



## Newsletter 3

18<sup>th</sup> September, 2015

**Happy Friday!**.....It has been a really special week this week, as we have welcomed our new Reception children to school. There were a few tears on Monday, but the parents did an excellent job of not letting their children see them 😊\*. The children have done brilliantly, with lots of smiles to go with the shiny new shoes and clean jumpers. It was lovely seeing many of our new parents on Thursday evening too, and hearing about the new friends their children have already made. It is very exciting to think ahead over the next seven years about all of the fun, learning and adventures that lie ahead and I cannot wait to see them grow with us over the coming years.

I have really enjoyed having my lunch with the children this week - not only are the conversations entertaining and thought-provoking, but the food is wonderful. Rachael and her team do a fantastic job of preparing freshly cooked healthy food every day, and the children are loving it!

Have a wonderful weekend,

Andy Bowman

\*That may well be the first time an emoji has been used in a newsletter. We really are at the cutting edge of home-school communication, folks.

**Kiwi Fruit**.....As we have staff and pupils who are allergic to this fruit, please can we ask that **no** Kiwi Fruits are brought into school at any time. Thank you for your understanding.

**Parental permission form**.....Your child will have brought home a 'Permission Form for Parental Consent' earlier this week. Please remember to complete and return this important form as soon as possible and **by Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September** at the latest. If you have not received a form, please collect one from the office. Thank you.

**School dinners**.....Please note that pupils are not permitted to change from sandwiches to School Dinners in the same week. However pupils can alternate between sandwiches and school dinners on a weekly basis. If you have any queries, please contact Reception.

**Message from the school kitchen**.... Our cook, Rachael, is very pleased with how well the children have embraced the new, healthier menu with options of salad and rice, amongst others. It's lovely to see the children willing to try new dishes.

**School Kitchen staff required**.....The kitchen is looking for staff. If you would like to find out more please contact the office and we will pass your details on to Rachael.

**Harvest Festival**.....We celebrate Harvest this year with a service in church at 9.45am on Friday 25th September, to which parents are very warmly invited. As in previous years we will be very pleased to receive harvest gifts for distribution to the homeless of Bath by Julian House. Julian House provide a lifeline for so many of our least fortunate neighbours and St Stephen's has been greatly privileged to have supported this excellent service over many years now.

Should you wish to contribute, please can these gifts be brought to school and left in the main foyer on **Friday 25th September** and not before, as storage is such an issue for us. Thank you in anticipation of your support for this year's Harvest appeal. Please see the list below of suitable items for donation:

Tea bags	Sugar
Coffee	Rice
Spaghetti	Pasta
Tomatoes (Tinned or Carton)	Pasta Sauces
Carton of Fruit Juice (long life)	Tinned Vegetables
Packet of Cereal	Sponge Pudding (Tinned or packet long life)
Custard (Tinned or Packet)	Rice Pudding (Tinned)
Tinned Fruit	Mashed Potato (Instant)
Biscuits or Snack Bars	Vegetarian Meals (Tinned or Packet)
Jars of Jam	Chocolate / Sweets
Feminine Hygiene	Deodorant / Toiletries / Toilet rolls



## St Mark's School Open day dates.....

OPEN EVENING:	Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	6.30pm - 9.00pm
OPEN MORNINGS:	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	9.00am - 11.00am
	Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	10.00am - 12.00pm
DROP-IN MORNINGS:	Every Friday in October	9.00am - 11.00am

## Hayesfield Girls' School Open Day dates.....

OPEN EVENING:	Tuesday 22nd September	6.00pm - 8.30pm	Upper Oldfield Park Campus
OPEN MORNING:	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	9.00am - 12.00am	Brougham Hayes
OPEN AFTERNOON:	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	1.00pm - 4.15pm	Brougham Hayes

## Ralph Allen School Open Day dates.....

OPEN EVENING:	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	5.30pm - 8.30pm
OPEN MORNING:	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	9.00am - 10.45am

**Bath Festival of Children's Literature.....** starts on Friday 25th September until Sunday 4th October. There are some huge names coming to Bath this year.

On Thursday 1st October there is also a chance to bid at The Red Chair Charity Auction for an original piece of art from some of the UK's best illustrators. If you would like to attend please email: [development@bathfestivals.org.uk](mailto:development@bathfestivals.org.uk)

## PTA News.....

### DVD Club and Trading Post

If you've always wanted to be in the movies now's your chance. Yes you could run the St Stephen's Primary School DVD Club! It could be once a week or once every two weeks. We have a ton of DVDs and room to update our collection.

We are also looking for a volunteer to manage the Trading Post - currently full of interesting job and service ads. This involves putting the ads on the notice boards and collecting the money for banking, just an hour or so a week.

If you can spare time to help out please contact Angela at [pta@st-stephens.bathnes.sch.uk](mailto:pta@st-stephens.bathnes.sch.uk) or 07711 250 792

Hurray - **Second-Hand Uniform sale today** after school in the hall - see you there for your autumn/winter collection!

Next PTA Meeting - Tuesday 29 September, 7pm - staffroom, all welcome.

Have a great weekend

Angela

**School Car Park.....** Please can I remind everyone not to use the staff car park at any time including when picking up children after clubs. We have recently had a problem where staff cars have been 'blocked in' at the end of the day by parents picking up their children from clubs. Your co-operation is greatly appreciated.

**Piano Lessons.....**Dr Simper, who many of you will know for his involvement at St Stephen's Church, is a professional musician, composer and teacher, and is offering piano lessons based around an approach he has devised himself called Hands-on Music. Please see the attached flyer for more details.

## Coming up in September.....

24<sup>th</sup> - Foundation Stage Reading Evening 6pm-7pm  
25<sup>th</sup> - Harvest in church 9.45am  
29<sup>th</sup> - PTA Meeting 7pm

