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St Stephen's Primary Church School

Happy Friday!

Covid Care... As we approach the end of term, it is essential that we all remain vigilant in our response to covid-19 symptoms. If a member of your family is showing symptoms or awaiting the result of a test, please do not send your child into school (even if they do not have symptoms). Please maintain the fantastic collective vigilance that you have shown all term. Thank you.

Mrs Brown... I have some sad news – Mrs Brown will be leaving us at Christmas! Carolyn has been a part of the St Stephen's family either as a parent or a member of staff for around 20 years and in the time she has worked here as a teaching assistant and playworker she has helped hundreds of children and has been a really valued member of the team. Breakfast Club, Teaching Assistant, displays co-ordinator, Playworker – Carolyn has worn several hats and has done so with her trademark swish! Carolyn is heading to a new life and new adventures in Cornwall and we are all delighted for her...but will be really sad to see her go.

Christmas Cards... Last week I asked for your support in not letting your child bring Christmas cards into school to give to their friends. We are just trying to minimise contact and keep everyone as safe as possible so that we can all look forward to a healthy and (non-isolating!) Christmas and we really need your continued help. It is upsetting for the children who are sticking to the rules and it is upsetting for the children who have to be told they won't be allowed to give their cards out so please do support us with this. Thank you.

PTFA events... I just wanted to draw your attention to the messages below from the PTFA and to say thank you to everyone involved for adapting, regrouping and providing our school family with a big chunk of Christmas spirit! At the end of an unusual year, the PTFA are working extremely hard to provide the familiar level of Christmas fun whilst also raising funds for our school and I am really grateful for their collective efforts.

Christmas Performance... We have had to change the Christmas Performance Premier date to Tuesday 15th December at 9.30. This is the time that the video will go live on youtube and we will sit down to watch it in school. If you want to join us to watch it at the same time please do, however it will stay live on our channel and posted on our website long after that so that family and friends can see it.

Have a lovely weekend, Andy Bowman

MULTIPLEX!

It's that time of year again where we hold our annual multiplex afternoon at St Stephens. As with many things this year, we are having to organise it slightly differently.

In the last week of term each class will choose a film to watch and each class will decide which afternoon to watch it.

A wrapped biscuit, juice or water will be provided to each child. The biscuits have no nuts in but if your child has any other allergies, please could you provide your child with a biscuit. Your child's teacher will tell you which day it will be needed.

No donations are needed this year - it's all purely about the enjoyment factor!

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PTFA News...

CHRISTMAS TREES... If you haven't already, you can still purchase a tree from the PTFA for collection on either Saturday 5th or Saturday 12th December, subject to availability - we have had so many orders, which is brilliant, so thank you!! Please email requests to nicolaanderman@hotmail.co.uk

THE MAGICAL MISSION... We really hope you are enjoying finding your clues and unscrambling your words and look forward to receiving your entries - there is a special green wooden box outside the school office into which you can pop your forms... **CLOSING DATE** is Tuesday December 8th!!!!

There are lots of lovely prizes to win and other activities on your sheets - can we see some of your parents dressed up in Christmassy outfits?

We are not making a charge for this as this year we understand that times are tough for many - however we are extremely grateful for any donations you care to make - **DONATE WHAT YOU CAN, IF YOU CAN** at [paypal.me/karinbaxter](https://www.paypal.me/karinbaxter) please do consider supporting!!

Apologies for the rather personal looking donation address - we have chosen Paypal to receive donations on this occasion as we wanted people to be able to donate as little as they can and our normal fundraising partner platforms could not support this. Please be assured all money will go directly to the PTFA account upon closing.

DESIGN A GARDEN ON A PLATE... Thank you for your entries so far - here are a couple for you to have a look at and to inspire you to create your own! Well done to Kit (Class 3) for his lovely snowmen and Lois (Class 7) for her snowy scene!

Remember, there will be certificates for 'best in show' and other categories and you may get yours shown in the newsletter! So get creative and send them to pta@ststephens.bwmat.org and we may feature yours too!!

Thank you, PTFA



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Climate Emergency Pledge... As you know, at the start of 2020 our governing body declared a climate emergency and in so doing pledged to ensure we were carbon neutral by 2030. To keep you up to date with this, each week we will have an update on the climate-related activities and achievements that are going on in school. Watch this space for more news over the coming weeks in Climate Corner!

Climate Corner... Thanks to Liz Rees, Kate and Tom Bravin and Ruby and Oliver Hazael we now have 10 more trees planted and protected. The 5 silver birch and 5 cherry trees bring the total number planted in the last year to 23. Thank you so much!

Top Doodlers...

This week we are celebrating these wonderful doodlers. Well done everyone!

- F1 – Eddie
- F2 – Anna
- F3- Niamh
- F4- Oscar
- F5 – Ivy
- F6- Romina
- F7- Frankie
- F8- Harry
- F9- Freddie S
- F10- Leo
- F11- Betsy
- F12- Conrad
- F13- Tilly
- F14- Oscar W

Calendar Dates...

15th December: 9.15: Christmas Celebration (Youtube)

14th December: Reception and Year 2 Christmas Party

15th December: Year 1 and Year 3 Christmas Party

17th December: Year 4 and Year 5 Christmas Party

18th December: Year 6 Christmas Party

18th December: END OF TERM

INSET Day: Monday 4th January

Term 3 begins: Tuesday 5th January

INSET Day: Friday 28th May 2021

Dear Parents & Carers,

We are excited to announce our **3-day Christmas Holiday Tech Camp** running on both **21st-23rd** and **29th-31st December** from **9am – 4pm** each day at **St Saviours School, BA1 6NY**. We understand that children are unable to attend the usual Christmas outlets this year so have brought the Christmas cheer to our enriching Tech Camps with a host of new activities conducted in our safe childcare setting. Activities include:

- Electronic Christmas card making
- 3D bauble printing
- Festive movie creation
- Minecraft Christmascraft
- Snow Science plus much more (please see flyer attached)

With the world becoming more digital, our camps are designed to have a 50/50 mix of learning and fun, developing children's skills in the STEM and computing subjects whilst having lots of fun on the way. Helping to build technical and creative confidence, our tech camp equips students to solve real world problems on their own. **Spaces are limited due to social distancing** and work on a **first come first serve** basis. To check availability or to enrol simply visit:

<https://www.nextthing.education>

Covid-19 safety – please watch our video to see how we made our camps safe and secure this Summer, the same protocols will remain in place for our Christmas Camps. <https://youtu.be/g8kZTLyuC9E>

Community business news... Happy Friday, we are mums of St Stephen's School and we are excited to finally start our new venture called Amitee, the place where fun, love of design, fashion and fabrics come together. Friendship and a shared desire to make our passions a reality gave us both the impetus we needed to find an outlet for our passion: unique fabrics, brilliant nature based designs that are ecologically sustainable. We want to provide items you will love because they are made with so much thought, attention to detail and love. Fast fashion really does need to slow down and we truly believe with the support of our community we can take one step closer to achieving this.

All being well, weather wise, we would love to see you on The Green to show you a small range of our products on Friday 11th December from 2.15pm to 3.15pm. We hope to see you there! Caroline and Krena x



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