

ST. STEPHEN'S NEWS

FRIDAY 1st DECEMBER 2023

WHOLE SCHOOL

KITCHEN NEWS

Please see attached our lunch menu for next week.

PRE-LOVED CHRISTMAS JUMPER STALL AT OUR CHRISTMAS FAIR

We will be having a pre-loved Christmas jumper stall at our Christmas Fair. Please see the attached flier with details of how to donate any pre-loved Christmas jumpers.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

We will be holding a Christingle service on Thursday 14th December between 9am and 10.30am. If you do not want your child to take part for religious reasons only, please could you let your child's teacher know and they can come to school at 10.30am.

We will also be going to the local church on Friday 15th December to sing carols:-

Lower School at 1.45pm

Upper School at 2.45pm

Again, if you do not want your child to take part for religious reasons only, they can be collected at either 1.45pm if your child is in Year 3 or 4 or 2.45pm if they are in Years 5 or 6. However, if you have a child in two year groups they can both be collected at the earlier time.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to come to the School Office.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Please note that on Friday 8th December After School Club will be taking place in the Savannah area at the top of the school until 4.30pm when the Christmas Fair finishes. Collection before 4.30pm will be from the top playground. After that it will be from the usual place in the Hall.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Please note that next week will be the last week for our after school activities. A new letter and form to complete will be sent out when we return in January.

STATIONERY

Just a reminder that your child should have the following in school every day. Pen, pencil, ruler, rubber and glue stick. We sell pens (50p) and glue sticks (£1.00) from the School Office.

WATER BOTTLES

Please could you we ask that all children come to school with a water bottle. We do have water fountains located outside in the playground but this is obviously not very convenient when your child needs a drink in the middle of a lesson. The bottle doesn't have to be elaborate and in the interests of the environment, a reused plastic bottle with their name on would be great.

APPOINTMENTS

Please could we ask that any appointments your child needs to attend are outside of school hours. We are increasingly finding that in the last hour of the day more and more children are being collected early, sometimes just 5 or 10 minutes. This not only distrupts the class and children's learning but means that this time is spent away from the school office when important messages and calls are being missed. Thank you for your co-operation.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM

We do have a supply of second-hand uniform in the School Office, jumpers, cardigans, trousers and skirts. Please come and see us if this is something we can help you with.

EMAILS THIS WEEK

Please see below a list of correspondence that has been sent home via ParentMail this week in case you missed it:-

Last call for Marlowe Theatre Pantomime Tickets	All Classes
Accelerated Reading Programme	All Classes
Team Theme Holiday Club	All Classes
Year 4 Gulbenkian Trip	Year 4
Year 6 Gulbenkian Trip	Year 6

YEAR GROUPS

YEAR 4

Just a reminder that Year 4 will be having Forest School again on Monday. All children should come to school in old clothes suitable for wearing in Forest School and normal shoes (wellington boots should be brought in a separate bag to be worn when they go to Forest School). **They should also bring in their school uniform in a bag should they get muddy and need to change, this includes a change of socks too!**

TERM DATES

Monday 4 th December	School Health Height and Weight visit (Year 6 only)
Wednesday 6 th December	Christmas Dinner Day
Thursday 7 th December	Year 6 visit to The Gulbenkian
Friday 8 th December	Year 4 visit to The Gulbenkian
Friday 8 th December	Christmas Fair 3.15pm
Tuesday 12 th December	Whole School Marlowe Theatre Pantomime Trip (2pm – 5pm)
Wednesday 13 th December	Lower School Christmas Production 2pm
Thursday 14 th December	Christingle Service (10am – 10.30am)
Friday 15 th December	Carols in the Church (Lower School 1.45pm/Upper School 2.45pm)
Friday 15th December	Last day of Term 2
Monday 18 th December – Monday 1 st January	Christmas Holidays
Tuesday 2nd January 2024	First day of Term 3