



## Newsletter 8

4<sup>th</sup> November, 2016

### Happy Friday!

I want to start by thanking the PTA who kindly funded a fantastic musical theatre experience for the children on Thursday. Crescendo Concerts brought 6 musicians and three actors to share their Revolting Rhymes production, weaving together a wonderful live soundtrack and brilliant acting and story-telling. It was a unique, entertaining production and I was delighted we had the opportunity to enjoy it.

**Farewell Mrs Brocklebank...** I am sad to let you know that our beloved Librarian, Mrs Brocklebank will be retiring on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November. She is an incredibly passionate and committed member of staff whose relentless passion for children's reading has been a huge asset to the school for many years. I know you will join me in wishing Pat all the very best for a happy retirement. Stepping into Pat's shoes, alongside existing librarian Mrs Smith, will be Mrs Taylor-Young who is very much looking forward to continuing the important role the library plays in school.

**Black History Month...** In assembly today we came together to share the brilliant learning the children have been doing to celebrate national Black History Month. At the start of October, each year group was given a different challenge which would lead them to become more familiar with a famous person, story, speech or song and in so doing learn more about some of the tremendous cultural challenges and world-changing achievements the history of black culture contains.

**After School Club...** After a very successful first term-and-a-bit, After School Club is now often running at full capacity. So to avoid disappointment, please make sure any additional sessions you require are booked at least a week in advance otherwise it is very unlikely we will be able to fit you in. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

**Lost Property...** Please can I remind you that all clothing that comes into school must be clearly named. Lost property usually find its way back to the classroom or to Sarah's Room, where you are welcome to go to check for missing items.

Have a happy, bangy, flashy, ooooo-arrrrr-y fireworks weekend. Andy Bowman

**Anti-bullying Week.....** Week beginning 14th November is Anti-bullying week. All children will be doing some work on this in PPA sessions or in class and then on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November we will have a "Ring of Friendship" to show our joint agreement to beat bullying. We would like the children to come to school dressed in blue on this day as this is the colour theme for Anti-bullying week (we are not asking for a voluntary donation for this). Thank you for your continued support.  
Mrs Blanchard and Mrs Lunn  
PSHE subject leaders.

**Clubs.....Year 2 French club** will run for an hour on Tuesday 8th November.

**PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO NETBALL CLUB NEXT WEEK.**

Thank you to all you parents who let us know when your child is not going to attend a club. It is so important that we know that your child is safe and accounted for. There are a few ways of keeping us informed about club absences;

- Fill in a pink slip and hand into the office,
- E-mail [asc@st-stephens.bathnes.sch.uk](mailto:asc@st-stephens.bathnes.sch.uk)
- Phone the school office - 01225 31166.

Many thanks.  
Ms Flood

**Toy Collection for vulnerable children.....**The Salvation Army organise a community project at this time of year to supply vulnerable children in Bath with toys for Christmas. I thought it was something that our school could contribute to, so I am contacting you to ask if anyone is willing to donate one or more new or unused toys towards this project. If you would like to take part please bring the toys into school and place in the boxes on the table in the Foyer. The toys should be new or unused and not wrapped and can be brought into school any time over the next 3 weeks and I can then arrange to deliver them to the collection point in Bath. Thank you. Mrs Scott

**Flu Immunisation Consent Form.....**Forms were sent home to Years 1,2 & 3 on Monday. The immunisations will be carried out on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November. Please complete and return your form as soon as possible, indicating whether or not you give your consent for your child to receive the immunisation.



**Message from the PTA.....**Good afternoon. I hope you all got your orders in for the amazing Christmas cards your children have done, I'd like to thank Karen for all her hard work with making them happen.

**Book at Bedtime** is returning on [Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> November from 6-7pm](#). Children in Phase 1 (Reception to Year 3) are invited to come to school in their PJs, with their teddies, for an hour of magical stories. Annually the PTA use this event to raise funds to help bring a specially selected author to school on World Book Day, to interact with all the children, and so a £2 donation is requested per child. Please drop donations in at the office, in an envelope labelled 'Book at Bedtime'.

