



Newsletter 2

16th September, 2016

Happy Friday!.....One of the really exciting developments this term has been the opening of our **After School Club**. It has been wonderful to see the children making the most of the sunny weather this week and enjoying having our grounds all to themselves. Alongside that, the team have been working hard to ensure that right from the start there has been a range of activities for the children to enjoy including spray painting, collage, arts and crafts and construction as well as board games and quiet times to name but a few. One of the aspects that we have been looking at is the movement of children from class to After School Club to ensure that with all of the 'busyness' of the end of the day, this important phase works smoothly. The way this will now work is that for Classes 1, 2, 3 and 4, the teachers will take the children to the hall where Mrs Goldaniga will meet them. Classes 5, 6, 7 and 8 will be collected from their teachers by either Mrs Chorianopoulou (known as Mrs Erini) or Mrs Panter, and children in Phase 2 will walk through the school to the hall. Once in the hall, the children are all checked off against a register before their activities begin. Thank you for the very positive feedback we have had about the club, and the new wave of applications for places. We are blessed with a skilled, creative team and a lovely setting and I am enjoying seeing the club develop into something really special.

The Carpenters... Mr Cox is brilliant and works really hard to keep the school safe and looking nice, however he is stretched in lots of different directions. So if you are, or know of, a carpenter who could spare us a little time, we have around the school several picnic benches, some of which could do with a bit of TLC. Mr Cox and I would be really grateful for any expert help.

Website Dates... We are having some technical difficulties with the calendar on the website. Please bear with us while we get it sorted and in the meantime refer to the date list that was emailed out just before the summer holidays. I am sorry for any inconvenience.

Hare and Hounds... Just to remind you that the Hare and Hounds have very kindly agreed to donate 50p to the school for every child's meal bought. So why not treat yourself to a family meal this Autumn? You deserve it! You can relax and enjoy the beautiful surroundings knowing that at the same time you are supporting the school. Perfect!

Have a great weekend, Andy Bowman

Dropping items off during the day..... Just a quick mention that the number of forgotten items being dropped off during the school day has been increasing this week. We would be really grateful if you could remind your child/ren to remember to bring everything they need with them at the start of the day. Of course we understand that occasionally things get forgotten in the morning rush, but if this could be kept to a minimum it would be much appreciated by Reception and will also avoid interruptions to the classrooms. Your support with this is much appreciated.

Green post box....We have a green post box in the foyer by Reception which can be used to drop off letters, slips, cheques and anything else you need to hand in. (The only thing that can't be put in the post box is cash). By using the post box you can avoid queuing at Reception and the box is emptied daily. Please make sure your item is clearly marked with your child's name. Thank you.

Clubs.....

Tag Rugby.....I'm really sorry but I don't think I have been very clear about the Rugby club. Tag Rugby is run by Crusader, who do all their own admin. This means children can join at any time.

So if you have missed the deadline for the other clubs, please feel free to enrol your child/ren for Tag Rugby. The children have just completed their first week and have had a great time. Forms can be found in the carousel in reception. Apologies again for the mix up.

Now clubs are up and running can you please remember to fill in a pink slip if your child is unable to attend, alternatively you could e-mail me at asc@st-stephens.bathnes.sch.uk if that's easier.
Ms Flood



PTA NEWS....Good afternoon, I think you'll all agree what a wonderful job Angela did for the past 2 years as Chair of the PTA.

As I start my role as Chair of the PTA, I'd like to invite you all to our first meeting of this year on 28th September at 7pm in the Richmond Arms. Everyone welcome, old and new! This is our children's school and together we can make a big difference.

Let's get some great events organised.

Sarah

PTA Chair

Walk to School Breakfast.....We will be holding a walk to school breakfast on Wednesday 28th September on the playground (weather permitting). This will start at 8am and you are all welcome to join us for breakfast and stay with your children until they are dropped off to their classrooms for the school day to start. If your child is a school council member in Phase 2, please could they get to school before 8am to help out with serving the breakfast.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you there.

Katie Warlow

Do you have a child starting in Reception

2017?....If so, you are very welcome to come along to one of our visits for prospective Reception parents which we will be holding over the next few months. Also, if you have any friends or relatives with children due to start Reception next year, please pass this information on to them. The visits will be held on Monday 26th September, Tuesday 15th November, Friday 25th November and Monday 9th January. All visits will be from 9.30am to 11.00am.

If you would like to attend one of these visits, please let us know which date you would like to come and we will put your name down.

Diary Dates reminder(Please note entries in bold type are new additions to the list)

Coming up in September....

22nd - Foundation Stage Reading Evening 6pm-7pm

26th -EYFS stay to lunch

28th -Walk to School Breakfast 8am

28th – PTA Meeting 7pm Richmond Arms (all welcome)

30th -Harvest Festival in Church 9.45am

Coming up in October.....

3rd - EYFS start full time

3rd-7th Abernant residential visit (Yr 6)

6th -EYFS Homework Meeting 2.30pm

20th-Children finish school

21st - INSET

24th- 28th Holiday

31st - Beginning of Term 2

Coming up in November.....

2nd&3rd Parent Consultations

2nd - 8th - Book Fair

3rd -Revolting Rhymes Performance x2

10th -PERFORM Drama YR,1,2

14th -18th -Anti Bullying Week

17th - Bedtime Story 6-7pm (Phase 1 children only)

Coming up in December.....

6th - Phase 1 Dress Rehearsal

7th - Phase 1 Nativity Performance 10am - parents of Classes 1,3 & 5

8th - Phase 1 Nativity Performance 10am - parents of Classes 2,4 & 6

9th - Phase 1 Nativity Performance 10am - parents of Classes 7 & 8

12th EYFS/Y2 Christmas Party pm

13th - Y1/Y3 Christmas Party pm

13th - Phase 2 Christmas Concert 6pm – 7 pm at Church

14th - Carols by Candlelight 6pm -7pm

15th -Y4/Y5 Christmas Party pm

16th - Y6 Christmas Party pm

16th- End of Term Service at Church 9.45am

16th – End of Term

