hall.....Just a few reply slips still to come in, so please return to school reception asap. Children taking part should arrive at 5.45pm please, wearing school uniform. There are no tickets; parents, family etc. of those performing are very welcome to come along and support. The concert will end at approximately 7.15pm. Jeni Reid

Clubs news....TODAY! (Summer Fayre this afternoon). Please note that Tennis, Football and Hockey will all be running as normal after school today. The only club affected by the Fayre is Netball which was changed to **Tuesday 21st June.**

New option to notify us if your child cannot attend their club....If your child is unable to attend their club and you are not able to complete a pink slip, you can now email me directly with your child's name, Class & the Club they are missing to: asc@st-stephens.bathnes.sch.uk
This is a vital part of our safeguarding procedures, ensuring that all the children are accounted for and therefore your co-operation is greatly appreciated.

NEXT TERM'S CLUBS... Application forms are available from the Carousel from today. Please complete and hand in your forms as soon as possible. The strict deadline is Friday 15th July, so please do not miss this date if your child would like to join a club, as late applications cannot be accepted.

The new timetable will be displayed on the club noticeboard which is situated near the Reception class side gate.



School Council Bunting Competition.....A huge thank you and well done to everyone that took part in the school council bunting competition. We had so many applicants and the standard was amazing. The winners have been chosen and prizes given out in assembly but if you would like to see the bunting it will be up in the spiritual garden during the Summer Festival after school. We laminated as much as possible but some couldn't be laminated and would get ruined by the weather so we have displayed those in the glass corridor for all to see. Thank you so much for all the hard work that went into them.
School Council

Message from Revd Philip.....Three exciting things at the churches this weekend. Saturday, there's the Charlcombe barbecue, with local burgers, amazing salads and sensational pudding. There's also a raffle which I never win. Starts between 12.30 and 1 and is about £12, less for children.
On Sunday there's the All Age at St Stephen's. This week we'll be making a huge banner for the church, and considering the relationship between what we think, say and do, and its affect on how we live - looking towards nothing less the world being more peaceful.
On Sunday afternoon at 4pm there's the pet service at Charlcombe garden. Do tell your pet that it can bring you if it likes ...
And by then we'll know the result for sure (I'm writing Thursday afternoon). I remain optimistic ...

Thanks, blessings, Revd P

Term dates reminder.....

June

- 24th – PTA Summer Festival - TODAY
- 28th – Summer Instrumental Concert 6pm
- 30th – Mum's night out (PTA) 8pm

July

- 1st – F2 trip to Warleigh Lodge Farm
- 7th, 8th & 9th - Musical
- 11th – YR Sports 1.45pm
- 12th – Y1/Y2 Sports 1.45pm
- 12th – Class 'shuffle up' morning**
- 13th – 4 – 5pm drop in session for parents to meet next year's teachers**
- 14th – Y3/Y4 Sports 1.45pm
- 15th – Y5/Y6 Sports 1.45pm
- 13th – Open Evening – 4-5pm
- 15th Reports home
- 19th – Y6 Tea Party 1.45pm
- 20th – Y6 Disco 6:30 - 8pm
- 21st - Leaver's Service at the Church 9.45am
- 21st – Last day of Term 6

Please note dates in bold type are new additions to the list

PTA News.....

SUMMER FESTIVAL TODAY! from 3.30pm, large playground and field In the spirit of Glastonbury the festival goes on rain or shine! There will be live music from the steel pan band and the Year 6 band, a live DJ set from Stuart Dashwood, loads of sporty games and carnival games, food, drinks, our amazing raffle, and Mr Bowman leading a wake and shake! If you can, please bring your cake donations for the cafe, pre-loved toys for the tombola and a brolly! Time to party.....
A night of laughs with comedian Harriet Beveridge! - Last chance to see this wonderful comedian performing in our very own school. There are just a few tickets remaining now - please email Marianne on mariannehogg@hotmail.com if you'd like to come along!
Thanks for your support
Angela

DVD & School Uniform Sale at the Summer

Festival.....We will be selling summer dresses and DVDs at the Summer Festival from 3.30 to 4.30pm. Thanks for all your uniform donations - we will be having a big sale of all uniform in July.
Thanks. Nic and Kerensa

