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Happy Half Term!

Thank you Mrs Forder... I contacted you yesterday to let you know that after half term, Mrs Forder will be stepping back from her role as Breakfast Club Leader (we aren't saying goodbye though, as she will still be here as a Teaching Assistant).

I wanted to take a minute to thank Mrs Forder for everything she has done at Breakfast Club over the years. With her team of staff, she has made sure that the club is a safe and happy place for our children to start their day and she is leaving a lasting legacy of a well-established and well-run club.

Mrs Lidster has kindly agreed to take over from Mrs Forder for the time being and she and Mrs Buckingham will be running the club after half term while we make more permanent arrangements to start after Easter.

Time for a break... I feel like we (school and home) have been on a real journey together this term! It has brought with it lots of brilliant moments and successes but, for parents, staff and children, it has not been without its share of challenges.

Thank you again for your messages of support – they have been invaluable. Your children have been amazing and have done us all proud. Never has our home-school partnership been put through its paces like it has this term and all of us in school are very mindful of, and grateful for, the role that you have played in making it a success.

So, I hope you and your children have a very well-deserved and enjoyable half term break and we will see you for Term 4 which should, if all goes to plan, see us taking steps back towards 'normal'.

Andy Bowman

Climate Corner... (Thank you to Liz Rees!)

Have you got an area in your garden where you could get the kids to plant some wildflower seeds this half term?

Aside from being a fun activity, and being beautiful to look at when they flower, the benefits to local wildlife are huge. Wildflowers support a rich variety of insect life, including bees and butterflies, which in turn supports other animals like hedgehogs, birds and bats which feed on the insects.



It looks like the weather might be a little warmer next week (fingers crossed!) so it might be a good opportunity to get out in the garden.

Love

Courage

Creativity

Joy



After School Club bookings...The booking system has now changed for After School Club. Both early and late sessions can now be booked using the same platform as lunches and breakfast club. The procedure is as follows

1. Go to www.parentypay.com and log in
2. Select the child to make bookings for
3. Select Bookings>Make or View bookings
4. Select 'After School Club early session' or 'After School Club late session' from the dropdown menu
5. Select the week to view
6. Select Make or view bookings
7. Make the required bookings
8. A summary will be displayed at the bottom of the page
9. Review the booking summary and select Confirm booking
10. Any credit in your Parent Account will be used to pay for the sessions. Any remaining cost can be paid by card or Visa Checkout by selecting the appropriate option.

IMPORTANT NOTE...The account must have sufficient credit for ALL SESSIONS booked as the system will cancel ALL SESSIONS booked within 2 hours if there is any shortfall.

Bookings can be made or amended from a term in advance. To ensure safe and secure operation, children without a booking will not be accepted at After School Club.

Parents/Carers paying for After School Club through Childcare Voucher Schemes should be aware that payments are not linked to Parentpay accounts. If the Voucher Company does not automatically send notifications, parents/carers should email - joanne.goldaniga@ststephens.bwmat.org, with the details each time they make a payment, in order for us to track and manually credit their account.

We trust that the flexibility offered by the online booking service will prove convenient. Should you have any queries or concerns please email - joanne.goldaniga@ststephens.bwmat.org.

Kind regards

Joanne Goldaniga, After School Club Leader

Online Drum Lessons...



If your child has been inspired to take up a new instrument why not check out our amazing Drum teacher, Mr Jordan Calvert. His drum kit and percussion lessons are available to book remotely whilst in lockdown. There are spaces for drum lessons throughout the day on Wednesdays as well as evenings and weekends. Here is a video to inspire you. Why not take a look using this link : <https://youtu.be/rK8L3-DZ5M8>.

Please get in touch with Mr Calvert using this email if you have any questions or queries: JordanCalvert.drumtuition@gmail.com

Bath Cats & Dogs Home...If your family is the proud owner of a perfect pooch or marvellous mog then do consider entering your favourite fluffy furball for Bath Cats and Dogs Home's fun online pet show.

With a special Valentine's theme, there's a choice of categories from "Goofiest Pet" to "Sleeping Beauty". The competition opens today (Friday 12th) and runs until 26th February. It costs £4 to enter which will help the charity to continue to rescue and rehome more pets in need.

More info at:

www.bathcatsanddogshome.org.uk/how_you_can_help/online_pet_show

