

# ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND JUNIOR SCHOOL



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## *Newsletter 3*

**This term's value is Trust**

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

### **Club Friday**

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November will see the return of Club Friday, where extra-curricular activities are offered to all our children during the school day. These clubs will run each Friday afternoon until the end of term. The clubs that are being offered this year are; coding/technology, running, design and build, book club, history, fitness, performance, chess, recorders, art, eco, sign language, meditation, and team building. Children are put into groups that will remain the same during the year and do a different activity each term. For some clubs or skills a PE kit may be required. You child's group will be advised whether they need to wear their PE kit to school. Please don't be alarmed if your child comes to school in a PE kit, but their friend doesn't - it just means they are in different groups!

### **Goodbye Mr Walters and Mr Evans**

At the end of Term 2 we will be saying goodbye to two members of staff. Firstly, Mr Walters, who has been at Coniston Primary School since January, has been successful in his application to be the permanent Head teacher there. Mr Walters has had a huge impact on the school, especially with our sporting achievements. We will miss him but wish him well in his new role. We will now be advertising for a new Deputy and will inform you when one is appointed. In the meantime, Miss Cook will continue with the Acting Deputy role.

Secondly, Mr Evans is retiring having given 20 years' service to the school. He has been a massive part of school life and family and we are sad to see him go. However, luckily, he has agreed to still work with us on our school garden so will hopefully see him on a regular basis.

### **Year 6 WOW day**

Year 6 will be researching Ethiopia and tasting a selection of Ethiopian and other African foods on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November. Their WOW day will link with homelessness and next term's book 'The Garbage King'. This links perfectly to the sustainable Global Goal that we will be focusing on next term - No Poverty.

### **Beam House Residential**

Thank you to the Year 5 families who attended our information evening, and the Year 6 children who spoke about their own recent experiences of Beam House. A reminder that Year 5 deposits need to be

paid by 15<sup>th</sup> November to secure your child's place on the trip for the Beam House Residential trip on 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

### **Trips in Term 2**

Today is the deadline for Year 5's Gurdwara trip and Year 6's Life skills trip which both take place in the first week back in Term 2. There are a small amount of parents who are yet to respond. Although the office is unable to send reminders during half term, online payments can still be made during this time.

### **PTA News**

This week we held our annual pumpkin carving competition. The pumpkins were carved into some amazing figures including wolves, ghosts, monsters and Frankenstein. We had a whopping 66 entries with all the children receiving a Freddo for their efforts. Well done to Chloe who had the winning pumpkin followed by our runners – up, Alfie and Harry.

### **Poppies on Sale**

Children will have the chance to buy Poppies in the first week back. These will be sold during morning break.

### **Governor Vacancies**

Are you interested in getting involved with the running of the school? If so, become a governor. We currently have a vacancy, so if you are a parent/grandparent or know of anyone in the local area who is keen to help and support the school and can attend the odd meeting, please let the office know and they will put you in contact with our Chair of Governors, Phil Webb.

### **Class Assemblies**

Thank you to everyone who came into school this week to attend their child's class assembly. This is a new style of assembly that we have introduced this term and focuses on developing the children's oracy skills. The children loved putting their work together and deciding how they would share it with you. I'm sure you will agree that all of the classes gave amazing performances and had fun sharing this term's work. I know that lots of you had fun too! Please see the dates of next term's class assemblies at the end of the newsletter.

### **October Attendance**

Well done to 3GL who had the best attendance in November with an incredible 99.1%. They will now have a non-uniform day on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November.

## PE Uniform

A reminder that on PE days, a school hoodie must be worn as it is part of our uniform. If your child's is dirty, please send them in with their school sweatshirt or cardigan. If your child has not got a school hoodie due to financial difficulties, please let us know and we can see if we can help with the purchase of one.

## Lost Property

Please be assured that we do our best to reunite lost property with its owner as we appreciate the cost involved in replacing school uniform, lunch boxes, coats etc. However, at the end of Term 1 we've amassed an enormous amount of lost property, which is held in the box outside the school office. We endeavor to return named items to children as quickly as possible, although it may take a few days before items are handed into the office. If it is not named, we will hold items for a reasonable amount of time to see if someone comes forward to claim it. Unfortunately, we cannot hold items indefinitely and any unnamed items which we have held for a long time are eventually recycled or donated to charity. Please remember there are over 350 students at St Stephens Juniors wearing the same uniform, and from time to time children may pick up someone else uniform. We ask that you check labels regularly to make sure labels haven't faded, and that your child hasn't brought home another child's uniform. Thank you for your co-operation.

