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## Newsletter 3

21st September

Happy Friday!

**PTA news...** At the PTA AGM last night, we officially said thank you to Sarah Brooks, Ruby Hazael and Ian Ashworth as they stepped down from their roles as Chair, Secretary and Treasurer respectively. Over the last two years we have enjoyed wonderful school events and have benefitted greatly from the huge amount of money raised, so I am extremely grateful to the three of them for all of their hard work.

I am delighted to say that stepping into the Chair's role are three people, who will be sharing the role. So our new co-chairs are Sam Jennings, Karin Baxter and Lisa Merchant. Supporting them as secretary will be Zoe Gooding, and sharing the role of Treasurer will be Claire Vanni and Liz Rees. Thank you to all of them for stepping up to these roles – without them the PTA would not be able to function.

We will be in touch again soon to let you know what events are coming up this year and what help is needed in order to make them happen.

**Money for nothing...** I'm going to avoid making a 'Dire Straits' joke here, but the school funding crisis is continuing to deepen and we continue to actively look for ways to generate funds. One of the easiest (and cost-free) ways to do this is via easyfundraising. For every on-line purchase you make, with a huge variety of retailers and service providers, the PTA receives funds at no cost to you. <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ststephenspribath> It is even available as a handy app, making the process even swifter. If you haven't already registered with easyfundraising, please can I encourage you to do so? Thank you so much.

Have a lovely weekend, Andy Bowman

**Reception 2019 Open days....** If you have any friends and family with a child due to start school next September, please do invite them along to one of our upcoming open day visits for prospective parents.

The dates for the visits are as follows:-

Tuesday 25th September

Thursday 18th October

Monday 19th November

Tuesday 15th January

All visits are from 9.15 to 10.15am.

If you would like to book a place on one of the visits, please contact the office.

**Clubs...**

**Netball.....**There will be no Netball for Years 3 & 4 on Friday 28th September. (You haven't been charged for this session).

**Computer Club.....**Can children please enter the school for computer club via the glass corridor, the door will be opened at 7.55am.

Thank you for filling in the pink slips for club absences, it really is very helpful.

Liz Flood



# St Stephen's Primary Church School

## PTA Second Hand Uniform Sale.....

Friday 28th September.  
Come and grab a bargain in the hall after school.  
All items £1.

## Fireworks Safety Poster Competition.

These posters were sent home with the children earlier this week. If your child would like to enter, please return their poster to Reception by **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October.**



Thank you to everyone with your patience whilst doodlemaths sorts out their technical issues. If you are using the app to access the program, then you will now need the 6.0 version of doodlemaths. This will need updating regularly.

In a recent conversation, they have informed us that all other issues will be sorted by the end of next week. Doodlemaths have sent their apologies and have asked if you experience other issues they are happy to assist, so please contact them directly. Alternatively you can email the school and I will help. In the meantime, please do not panic, it is early in the term and there is plenty of time for children to practise their maths (Mathletics is still available as an option in Year3-6). We will naturally understand that some children have not been able to access DoodleMaths yet.

Carol Foster

## Spotters Hockey.....

October half term hockey camp runs on 29th and 30<sup>th</sup> October at the Beechen Cliff School astros. Registration is from 9am and the camp runs from 10am -3pm.

The camp offers skill based and game play along with inspirational specialised coaching from our top-quality coaches, many with international playing experience. The camp guarantees fun and enjoyment along with mastery of skills and progression whatever your starting standard.

For those playing at county level and above the High-Performance camp runs alongside the main camp with attendance at no extra cost!

Places start from just £22.50 a day, when booked before the early booking deadline of 10th October.

Kookaburra Hockey prizes are on offer at the camp alongside the fun and enjoyment of mastering and playing the exciting game of hockey!

Email [spottershockey@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:spottershockey@yahoo.co.uk) for bookings and see <https://www.facebook.com/spottershockeyacademy/> for more details.

## Coming up in September....

24<sup>th</sup> - EYFS children in full time  
27<sup>th</sup> - Foundation Stage Reading Evening  
6pm-7pm

## **28<sup>th</sup> –Second Hand Uniform Sale**

## Coming up in October....

Black History Month  
4<sup>th</sup> - EYFS Homework Meeting  
5<sup>th</sup> - Harvest Festival  
8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> inclusive - Abernant Residential  
24<sup>th</sup> - Walk to School Breakfast  
25<sup>th</sup> - Children finish school  
26<sup>th</sup> - INSET  
29<sup>th</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> – Holiday

## Coming up in November....

5<sup>th</sup> - Beginning of Term 2  
13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> - Parent Consultations  
12<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> - Anti Bullying Week (16<sup>th</sup> Circle of Friendship)  
12<sup>th</sup> - Flu vaccinations – Reception to Y5  
22<sup>nd</sup> - Bedtime Story 6-7pm (Phase 1 children only)

**\*Please note items in bold are new to the list**

Love

Courage

Creativity

Joy