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Happy Friday!..... What a week it has been! Let's do a quick recap....

Summer Festival... Thank you to everyone who braved the threat of rain last Friday and joined us for our summer festival. What a lovely evening. Fun, sports, games, crafts, mud, music, food and drink and even beautiful evening sunshine by the end. Huge thanks to Angela and the PTA who worked so hard to make it possible. Another special St Stephen's event!

Music Concert... On Tuesday evening we gave our musicians a chance to shine in the end of year concert and if there was ever an event that showed our Core Values in action it was this. Thank you to everyone who came and contributed to the very special atmosphere, to the children (who were wonderful) and of course to Mrs Reid and Mr Edwards who have worked so hard and with such care to bring the concert together.

After School Club Update... I am delighted to inform you that our new After School Club will be led by Mrs Joanne Goldaniga. I am delighted to be welcoming Joanne to the school team and know that she has the skills, experience and vision to make the club very special indeed. And I am equally delighted to be able to let you know that she will be ably assisted by Ms Erini Chorianopoulouas Playworker. Erini's interest in the arts and passion for working with children will make her an asset to the team. Both Joanne and Erini also happen to be parents at the school so will be familiar to many of you.

NUT Strike... As you may be aware, teaching Union NUT has called its members out on strike on Tuesday 5th July. This is going to result in the partial closure of the school, so you should have received an email today advising you of which classes are affected.

Cricket success... Our Year 6 girls Kwik Cricket team did us proud yesterday, playing with spirit, determination and winning the County Championships! What an amazing achievement - well done! They now qualify for the Regional Finals. The Year 5 A & B Cricket Teams competed in the B&NES Championship yesterday. The A Team came 2nd and now qualify for the County finals next week. Well done to them.

What a week...and with The Musical and our sports days just around the corner, there is still plenty more summer fun to come. Have a great weekend, Andy Bowman

Club News....Due to the Musical, the only club that will be running on **Thursday and Friday** next week will be Judo on Friday morning. **No other clubs will be running.**

Tag Ruby.....Just a reminder that the deadline for Tag Rugby is the **8th July** and the deadline for rest of the clubs is the **15th July**. Unfortunately we cannot accept applications after these deadlines, so please send them in as soon as possible. Many thanks for your support.

I have attached a new timetable for Terms 1 & 2 which now includes Tag Rugby.

Finally...I would like to thank everyone who is filling in pink slips for club absences, it really helps us. If you are not able to fill in a slip, you can always email me at asc@st-stephens.bathnes.sch.uk. Many thanks. Ms Flood.

Books returned to library for the summer please!.....School library book borrowing has stopped for the summer due to a musical takeover. Class borrowing and after-school sessions will start again in September.

We are now collecting in all the library books before the end of term to check our stock and prepare for September. We would be very grateful if you could help your child find their library book and ensure they return it to their class library book box as early as possible. Putting books back on the library shelves or into the library "returns" box confuses our computer and we end up issuing you with lost book letters. If children's books are not returned we will be in touch by letter.

Children taking part in the Reading Challenge will be able to carry on reading and borrowing from September to December. So don't panic if your child has not finished their challenge.

Request from the Musical Team..... We are in need of an old fashioned medical stretcher! If you happen to have one we could borrow we would be really grateful. It will be looked after and returned after the Musical performances. Many thanks.

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.

Badge amnesty.....We know how easy it is to walk out wearing our stylish visitor badges, however we have now almost run out! So to save us having to order more, we would be most grateful if you could please check your bags, cars, cupboards, etc .and if you should find any stray badges, please return them to Reception. Many thanks.



Lost & Found at the Summer Festival.....

Lost.....During all the fun of the Summer Festival, unfortunately two bags went astray. One was a Star Wars black book bag and the other was a grey dappled 'bag for life'. They were last seen near the water slide. Although the contents of the bags were not valuable, the owner would be very pleased to get them back as one contained keys, (which will be expensive to replace) and the other contained clothes.

If anyone accidentally gathered them up with their own bags or happened to notice them lying around anywhere, please let the office know as soon as possible so we can reunite them with their owner. Thank you.

Found.....A ring was found at the Summer Festival. If you, or anyone you know has lost one, please contact the office.

FROM REVD PHILIP.....Exciting times this weekend. Revd Debbie is going to be ordained as a priest on Saturday in Wells Cathedral at 3pm, to which anyone is welcome (a chance to see the Church of England well blinged up). Ordination happens at three levels, firstly a deacon (which Debbie is now) for a year - a kind of provisional stage. Then ordination as a priest, which means she is able to take weddings, communions, say blessings, etc. (There is a third ordination level as a bishop.) The priest ordination is an amazing thing.

On Sunday morning she will take her first communion service at St Mary's (9am) and at Stephen's (10.45). You are more than welcome at either.

On another level, you can receive direct e-news alerts from the church by signing up on the website. www.ststephensbath.org.uk. Thanks, and have a great weekend. Philip.

Term dates reminder.....

July

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

PTA News.....

Festival Fun.....

What a lovely festival, despite early rain, the sun shone and we all had a party! Thank you to everyone who made it all happen, especially Nicola, Sam and Anne-Katrin, for all those who gave time and talents including Joan, Karen, Pete, Rachael, Sophie, Emily, Kate, Laura and Lisa. Thanks to all the class reps, to everyone who ran a stall or an activity (they were brilliant!) to the Steel Pan Band and Stuart Dashwood, the Year 6 band, Jason at Superpirates and all the companies and parents who kindly donated raffle prizes. And to our own head-teacher Andy Bowman for so many talents (looking forward to the Wake and Shake DVD) - and to Louise Flynn and all the staff for letting us do it! Thank you! We are still counting the cash but should have raised around £2k - brilliant!

Mum's Night Out

Huge congratulations to Marianne and her team for putting on a fabulous evening last night. Thank you to comedian Harriet Beveridge for making us laugh so much and for donating her time and talents. It was a great fundraiser (more later) and a really fab night out.

PTA Chair - vacancy

Do please get in touch if you would like to chat about this important role, which could also be a job-share. Even if you are not quite sure - there are so many benefits.

Have a great weekend

Angela