## Bristol Sport Afterschool Club

Bristol Sport will be delivering Football, Dance or Hockey and Dodgeball after school in term 2. Children who have expressed an interest in starting an after school club have been given a letter. If your child hasn't come home with a letter but you'd like to know more please contact Bristol Sport directly on 01179 630683 or visit [www.tickets.bristol-sport.co.uk](http://www.tickets.bristol-sport.co.uk) for more information.

## Zumba Club

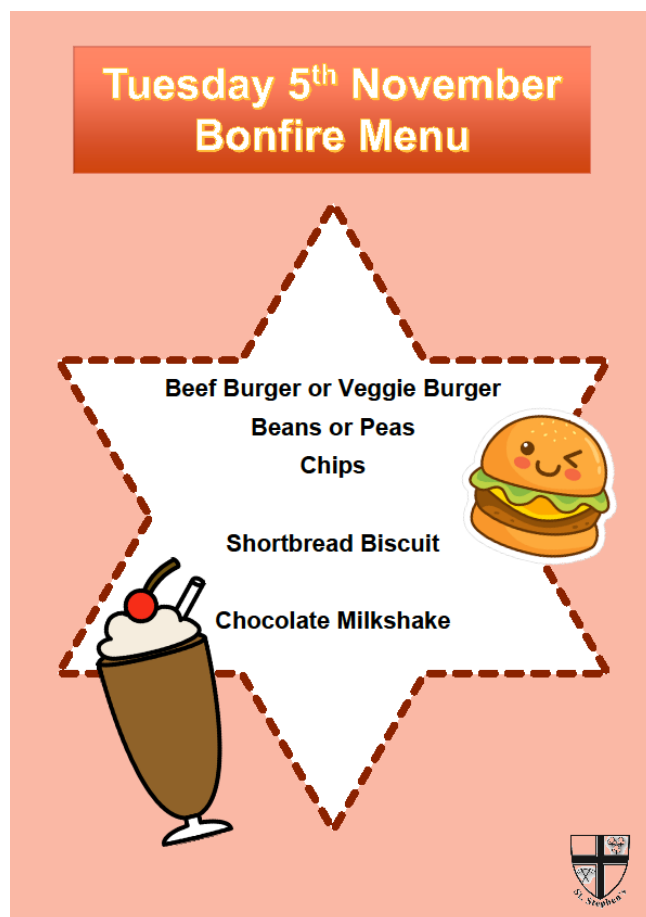
After a successful launch this term which ended with an energetic Zumba performance of Thriller for the parents of Zumba club children, we are pleased to announce Debbie will be back with passion and energy for all things Zumba related in Term 2. A letter has been sent with the newsletter with details on how to book.

October	
Thur 31 <sup>st</sup>	Secondary School admissions closing date
November	
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup>	Start of Term 2 Year 6 WOW
Tue 5 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Life Skills Visit Bonfire menu (details attached)
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup>	School Photos
Thur 7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Gurdwara Visit
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>	Flu Vaccinations
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am & 2:30PM Coffee with Mrs Lowrie SENCO and Mrs Ford Pastoral support
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	Club Friday starts
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup>	INSET DAY – school closed to children
December	
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Book Fair – all week after school, including the Christmas Fayre
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup>	Bring a Bottle – Non school uniform St Stephens Juniors and Infant school

	Christmas Fayre 5pm – 8pm
Tue 10 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am & 2:30PM Coffee with Mrs Lowrie SENCO and Mrs Ford Pastoral support
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas service at church – Years 3 and 4
	PTA Christmas Wrap
	Year 6 class assemblies
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas service at church – Years 5 and 6
	Christmas Jumper Day
	Christmas Lunch
	Year 3 class assemblies
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 class assemblies
Tue 17 <sup>th</sup>	Rock Steady Music Assembly 2:30pm
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 class assemblies
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term 2

## Bonfire Lunch Menu

November 5th Bonfire day we are having a special menu in the kitchen that will replace the food on the menu for that day, however there will still be a jacket potato option.





# Holiday Sports Camp

## who

5 - 12  
Years

## when

Every school  
holiday

## where

Mangotsfield  
Primary School

Tag Rugby  
Football  
Basketball  
Cricket  
Tennis



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