



Newsletter 23

10th March, 2017

Happy Friday!

It's straight over to Mr Preedy for an update on last week's World Book Day. Have a good weekend, Andy

A huge thank you again for your World Book Day (WBD) efforts, there was so much fun had by all!



Firstly, a massive thank you to all the team at Natwest Bank who raised over £240 towards our school library. They dressed up, held a raffle and encouraged members of the public to help support our school, so we are extremely grateful for all their efforts. The picture to the left shows some Year 6 and 3 children visiting Natwest to give support and explain how the money will be spent.

World Book Day this year saw Matt Jeanes come and deliver some Art master classes on illustration. We concentrated on the book 'The Promise' and hope to use all the children's work next week to create a whole school piece based on an aspect from the book.

As well as this, I would like to thank all of the children and grown-ups who dressed up, and congratulate the 'Best Dressed' winners as there were some amazing outfits this year. Even some of the staff came close to winning the 'Best Dressed' competition. In addition to this, congratulations to the WBD quiz winners who all received a book of their choice from the Book Fair.

The contributions made from WBD and the sales of the Book Fair reached a total of over £500 which will continue to help support and update the library. Please make a visit to the library to see which new books will be coming! Open every week day apart from Wednesdays from 3:20-4:30pm.

Thank you for your support... Mr Preedy

Clubs... Club letters for Terms 5/6 are now in the carousel. Please note the deadline for applications is **Friday 31st March.**

New clubs... Mrs Reid is starting a **Ukulele Club** for Years 3-6 on Tuesday lunch times. Lansdown Tennis Club is putting on lessons for Years 1 & 2 on Mondays and Years 5 & 6 on Fridays, just in time for summer! Ms Flood

Trips... Please see below a list of forthcoming trips, along with the dates for giving permission and making your payment.

Reception

Forest School Trip on 16th March
£3.10 – due by 10th March.

Whole School

Rainbow Theatre on 24th March
£2.00 – due by 15th March

Year 4

New Barn - 31st March to 3rd April
Balance £135 due by 24th March

Year 5

Abernant - 2nd to 6th October
£265 – Can be paid either by lump sum, or the first instalment of £66.25, due by 30th March.
Further instalment dates will be 27th April, 25th May and 29th June.

Year 6

Easter Unscrambled on 24th March.
There is no charge for this event but please return the paper permission slip by 20th March.

Thank you for your support.

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Hockey....The St Stephen's Tuesday after school hockey club is open to Year 2's in the summer term. Depending on applications the cohort size will be limited to 10, so please apply as soon as possible to secure a place! The club also needs more year 3 girls so that when year 3 become year 4 we can enter a team in the mixed league. Please therefore do encourage your daughter if in year 3 to come along in the summer term, all that attend agree that it's great fun and a really enjoyable sport for both boys and girls!
Any questions please contact Mrs Potter on spottershockey@yahoo.co.uk

Message from the PTA....SCHOOL DISCO TODAY!

If you haven't paid already, pay on the door: £2 per child, £1 each for dancing pre-school siblings who are more than welcome.
Bring change for buying pizza, snacks, sweets, blue lemonade, glow sticks, finger LEDs and glow in the dark face paint!!
Prosecco Bar for grown -ups!
3.30 - 4.30 - Reception & Year 1. Accompanied by an adult.
4.40 - 5.40 - Years 2 and 3. Accompanied by an adult.
5.50 - 6.50 - Years 4, 5 and 6. Written consent required if walking home alone.
HAPPY DISCO DANCING!!
Any queries contact Lu Cory on tel: 07899 840338

Message from Reverend Philip.....

Firstly, a huge 'Good Luck' to everyone running or supporting a runner in the Bath Half on Sunday. May your puff be plenty and your blisters few.
Secondly, we are now in Lent, and many people have given up things until Easter. For me it's coffee. (Agony. a cup of tea at 11 o'clock just doesn't cut it ... and I can't even go near Colonna and Smalls.) It's great to make a change in your life, for whatever reason. But two things to consider: firstly, the forty days of lent are only the weekdays, it doesn't include Sundays (which are classed as feast days in the church). So lent doesn't have to be a feat of endurance like the Bath Half. And consider: as well as giving something up, how about taking something on? We have Lent courses running at St Stephen's on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings and Tuesday afternoons, all within an easy walk of the school. We're looking at the Lord's Prayer, and learning that there is a lot underneath those familiar words. Also, why not give church a try in Lent? Sundays at 10.45. This Sunday there is provision for young and older children during the sermon, the following week, 19th, we have our children's groups. The Sunday after, 26th is Mothering Sunday. There are two chances to gather to give thanks for mothers, and reflect on being God's children. The usual service at 10.45, which is our traditional communion with choir, and at 4pm when Scruffy Church meets in the Centre. There'll be posies available at both. As usual, bung me an e-mail for more information (philip@ststephensbath.org.uk)
Thirdly, and finally, Mr Bowman introduced something rather wonderful into Monday's collective worship. Everyone in the school now holds a large shell during our worship. These are then used for reflection and prayer at the end. It's another sign that we are introducing reflecting and contemplative practices that go well beyond the 'hands together, eyes closed' approach. It's about encouraging us all to be aware of our thoughts and voices inside us and choosing to listen to those that intend only good. It's the beginning of a practice which our wonderful children all their lives.
Have a great weekend!
Philip

Mathletics news.....

Congratulations to this week's Mathletics Achievers!

- Ella McKim
- Alice Amphlett
- Kristian Goldaniga
- Eira Hughes
- Sophie Gittens
- Rose Taylor
- Emily Willis
- George Willis
- Izzy Manoli
- Jasmine McKinstry
- Sam Peters
- Anna Zanelli
- Eva Blanchard
- Jack Bowra
- Florence Cooney
- Sinead Cox
- Lydia Gillman
- Nicholas Greensmith
- Eliza Gustard
- Lucy Lock
- George Warden
- Charlotte Willis (Silver!)
- Zac Wood
- Tim Morters (Silver!)
- Leo Wakefield
- Sophia Castro-Harrington
- Hal Davies
- Jasper Gittens
- Annabelle Yacoubian
- Lynden Bradley-Cong
- Ana Champion
- Charlie Hedger
- Elizabeth Miskin
- Kitty Peters
- Zach Spencer-Burman (Silver!)
- Babafemi Taiwo
- Poppy Tucker
- Fraser Young
- Milo Young



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