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20th January, 2017

St Stephen's CEVA Primary School

Happy Friday!.....

Golden Developments... You will hopefully be aware of The Golden 3 - the three expectations we have for children's behaviour in school. I wanted to share with you something that I spoke to the children about on Monday which reflects our intention to deepen the meaning of each of the Golden 3. Over a period of time, if your child is seen to be consistently exceeding our expectations, day in day out, I will give them a card which looks very similar to one of those loyalty cards you get in some coffee shops. There is a different card for each of the Golden 3. On each card there are three sticker-sized spaces and your child will be encouraged to maintain their outstanding behaviour in order, over time, to get all three stickers on their card. When they do, I will sign and date the card and present it to them in Celebration Assembly. This will be a great achievement and someone to be very proud of.

However, in a sense this will only be the beginning. When they achieve this recognition, your child will become a mentor in their area of expertise. For example, a child who consistently excels at 'Try Your Best' will become a Learning Mentor and will be coached and supported by a member of staff to support other children with building resilience, confidence and courage when learning. Children who excel at 'Listening Carefully', which includes listening to our 'inner voice', self-awareness and reflection, will become Mindfulness Mentors, and children who excel at 'Being Kind and Respectful' will become Kindness Mentors.

I know this will provide much-deserved recognition of the children's achievements, give them the opportunity to grow as people and as young leaders and also enable us to harness their skills and enthusiasm to the benefit of all of us. I am really excited about its potential and cannot wait to get started!

Bath Library... You may be aware that many of our families have been involved in the campaign to halt the planned changes to Bath Library. As you know, one of our core values is courage, so it is always good to see our children standing up for what they believe. There is more about the campaign here.

<http://www.bathchronicle.co.uk/hundreds-of-protesters-demonstrate-against-council-plan-to-move-bath-central-library/story-30059385-detail/story.html>

Have a lovely weekend.

Andy Bowman

Love

Courage

Creativity

Joy



PTA NEWS.....

UPDATE: ST.STEPHEN'S SCHOOL QUIZ

Friday 27th Jan 2017 at 7.30 pm (doors and bar open from 7pm)
Tickets are selling fast but we can still fit a few more teams in.

This year it's a Quiz with a Difference. As well as traditional question rounds, there will also be some new ones including Family Fortunes - we asked one hundred people and the I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here food challenge. So gather your team or come along and team up on the night to see January out with a bang.

Tickets from the office are £10 per person and include a delicious evening meal courtesy of LJ Hugs Caribbean street food (Cajun Chicken, Chilli or Quorn with salad & seasoned or sweet potato fries).

Doors open 7pm so get there early to get a drink (cash bar all evening) and bag your table as the fun starts at 7.30 prompt.

Your support is greatly appreciated to help make the night a success.

See you there!

Storybox Theatre.....We are looking forward to the Storybox visit on Friday 27th January. Thank you to everyone who has already made a £2.50 contributions via Parentpay for the visit. If you haven't yet made your contribution, we would be very grateful if this could be paid by Monday 23rd January please. This is always a really special event in our calendar and without sufficient contributions it may not viable. Thank you very much for your support.

Diary Dates..... (Entries in bold are new to the list)

Coming up in January.....

27th - Storybox Theatre visit

27th - F12 to Cookery Workshop at St Mark's School (p.m.)

27th - PTA Quiz night

30th - F11 to Cookery Workshop at St Mark's school (a.m.)

Coming up in February.....

7th - Newbarn Meeting 6pm

8th - Year 5 visit Bristol Hindu Temple

9th - Last day for pupils

10th - INSET DAY

20th - Term 4 begins

22nd & 23rd - Parent Consultations

Lost Property Display...TODAY

We have a growing mountain of lost property in Sarah's Room (Year 1-2 corridor). If an item is clearly named, it will usually find its way back to its owner, however the clothing in Sarah's Room is either unnamed or is second hand and still has the name of its previous owner in it.

As well as coats and jumpers, there are also odd gloves (and socks!) so if you are missing one and can't find it at home, we might have the answer!

All the lost property will be put on display in the courtyard after school TODAY so please do come and check. Any items that have been with us for over a term will have to be disposed of if they are not claimed.
Thank you.

Sainsbury's Active Kids

Vouchers....We have a collection box in the foyer and would be very grateful for donations of any vouchers you receive over the coming weeks as they enable us to receive PE & Cookery Equipment for the School. Thank you.

Lily's Sale...TODAY!.....

Please come along and support Lily in Year 6 who is organising a sale in aid of the Syrian crisis in the ICT suite after school today.

Thank you.

