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Newsletter 9

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St Stephen's Primary Church School

Happy Friday!

Welcome Miss Hocken... This week, in amongst the beautiful Autumn weather and welcoming the children back after the break we have also welcomed Ellie Hocken to the team. Miss Hocken is our new receptionist, working Tuesday to Friday. We are delighted to have her here and she is really looking forward to meeting more of you when the time is right.

Class Tour Videos... Thank you for all of the positive feedback about the class welcome videos that we posted on the website earlier this week. Due to staff absence Class 7's has been delayed but all others are there and ready for you to enjoy.

<https://www.st-stephens.bathnes.sch.uk/index.php/summer-term-2020/classroom-tour-videos>

Mr de Albuquerque is currently setting up the online system for parent consultations which will take place on 24th and 26th November and will be in touch soon with more information about how to book your appointment.

Online Learning... As we continue to navigate our way through these unusual and challenging times, we are very mindful of the ongoing possibility that a year group, several year groups or even the whole school may have to close in the event of a confirmed case. As previously communicated, this would only be with the full support and advice from the local health board and in such an event we will be switching to online learning using Teams. We will send out guides for you and your child next week but for now, please see the message below from Miss Downing.

Face coverings... Thank you for your support in wearing face coverings in the grounds and, where possible, the surrounding roads. Every little thing we can do to avoid transmission and keep each other safe will help us to ensure we can focus on the main job of keeping our children happy and learning this term.

Thank you for a calm and positive start to term. Have a lovely weekend, Andy Bowman

Microsoft Teams... In preparation for the possibility of home learning, we would like to ensure that all pupils still have access to Microsoft Teams. Could you please test your child's username and password to ensure they work. Please contact the school office (Enquiries@ststephens.bwmat.org) if the logon needs to be amended or re-emailed.

All children who have joined us since September should have received their login details last term.

Many thanks,

Miss Downing

Computing Lead

Love

Courage

Creativity

Joy



Doodle Maths News...

This week we are celebrating these wonderful doodlers. Well done to everyone who kept up their doodle maths over the half term.

- F1 – Louis
- F2 – George
- F3- Isabella T
- F4- Henry
- F5 – Romie
- F6- Aura
- F7- Ellie R
- F8- Ken
- F9- Oliver
- F10- Lucas
- F11- Eva
- F12- Tutku
- F13- Pheobe
- F14- Denis

Christmas Card Competition... Nikki Edwards, our new CEO and our Trustees have invited pupils to design a Christmas card for the Trust this year, so it can be distributed amongst Trust schools and contacts. Each school will submit one top entry and these designs (33 in total) will be judged independently by our Chair and Vice Chair of Trustees, and trustee Ruth Newton. The winning design will then be used in the production of the corporate card by St Andrews Press in Wells.

Please note the design will need to represent the Biblical Christmas story and be produced on one side of A4.

If your child would like to enter, please place their design, with their name written lightly on the back, in an envelope and bring it into school by **Friday 13th November**.

Anti-bullying Week

The week beginning 16th November is Anti-bullying week. All children will be doing some work on this in PPA sessions and in class and then on Friday 20th November, we would like the children to come to school dressed in blue as this is the colour theme for Anti-bullying week (we are *not* asking for a voluntary donation for this).

Each 'bubble' will be forming their own 'Circle of Friendship' to show our joint agreement to beat bullying.

Thank you for your continued support. Mrs Blanchard and Ms Mumford

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PTFA news

Stay Safe, Shop online & help raise funds!

Christmas Cards

The children have been making some lovely Christmas card creations especially for you! You will shortly be receiving your child's Christmas card template with an order form, you can also order other items not just cards, last year we raised £250 simply from the commission, so you really are helping the PTFA when buying your Christmas cards with us.

Second hand uniform sale

Thank you to everyone who took part it was a great success and thank you for the donations coming in on paypal! If you haven't yet paid you can still pay online for your purchases. Once again we are sorry to those of you who didn't get what you wanted. Whilst we are in 2nd Lockdown we will continue to run the second hand uniform sale so please send any requests to PTA@ststephens.bwmat.org

Book at bedtime

Sadly, due to the current situation, we will have to postpone this event. It is not cancelled, simply postponed until restrictions are lifted.

Donate My School

A massive thank you to those of you who made donations last month and also to anyone who has signed up monthly to donate, it was a lovely surprise to see a few new donors. Please don't forget to tick the giftaid box too, every penny counts!

www.donatemyschool.com/1681

Christmas Shopping

Shop online through Easyfundraising and Amazon Smile and the PTFA will receive a small percentage back for the school. All you need to do is shop using the easyfundraising page when doing your grocery shop, buying your pet food, Christmas presents, phones, insurance, winter clothes or anything on ebay. Last year we received over £1,500 from easyfundraising on purchases you made. Thank you and feel free to share these links with family and friends too!

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ststephenspribath/?invite=YHM3U5&referral-campaign=s2s>

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1116465-0>

Stay safe.

Karin & Sam, PTFA Co-Chairs.