



St. Stephen's C of E Junior School

Newsletter No. 11

Friday 20th November 2009

House Points for this week: 1st: **Blue** 2nd: **Yellow** 3rd: **Red** 4th: **Green**

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Dear Parents/Carers

Expansion

You will recall that a few weeks ago I wrote to you setting out the reasons for the decision by St Stephen's Governing Body to reject the proposals for our school's expansion at that time.

Having communicated our rejection of the Authority's proposals, we have sought a number of meetings with Councillors and officials in the Authority, as well as our local MP, to resolve the position. Unfortunately, there have been no substantive developments in our discussions. Whilst we remain committed to a solution acceptable to our school, parents, pupils and the local community, to date we have not found an acceptable way forward that will not, in our view, diminish the educational experience that we aim to offer. As such, the expansion plans for St Stephen's, and also for Orleans Infants, remain unresolved.

We recognise the anxiety that this continuing uncertainty may be causing, particularly for those of you who have children in Year 2 in Orleans Infants. I understand that today Year 2 parents in Orleans Infants will be receiving further information from the Authority on applications to Year 3 and am sure that both schools will seek to address as best we can your concerns.

We will provide any further updates on expansion when there is new information to communicate.

Yours faithfully

Nick Jones

Chair of Governors



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RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION



Dates for Your Diary

Monday 23rd November	2pm Open Afternoon for Year 2 parents
Wednesday 25th November	5C Assembly 3.30 Girls' Football match vs Archdeacon Cambridge 3.30 Y5&6 Netball match vs Meadlands away
Thursday 26th November	5NY & 5C to Gunnersbury Museum 7.00 E-safety parents talk in Hall
Friday 27th November	5F to Gunnersbury Museum Year 3 Ancient Egypt Day 2pm Open Afternoon for Year 2 parents
Tuesday 1st December	Girls' Netball match vs Darell away.
Wednesday 2nd December	6K Assembly (moved from 18th November)
Friday 4th December	PTA Quiz Night
Tuesday 8th December	6Z to Imperial War Museum
Wednesday 9th December	6B to Imperial War Museum
Thursday 10th December	6K to Imperial War Museum 2.15 School Closes—Varsity Match

MERIT ASSEMBLY MENTIONS

Many apologies to Paulo Dominguez of 3HS who was missed off the merit assembly mentions last week.

In our merit assembly this morning, the following children were specially mentioned:

3C Daniel, Millie 3HS Amalie, Bronte 3A Savannah, Jimmy

4D Isobel C, Jasper 4M Rosie, Ellie 4R Nicolas, Freya

5C Millie, Freya 5NY Greg, Rosie 5F Anna, Natty

6B Tadashi, Daisy 6Z Bessie, Sophie 6K Ronni, Taylor

Well done to all!

QUIZ NIGHT FRIDAY 4TH DECEMBER

A date for your diaries! We can now confirm that the annual St Stephen's Quiz will take place on 4th December, 8pm. Tickets will go on sale next week and are £10 a person, to include a home-cooked supper. Our Quizmaster will be the wonderful, witty and wise SEAMUS O'FARRELL and a fun night for all is guaranteed! Why not make a class team and make this evening a class social? If you are not coming as part of a team we will be happy to create teams too - a great way to meet new parents. (Teams of 10 people.) See you on 4th December!

New on the Web

What it is:

Cookery Bus report & photos

Privacy notice for pupils in schools

Letter re expansion

Football report

Classroom news

Where to find it:

Homepage

Parents/Policies & forms

News/Expansion news

Children/Sports Report

News

Boys' Football v Queens, Wednesday 18th November, Moormead Park

Following our 8-0 drubbing of St Mary's, how would the lads fare against Queens? This is always a tough fixture so we were hoping for a good performance. We played on a newly marked out (full size!) pitch. Clearly, fitness level were going to be tested on such a large playing surface. Anyway, our lads snapped at the opponent's heels and never gave them the chance to settle. A first half goal from Louis Newman was cancelled out on the stroke of half time as Queens bundled in a goal mouth scramble; 1-1 at half time.

The second half was all St Stephen's - our superior fitness levels were beginning to tell and we scored our second - Louis again rifling a left footer in from 15 yards out. 2-1 to us. More pressure resulted in Tadhg winning a penalty. Alfie scored from the spot and the victory was ours, 3-1. Well done lads! Next game: vs Darrell (A and B teams) Watch the notice board for teams.

POLICE MARKING BIKES AT SCHOOL

The Police will be coming to the school on Tuesday 24th November to mark bikes with an ultra-violet marker to help identify it in the case of having it stolen or losing it. They will be coming for 3.30 after school and will be by the Chertsey Road entrance. This service is for free and anyone can bring their bikes along including parents and siblings. All children wanting their bikes marked will have to be accompanied by a parent or carer as address details need to be taken or fill in the attached form beforehand.

Year 5 & 6 Help with Reading

We urgently need more help with reading in Year 5 and Year 6. If you could spare the odd hour here and there to help with this, please let your class teacher know. Many thanks.

Cake Sales

Thanks to 4R for last weeks cake sale. Despite the miserable weather they still raised £69.07. This week 3A is providing the cakes and next week it will be 3C.

Foot Zone Therapy



Reflexology is a very effective treatment for a number of stress related disorders - Foot Zone Therapy is a fusion of Reflexology, Massage and Aromatherapy.

Your therapist has been qualified for over 18 years and has developed her own unique method of treatment.

Typically a treatment will last for one hour and will be tailored to fit your own unique requirements and will include - Foot bath with aromatic oils, detailed consultation, reflexology and massage to lower legs and feet.

Feeling more relaxed and refreshed than you have for a very long time you will finally leave – walking on air.....wondering when you can have your next treatment.

Introductory Offer – half price 1st treatment - £20 (normal price £40)

Please call Karen - 020 8878 9827 or 07880 710134 to make your appointment

WINNER OF PARENT SURVEY CHAMPAGNE!

Many thanks to all the parents who completed the survey. All the entrants were put in a bag and a pupil picked one out in assembly today. The lucky winner is the parents of **Daisy Roster** in 3HS. Well done and please pick up your champagne from the office.

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