

Dear Parents and Carers

## Termly Update 2 - 7.3.25

As this term is so busy, we thought it would be useful to provide updates and reminders of things going on.

### Fluency Reading

There will be information sessions to share our new reading approach and how the coloured books works. This will take place in the school hall on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 8:40am, 2:30pm and 6:00pm** in the school hall. We look forward to seeing you there.

### Red Nose Day

The school will be taking part in the brilliant fund-raising event Red Nose Day which is taking place on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025**. As it is the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we would like the children to come into school in 1980's fashion or to wear something red. We will be asking for a £1 donation in return. In addition, we will be holding a cake sale at the end of the day. We would be really grateful if you could donate cakes for this sale. If you can, please send them into school on that day. We plan to sell the cakes for a minimum donation of 50p.

We have ordered red noses to sell in school; these will be arriving on Tuesday 11th March. If your child wishes to purchase a nose, please pay on Arbor/ School Shop. The noses will cost **£2.50**. When we have received payment, the noses will be taken to your child's classroom.

### Parent/Carer Forum

The next meeting of our Parent/Carer Forum will take place on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 6:30pm. This will be online. Please click on the link to join: <https://meet.google.com/iid-rjkw-ejv>

The focus of the meeting will be school policies. We would be grateful if you would complete a questionnaire to help us prepare for the meeting. Please use the following link to do so. <https://forms.gle/ZvrtQcCk69yYX2c98> . We would be grateful if this could be completed by **Friday 14th March**. Thank you.

### Mother's Day Lunch

Our annual Mother's Day Lunch will be taking place on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**. Please read the attached letter for further details.

### SEND Update

#### CONGRATULATIONS

Mrs Westcott who has completed her Autism Champion training and is now officially our School Autism Champion. She will attend meetings with other Autism champions from local schools. She will be helping us to develop our provision for Autistic pupils in the school starting with our sensory profiling work to develop individual sensory plans for Pupils with Autism.

#### SAVE THE DATE

On **Wednesday 7th May** we will be holding two parents SEND information meetings to give information about our SEND provision in school. They will take place in the school hall at 8.45 - 9.45am and we will repeat the same information at 6.00 - 7.00pm. These will be information sessions to discuss our Universal Offer for SEND in school and how we work to identify and support pupils with SEND in the school. We would love to see lots of you there.

#### SEND PARENTS COFFEE AFTERNOON

After the success of our SEND coffee morning we will be holding another SEND COFFEE EVENT on **Monday 17th March** this time in the afternoon from 2 - 3pm. Please come and join us for a hot drink, cake and a chat with other parents of those with additional needs. This will be an informal time to chat.

### Easter Events

- Our **Decorate an Egg competition** will be on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April**. This is an opportunity for the children to show their eggtraordinary artist talents by creating speggtacular eggs in different colours and scenes. In the past we have been egglighted with entries such as Eggvis Presley, Egg Sheeran and beautiful Easter bunnies and coloured designs. As always there can be both individual and family entries. Entries need to be brought to the hall at the start of the day ready for judging. Please make sure that the eggs you use are boiled. So, let's get cracking!!
- Our **Easter Services will be led by 4TM**. These will take place at St Stephens Church on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April for Years 3 and 4 and Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April for Years 5 and 6**. Everyone is welcome to join us for these special services, which will start at 9.am.
- Easter would not be Easter at St Stephens without the **Chocolottery**. The idea is that you donate chocolate in the form of Easter eggs, bars etc and the children buy tickets to win it back. The children love this event and get very excited when we have our Chocolottery draw. Tickets will go on sale on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March and will cost £1 for 5 tickets. The money raised will be donated to one of the school's chosen charities, Comic Relief. You are welcome to start bringing in donations to the office from Monday

### **Sports Day**

This year's Sports Day will be on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June. Further details will follow in Term 5