



Newsletter 39

21st July 2017

Happy Friday!

I have just arrived back from our Leavers' service. Thank you for joining us if you were able and thank you to Reverend Debbie, Mike, Karl, Pat and the rest of the team who welcomed us so warmly. It is always a special way to end the year and today was no exception. Our Year 6s have been wonderful all year and today's service felt like a perfect celebration of this chapter of their story as we wave them off and wait to hear of their adventures and achievements in the future. We also said farewell to Mrs Jameson and Mrs Champion and to the children in other year groups who are leaving us for adventures overseas. Just like any extended family, you will always be welcome here, to say hello and share your stories.

The children sang, listened and contributed brilliantly, leaving me once again very proud of this amazing school.

Summer Festival... What a fun time we all had at the festival last week! We had a great turnout so thank you if you were able to come and support. As well as it being a special community event, an amazing amount of money was raised so thank you to Sarah, Sam, Katherine and the huge band of helpers who made it possible. For our children, these are the things great memories are made from.

Stationery Store... Our 'chosen by children' stationery shop has completed its first few months of trading and the children are delighted to announce a profit of £200 which they have split between our outgoing charity Atse Bekafa and our school DT and Art curriculum fund. This is a brilliant, child-led enterprise which has proven amazingly successful this year. I am very proud of them and delighted they have presented us with these lovely big cheques just like on the telly!



And finally... Yesterday evening I took a moment to take stock of this year's many events and achievements – just flicking through our Twitter feed you can get an idea of just what an enjoyable and productive year we have had here, and this is only the tip of the iceberg! There is so much for us all to be proud of. Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership and for enabling us to share in your child's Primary School story.

Have a wonderful summer, Andy Bowman

Club news....

Yr 4 Netball.....Please return the slip that was sent home on Wednesday, before the end of today. Any queries please contact me a.s.a.p.

For those of you who haven't heard from me, please assume your child has a place at their chosen club.

Thank you very much for all your support with clubs this year by filling in pink absence slips, it's greatly appreciated.

Don't forget there will be NO CLUBS at all during the first week of Term. Have a great summer.
Liz Flood

Dinner money for Years 3 – 6... Dinner money is an advance payment and should be made via ParentPay on the first Monday of each week or each Term (Payments can be made weekly, monthly or termly)
From September 2017 the cost of a meal is £2.60 per day/£13.00 per week.
Please remember to check your ParentPay account on a regular basis to make sure your payments are up to date.

Thank you

Love

Courage

Creativity

Joy



After School Care Club for new Reception children....Please note that Reception children are welcome to join the After School Care Club from Monday 2nd October, when they are attending school full time.
Joanne Goldaniga

PTA NEWS.....I hope you enjoyed the St Stephen's School Festival as much as I did!! Thank you so much for all your support, we've raised in excess of £2500. We are just waiting for a few more expenses to be claimed before we get the final total of which I'll reveal in September. Thank you to Karen Toogood for your money magic. I do have a couple of personal thank yous: Sam Jennings and Katherine Slater without you two there would have been no fair!! You were AMAZING. From all three of us, thank you Emily for the organising the raffle, Spud for his footballing enthusiasm, Ken Locke for making the stocks (they were brilliant!), the Hare and Hounds for the use of their BBQ and all the people who helped on the BBQ and Bar and finally but most importantly the class reps and helpers for all their hard work.
I would also like to say a huge Thank you to Karen Toogood who has been the Treasurer for the last 5 years and is handing over to Ian Ashworth, Thank you both for all your hard work. I hope you all have a fab summer hols and I'll let you know when the first PTA meeting of September is, which will be a wine and cheese evening.
Sarah

FROM REVD PHILIP....By now you may have heard that Revd Debbie told everyone at the leaver's assembly that the cow we are sending to Rwanda is going to be called Seba. This is short for Sebahive (See-ba hee-vay) which is a Rwandan name meaning 'bringer of good fortune'. It's the perfect name for an animal that will change the life of a family, and through its milk and calves, many others, too. The close second was Steve, with Toffee and Abigail (source of joy) not far behind. Also rans Flower, Lucky and Stephanie. Send a Cow will send us pictures when they can.
Have a really, really great summer!

Coming up in September
4th - INSET Day
5th - Children return to school
5th - 8th EYFS home Visits
11th - EYFS children begin
12th -Parents' Meeting for Abernant
13th - Launch New Homework 2.30pm/2.45pm
14th -New Parents Social Eve 7-8pm
25th - EYFS stay to lunch
25th - PERFORM Drama YR and Phase 1
26th - Foundation Stage Reading Evening 6pm-7pm
29th - Harvest Festival in Church 9.45am

End of term Mathletics news... well done to everyone who achieved certificates this year.

Well done Year two children who have achieved over a million mathletic points this year! That is truly incredible!

A summary of all the mathletic points from September 2016- July 17:

Year 1 in just three weeks have achieved 88,000 points! 35 bronze certificates.

Year 2: 1,100 000 points, 487 bronze, 87 silver and 15 gold certificates.

Year 3: 721,000 points, 276 bronze, 52 silver and 9 gold certificates.

Year 4: 700,000 points, 298 bronze, 59 silver and 16 gold certificates.

Year 5: 250,000 points, 50 bronze, 6 silver and 2 gold certificates.

Year 6: 256,000 points, 57 bronze, 11 silver.

Our top ten mathematicians with the most mathletic points from September 2016- July '17 were:

Babefemi in Y2

Jasper Y2

Jasmine Y4

Sophie Y4

Charlotte Y3

Lynden Y2

Leo Y6

George Y4

Ana Y2

Emily Y4

We end the summer celebrating five further Gold winners - all in year 2:

Ana

Becky

Jasper

Milo & Fraser

Finally, well done to all those certificate achievers in the last week of term. You have been brilliant to keep practising those maths skills. Have a fabulous summer and I am looking forward to seeing who gets the first gold in September!

Mrs Foster