



Newsletter 7

16th October, 2015

Happy Friday!

On your marks, get set..... GO! The hall is rocking with star jumps, press-ups and squat thrusts. Emily Diamond, an Olympic Sprinter, is putting the children through their paces. It's high energy and high fun. Thanks to Jenny Newman for organising this great experience for the children. Let's look out for Emily in Rio. Look at our Twitter feed for some pictures.

Please return your sponsor forms and money by next Thursday.

A date for your diary.....

On November 17th I will be leading a Vision meeting which will explore life at St Stephen's at the moment, our short-term goals and our longer term vision. It will draw upon the main themes and ideas arising from the Vision and Values work you all contributed to last year. To enable as many people to come as possible, I will do the same presentation twice, once from 2-3pm in the afternoon, and then again from 6-7pm. I really hope you can make it!

Parent Pay...By now you should have received the information on how we intend to roll out Parent Pay. I have had lots of really positive feedback and am really excited about the impact this will have. I am hugely thankful to Viv Alderson and school governor Karl Stringer who have both given a huge amount of time and effort into bringing this to fruition.

Healthy News... I had a really nice letter this week from Judy Allies at BANES, awarding us the Director of Public Health Award. This is in recognition of the fact that we have previously gained Healthy Schools status, and now also the Healthy Outcomes Certificate. The panel commended how we have encouraged children to walk to school (and significantly increased average numbers of walkers) and also the Year 6 enterprise project which we launched last year. I am really grateful to Katie Warlow for all of her work in putting our submission together.

Have a really happy (and healthy) weekend! Andy Bowman

Parentmail and ParentPay.....

In your children's book bags this week will be a letter giving more detail about our new electronic payment service ParentPay.

ParentPay and Parentmail appear similar but are in fact different companies. In Term 2 we will stop sending email communication (including Newsletters) via Parentmail ,once we are using the ParentPay service fully.

All school communication will eventually be through your ParentPay account.

Parents will also be able to make payments on line through ParentPay for dinner money, school trips and Breakfast Club.

As club cheques are made payable to the coaches, parents will be unable to pay for these clubs through ParentPay.

School Clothing.....Please remember to label your child's school clothing clearly with their full name. We have a large number of items in lost property that cannot be returned to their owners as they are not labelled. Thank you.

Clubs....As you will see from the attached timetable, there will be **no clubs at all** next Wednesday and Thursday due to parent consultation meetings. Please note there are no lunch time clubs on these days either.

School Car Park.....Please can I remind everyone not to use the staff car park, including when picking children up after clubs. We appreciate parking is difficult around the school but this car park is for staff use only. Thank you for your co-operation.

Year 6 secondary application forms..... Reminder letters and application forms have been sent out this week to parents whose applications have not yet been received. Please ensure your application is submitted by midnight on Saturday 31st October.



The Rock Project, Tuition in Vocals, Guitar, Bass and Drums The Rock Project is now in Bath! We have spaces for students at our Monday evening session at Beechen Cliff School for ages 7-18. Juniors (7-11) at 5.30pm and Seniors (12-18) at 7.30pm. The sessions consist of 1 hour of small group tuition in your chosen instrument/voice and 1 hour 'plug in and play' where students get to play together as a band, in preparation for our end of year concert in July. If you are interested or would like more information please email bath@therockproject or call on **07896031521**. Also check out **The Rock Project Bath** on Facebook.

Hello everyone..... Here are a few ideas for free activities over the half term:

Heritage Week Bath – from 24 October to 1 November. See www.bathnes.gov.uk/open week for a full list which includes events at the Museum of Bath Architecture, Bath Postal Museum, the Museum of East Asian Art and No1 Royal Crescent to name a few. You will need your Discovery Card to get in free.

Victoria Art Gallery

24 October 10am – 12noon and 2pm – 4pm - The Big Draw (learn to draw with plasticine)

28 October 10.30am – 12 noon – Magnificent Masks

29 October 10am – 11am and 11.30am - 12.30pm – Drawing Nature

30 October 10am – 11am and 11.30am – 12.30pm – Stamping Nature

Bath City Farm

26 October 11am – 2pm – Medieval Madness activity day

27 October 11am – 2pm – Apple and pumpkin day

31/October 1pm – 4pm – Halloween Fun

Roman Baths - 26 27 28 29 30 October – 10am – 1pm and 2pm – 4pm – Fabulous Feasts or Meagre Morsels

Fashion Museum – Mad Hatter's tea party 2pm – 4pm 26 27 29 30 October

Have a lovely break.

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Coming up in October.....

21st and 22nd Parent Consultations

22nd Children finish school

23rd INSET

26th - 30st Holiday

Coming up in November.....

2nd – Beginning of Term 2, Children in school