**St Ski-phen's school Fair.....** will be on December 3rd from 2-5pm. It will be themed all things "Alpine" we look forward to seeing you there. We will be having a Raffle so if you, or anyone you know would like to donate a raffle prize please get in touch. Have a great weekend. Sarah

**IMPORTANT DATA COLLECTION SHEETS.....**Next week you will be receiving a new Data Collection Sheet. This is a new requirement from the Department for Education so therefore could you please complete the sheet and return it to us as soon as possible. If you have any queries, or if you do not receive a Data Sheet, please contact the office.

#### Coming up in November.....

- 2<sup>nd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> - Book Fair
- 10<sup>th</sup> -PERFORM Drama YR,1,2
- 14<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> -Anti Bullying Week
- 15<sup>th</sup> - Flu immunisation for Yrs 1, 2 & 3**
- 18<sup>th</sup> - Ring of friendship - please dress in blue**
- 15<sup>th</sup> - Reception 2017 prospective parents visit 9.15 - 11am
- 17<sup>th</sup> - Bedtime Story 6-7pm (Phase 1 children only)
- 25<sup>th</sup> - Reception 2017 prospective parent' visit 9.15 - 11am

#### Coming up in December.....

- 3<sup>rd</sup> - PTA School Fair 2 - 5 pm**
- 6<sup>th</sup> - Phase 1 Dress Rehearsal
- 7<sup>th</sup> - Phase 1 Nativity Performance 10am - parents of Classes 1, 3 & 5
- 8<sup>th</sup> - Phase 1 Nativity Performance 10am - parents of Classes 2, 4 & 6
- 9<sup>th</sup> - Phase 1 Nativity Performance 10am - parents of Classes 7 & 8
- 12<sup>th</sup> EYFS/Y2 Christmas Party pm
- 13<sup>th</sup> - Y1/Y3 Christmas Party pm
- 13<sup>th</sup> - Phase 2 Christmas Concert 6pm - 7 pm at Church
- 14<sup>th</sup> - Carols by Candlelight 6pm -7pm at school
- 15<sup>th</sup> -Y4/Y5 Christmas Party pm
- 16<sup>th</sup> - Y6 Christmas Party pm
- 16<sup>th</sup> - End of Term Service at Church 9.45am
- 16<sup>th</sup> - End of Term

**(Please note bold entries are new additions to the list)**

#### Well done to those keen mathematicians over half term!

Kristian Goldaniga, George Willis, Charlie Hedger, Jack Bowra - Silver  
Eva Blanchard - Silver, Charlotte Willis  
Ana Champion, Kitty Peters - Silver,  
Babafemi Taiwo - Bronze, Fraser Young, Milo Young, Ethan Quarrell - Silver, Sofia Baxter - Silver, Rose Taylor, Emily Willis, Isobel Woodhead  
Jemima Woods, Becky Baxter, Seb Day, Connie Hopkins, Annabelle Yacoubian - Silver, Leo Wakefield - Silver, Izzy Manoli, Jasmine McKinstry - Silver, Katie Palmer.

**From Revd Philip.....**Good things coming up at St Stephen's. This weekend is our usual Communion service with groups. We have a new Young People's Leader, Tim May, who is overseeing our work with Year 4+. But there's wonderful stuff for all ages. If you've not been before, do come and find out what the church branch of the St Stephen's Family is all about. 10.45-12ish.

**Sunday 13th Remembrance.....**We have a special session for all our children to remember and be thankful for the sacrifice of many for the freedom we enjoy. We also reflect on the world as it is, and pray for peace and freedom for those who still don't have it.

#### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> .....NEW AFTERNOON SERVICE: SCRUFFY CHURCH 4pm....

We've occasionally had a Bedtime Service at about 5pm on a Sunday afternoon, which has proved very popular. Many have asked if there could be a regular service in an afternoon as often Sunday mornings are so conflicted with other things. So I'm going to trial this and see how it goes. The service will be in the Centre, and have songs, stories, activities - noise and quiet. It will be aimed at younger children, but I'm hoping that older children will be comfortable, too. Afterwards there'll be a simple tea. The service will be at 4pm, last for 40 minutes, tea about 4.45. I'll be putting up posters soon, and will give you more details as soon as I've thought of them. Have a great firework weekend! (I love them.) Philip

