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## Newsletter 24

22nd March 2019

### Happy Friday!

**New security...** Thank you for your support with the changes to our door system and your patience while we adjust our timings etc to ensure everything works smoothly. We have a few adjustments to consider, mainly around timings during the school day, but I have been very pleased with how swiftly staff and children have adapted to the changes and I am very grateful to you as parents and carers for recognising the importance of these measures and supporting them. Children have commented to me that they like the new locks because they help them feel safer and really that is the whole point, so thank you.

**Online lunches...** We have had really positive feedback about the new online approach to ordering meals. Some of you (who are far more organised than I am) have even ordered through to the end of the year! I will leave Mr Collins to write more about this below but as always, please be patient if we have any teething issues and once you are using this system please do let us know if you experience any difficulties.

**Tag Rugby Magic...** We are extremely proud of our tag rugby team who took part in the County Finals on Monday afternoon. They played with incredible respect for each other and their opponents, resilience and a huge dose of St Stephen's spirit! If that wasn't pride-worthy enough, they won the tournament, scoring an incredible 83 tries, and will now represent Banes in the District Finals! Thank you for the parental support and to Mrs Newman for her coaching, encouragement and team management talents! Well done all of you!



Have a wonderful weekend, Andy Bowman

### Online booking system for school meals

There are still a large number of parents who are yet to book their child's school meal from the menu choices on Parentpay. This will need to be done by midnight on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March. The teachers will no longer be doing the lunch register in the classroom.

Please make note of the following -

1. You will need to order your child's meal choice on line using Parent Pay.
2. Your child's account will have to be in credit for a meal to be ordered. You will have 2 hours from booking to add money to their account.
3. As always school meals remain free for children in years Reception to Year 2 and those entitled to free school meals. You do however still need to make your child's meal choice through Parentpay.
4. The cut off time for booking a meal or changing a choice will be midnight the night before.
5. The school office will be able to cancel meals due to absence, but will not be able to make changes to meal choices.

Please refer to the guidance notes provided by Parent pay that were emailed to you on 20<sup>th</sup> March. If you have any issues please call the School Office and we will do our best to help.

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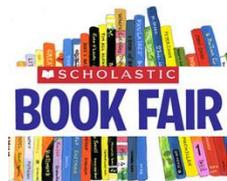
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# St Stephen's Primary Church School



The book fair finishes next Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March. Please come along to the hall from 3:20pm to support us.

Many Thanks

Mr Preedy, Mrs Smith & Mrs Young

**Class photos** – Please note that the deadline for returning class photos is today **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.**

**Parking....** Please can we remind you to park courteously when picking your child up from school. We have had a couple of incidents where cars have blocked the road leading to some understandable frustrations from other parents and residents. Thank you for your support in this matter.

#### Diary dates...

##### Coming up in March...

20<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> – Book Fair

##### Coming up in April ...

3rd and 4th Parent Consultations  
5<sup>th</sup> Easter Service in Church 9.45am  
5<sup>th</sup> End of Term  
8<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> Holiday  
23<sup>rd</sup> Beginning of Term 5  
26<sup>th</sup> Year 4 leave for New Barn Residential  
29<sup>th</sup> Year 4 return from New Barn

##### Coming up in May...

6<sup>th</sup> - May Day holiday  
13<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> - SATs week  
20<sup>th</sup> - EYFS Sports 1.45pm  
21<sup>st</sup> - Y1/Y2 Sports 1.45pm  
23<sup>rd</sup> - Y3/Y4 Sports 1.45pm  
24<sup>th</sup> - Y5/Y6 Sports 1.45pm  
24<sup>th</sup> - End of term 5



Well done to Layla for being our 'Get Caught Reader of the week'

#### Easter Camp

There's a fun filled Easter Camp with themed days, arts and crafts and outdoor adventures taking place on Mon 8<sup>th</sup>, Tues 9<sup>th</sup> & Wed 10<sup>th</sup> April. It will be held at St Stephen's school from 9am – 3pm. Booking forms can be found on the carousel. Please complete by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March.

ASC/Breakfast Club leaders

#### Ceilidh!!!

Please JOIN US on the evening Friday 26th April for a Ceilidh!!!

Jamie & Lily, wonderful musicians and parents at the school are kindly running a traditional Ceilidh for parents to help us in fundraising for the school PTA. Come along and fill the hall for an evening of FUN, DANCING and FUNDRAISING!

TICKETS £12.50 to include a light supper  
CASH BAR on the night  
CASH RAFFLE...!

Tickets on sale in the playground from Friday 22nd March...

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