



# St. Stephen's C of E Junior School

## Newsletter No. 18

### Friday 22nd January 2010

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

### Have a care! Charity begins at school...

In the best tradition of St Stephen's pupils and families, it has been heartening to see the response of everyone connected with the school to the needs of people at home and abroad.



Children today dressed in an item of their House colour and together, families raised an amazing sum of over £1100, which has been sent to the Disasters Emergency Committee. Thank you for your response to this appeal.

In addition, Sam Stringer with friends, Zach and Louis, has been moved to sell cakes and armbands on behalf of the Help for Heroes appeal. They have raised £160.90. Well done, boys!

### Welcome to Help for Heroes

Practical, Direct Support for our Wounded



Next week, children may dress in their **pyjamas** on Friday (change at school if it's poor weather) and donate £1 to Cancer Research.

Thank you all.



Healthy Schools St Stephen's CE Junior School is a member of the RFU Education Partnership



RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION



**Dates for Your Diary**

Friday 29th January	Blue House Pyjama Day—don't forget £1 for Cancer Research
Monday 1st February	Y3 to Science Museum
Tuesday 2nd February	Netball match home vs St Elizabeth's
Wednesday 3rd February	Y6 to the Globe Theatre
Thursday 4th February	3HS Assembly
Friday 5th February	Girls' Football Festival St Margaret's Fair Barn Dance in School Hall
Friday 12th February	6.30—8.00pm Valentine's Disco in Hall (tickets on sale shortly)
Thursday 6th May	School closed for local elections.

**MERIT ASSEMBLY MENTIONS**

In our Merit Assembly this morning, the following children were specially mentioned:

**3A** Kitty, Agnes, Daisy **3C** Toby B, Asia, Emily, Abigail, Ted, Oliver **W 3HS** David, Ryan  
**4D** Alexander, Carys, Daniel, Emily **T 4M** Frankie, Alexander **4R** Ellena, Issy  
**5C** Ben H, Joe **5F** Ali, Luke, Alice **5NY** Yasmine, Henry  
**6B** Al Majid, Christopher, Alfie, Scott **6K** Alban, Chloe, Taylor **6Z** Alfie, Tia, Maya

Well done to all!

**LIBRARY HELP PLEASE!**

We urgently need another volunteer to help man the library every other Friday afternoon. All training given!

If you think you could help, please ring Alison Jones on 8892 2604 or let Mrs Foot in the office know.

Many thanks.

**Cake Sales**

Thanks to 5C for a great cake sale last week - it raised £103.33. 5F are doing cakes this week and then it will be over to Year 6 starting with 6B.

**New on the Web****What it is:**

Year 6 Globe Theatre Visit  
 Year 5 French trip October 2010  
 Family support

News from the Classes

**Where to find it:**

Letters to Parents  
 Letters to Parents  
 Children's Zone—links  
 to other sites  
 News

**GOBBLE & CHOMP NEWS ... GOBBLE & CHOMP NEWS ... GOBBLE & CHOMP NEWS****A record 235 children are now having school lunches**

More and more children are switching to school meals and last week numbers rose to 235 – a record for St Stephens and nearly 100 more than this time last year. The great majority of children now have school lunches.

**NEW all-organic fresh vegetables, fruit and salad**

Our independent caterers, Pride, have sourced an organic supplier for all the school's fresh vegetables, fruit and salad. We are also discussing the possibility of an organic stall for parents on a Friday – more news of this soon. In addition to organic produce, our school lunches use

- Organic milk
- Free range eggs
- Farm-assured meat
- Fish from sustainable stock, locally sourced

... and the monthly menu cycles are nutritionally balanced to School Meals Trust guidelines.

**Star Eaters' success**

Designed to encourage children to eat a wider variety of foods and with a focus on fresh vegetables and salad, the Star Eaters Challenge has been a great success. Many children have already progressed to the next challenge level (Superstars) and vegetable consumption has gone steadily up. With gentle encouragement, children have been enjoying broccoli, diced swede, roast parsnips, glazed carrots and a wide variety of other vegetables and salad. They are also much more open to new tastes and styles of cooking. To see the Spring menu please go to the school website [www.st-stephens.richmond.sch.uk](http://www.st-stephens.richmond.sch.uk) and go to the Parent Information page.

If your child would like to try, or switch to school lunches, simply call the School Office on **8892 3562** or **info@st-stephens.richmond.sch.uk** As a parent you are welcome to try a school lunch – simply call the school office!

### Singing Club

Singing Club is taking part in the RMT Singing Festival at the Rose Theatre again this year. This great event will take place on the morning of Wednesday March 24th and there will be a rehearsal out of school on Wednesday March 3rd. Both of these outings will need parents to accompany us. Tickets will also be available for the Concert in the theatre. Please make sure the children attend every rehearsal so we can be really well prepared and thoroughly enjoy ourselves on the day!

More details to follow soon. A. Fogg

### PTA NEWS

A few events to put in your diaries for the children:

The ever-popular **Valentines Disco** will take place on **Friday 12th February** from 6.30-8pm. Tickets will go on sale shortly.

After half term we will be holding another **Film Night** for the children on **Friday 12th March**. Film to be announced soon!

You may not want to think about the summer yet, but we want to let everyone know that we are introducing some changes to our usual summer term calendar by combining the May Fair with the end of year BBQ. This will take place on the early evening of **Thursday 15th July** so please make a diary note now. This is a great family event and we will plan lots of fun activities and stalls as well as the usual great BBQ. If you would like to help to organise this event, please do let us know, either via the office or email Margaret on [mbartley@acblack.com](mailto:mbartley@acblack.com). All ideas welcome!

Meanwhile we are busy finding out from staff how best to use some of the funds raised last term and will report soon on how it is being used to enhance you child's experience at St Stephens.

**ST MARGARET'S FAIR—BARN DANCE**

Grab your partners for the St Margarets Fair Annual Charity Barn Dance ....  
Friday 5th Feb 7.30 - late.

Tickets cost £10 and include live music and dance instruction from the hugely entertaining Thundering Hooves and a fabulous cheese platter. Plus there will be a well-stocked bar!

As ever, all proceeds towards our local schools, charities and good causes.

To reserve a table please call Clare Parker on 07831 362227 or send and email to [claremorrisroe@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:claremorrisroe@blueyonder.co.uk).

**GIRLS FOOTBALL EVERY SUNDAY 10am - 11am**  
**MOORMEAD PARK**

Open to year 3 onwards. Just turn up and have fun,  
any questions ring David Mills (Jemima's Dad) on 8744 2908

**DONATIONS TO IVY BRIDGE ESTATE**

If you have any second hand clothes in good condition, books or toys etc, they are desperately needed for children on the Ivy Bridge Estate. Luke Taylor, the vicar on the estate, regularly holds 'STOREHOUSE' when items are dispatched to residents in need.

Please donate to Luke Taylor on 8847 3979 or contact Sue O'Callaghan (mother of Lucy & Louis O'Keefe in 5NY and 3A) on 07906 390698.

Many thanks.

