



# Newsletter 13

# 8th December 2017

## Happy Friday!

**Lights, Camel, Action...** I have just come out of our final Reception and Phase 1 Nativity performance and what a treat it was. If you came to one of the shows, thank you for contributing to the amazingly fun and supportive atmosphere. The children were brilliant in all of their performances, so confident and happy, and it was a brilliant celebration both of Christmas and of our children!

**St Stephen's Calendar...** If you ordered one of our school calendars I hope like me you are delighted with it. Every page makes me smile and I notice something different every time I look at it. Huge thanks to the sponsors and of course Tracey, Ann and Melissa who have done an amazing job of getting this together in such a short space of time. As well as providing us with an enjoyable dress-up day and a really special souvenir, they have managed to raise in the region of £2000 for the PTA!

**Choir on Tour...** This time of year is a particularly busy one for our choir who journey all over town spreading Christmas cheer. Here they are at Alice Park last weekend where they entertained the crowd and next week they are off to Dorothy House. I just wanted to take a moment to thank all of you who are helping with to transport the children, and to thank Ms Flynn and Miss Maddaford for their ongoing time, energy and support for the choir.



**School Closure...** With wintery weather hanging in the air, it seems pertinent to remind you of our procedure for closing the school. A decision will be made by 7.00am from which point I will indicate our closure on the Banes website. We will then send out a text message to you all and I will also tweet the message (Twitter is often more reliable than mobile networks). We will take into account site safety, travel to school and staff ratios but will endeavour to stay open if at all possible.

That's it from me. Don't forget the Christmas Tree sale here on Sunday 10-12. Have a great weekend!

Andy Bowman

**Clubs...** Thank you to all parents, coaches and children for a great two terms of clubs, that's it for this year. The first clubs in the New Year will be on the 8th January. If you haven't heard from me before then please take this as your child having a place in the club you applied for. You should only hear from me if the club is full.

**TODAY IS THE LAST DAY FOR CLUB APPLICATIONS.**  
Hope you all have a wonderful Christmas.  
Regards, Liz Flood

**Carols by Candlelight...** On Wednesday the children of Orchestra, recorder club and choir will be performing at this special evening event. If you would like to see your child you are entitled to two tickets which can be picked up from the school office.

We hope to see you there for mulled wine and a mince pie.  
Ms Flynn

### Girls Netball Knock Out Cup.....

The netball team sailed through the 2nd round of the B&NES Knock Out Cup on Monday, beating Welton 27-2. We look forward to next term. Issy Barnes was player of the match with a marvellous display of shooting!

### BANES Indoor Athletics....

Our Indoor Athletics Team went to the B&NES Tournament after school on Tuesday. It was a wonderful team effort and we were placed joint first with Saltford. We will find out in January whether we reach the County Finals!

### Swimming Survey....

Thank you for your responses to the Swimming Survey. It has been so very helpful for my PE Data. If you didn't get a letter, please collect one from my classroom.

Jenny Newman

### The Bath Rugby Clash...

I will be booking tickets next Friday. I have had an overwhelming response to this offer and it looks like it will be a really great day. If you still wish to come on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2018, please let me know.

Jenny Newman

*Love*

*Courage*

*Creativity*

*Joy*



**From Revd Philip....** Well, Christmas draws on ... I know I have. It's getting very exciting and a little daunting ... So here are the services to give you a chance to find a different space and rhythm from the hurly burly. Look forward to seeing you next Friday and beyond.

All Joy, Philip

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December**

10.45am **Scruffy Nativity** St Stephen's *Dress the part of your choice*

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

7pm **Blue Christmas** St Mary's *Marking the sadness*

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December**

6pm **Christingle** St Stephen's *The tingle of Christmas Eve ...*

11.30pm **Midnight Mass** St Mary's /St Stephen's

**Christmas Day**

10am **Family Eucharist** St Mary's

10am **Family Festival Communion** St Stephen's

**Menu change....**

There will be a menu change on Wednesday 3rd January. Dinner will be traditional pork sausage with mashed potato, vegetables and gravy, due to being the first day back after the holiday.

**Brand new Men only Pilates classes.....**

Starting on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January in the school hall, 7.30 – 8.30pm. The first term will be drop in classes, £ 9 per lesson. Pilates helps to build core strength and increase flexibility. It's benefits include better posture, toned muscles and a reduction in aches and pains as it rebalances your body. Come and see what it can do for you and feel the benefits. It all started with just one Man, Joseph Pilates, don't let the girls have all the fun! Call or email for more information or to reserve a place.

Sarah Lloyd-Clarey

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**Coming up in December....**

10<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Tree Sale 10 – 12 (enter by car park)

11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> Week of Christmas parties

12<sup>th</sup> - Phase 2 Christmas Concert 6pm – 7 p.m. at Church

13<sup>th</sup> – School Christmas lunch

13<sup>th</sup> – Multiplex Cinema afternoon - Phase 2

14<sup>th</sup> – Multiplex Cinema afternoon - Phase 1

13<sup>th</sup> - Carols by Candlelight 6pm -7pm

14<sup>th</sup> – Theatre visit in school

15<sup>th</sup> - End of Term Service in Church 9.45am

15<sup>th</sup> – End of Term

**Coming up in January...**

2<sup>nd</sup> – Inset

3<sup>rd</sup> – Children back to school

**Mathletics News....**Ho! Ho! Ho!

This will be the last Mathletic report of 2017. Since September, the children from Years two to six have achieved 13 gold medals, 97 silver and 505 bronze certificates! Well Done.

I have been sent a list of the Top ten children from St Stephens who have achieved the most Mathletic points since September. Many congratulations to the following:

Tutku, Jessica, Harry, James, Ronan, George and Oscar from Year 2, : Babafemi and Zach from Y3 and Ciara from Year 6.

And finally the Mathletics Christmas scores on the doors are...

- Eve C (Silver!), Isla C
- Poppy HS, Summer L
- George P, Spencer W
- Ciara G (Silver!), Finley M
- Jasmine McK, Sebastian P (Silver!)
- Millie P (Silver!), Isaac D
- Nell A, Sofia B
- Sophie G, Emily W (Silver)
- George W (Silver!), Nell A
- Oscar R (silver!) Charlotte W
- Eva B (Silver!), Charlotte W
- Kitty TW, Becky B
- Hal D (Silver!), Jasper G (Silver!)
- Oscar T (Silver!), Lily W
- Sophia CH, Lily W
- Lynden BC (Silver!),
- Rufus D, Zach SB
- Babafemi T, Freddie W
- Fraser Y, Milo Y, Ana C (Silver)
- Linden H, Harry C
- Cara F (Silver!), Daniel S
- Ronan T, Betsy W,
- Harry C, Hector E
- Cara F, Bethany L
- James W

Have a fantastic Christmas and I will look forward to seeing which children will be achieving their first certificates of 2018.

C. Foster