

ST. STEPHEN'S NEWS

FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2023

WHOLE SCHOOL

KITCHEN NEWS

Please see attached our lunch menu for next week.

MARLOWE PANTOMIME ARRANGEMENTS

We will be leaving school at 1.00pm and returning at approximately 5.00pm. Please note that all children will need to be collected from the school and children will not be allowed to walk home unaccompanied – given the fact that it will be dark when they are collected. If your child is not going to the The Marlowe Theatre, please collect them from the School Office at 3.15pm.

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 1.00pm - 1.45pm

Upper School at 2.00pm – 2.45pm

Again, if you do not want your child to take part for religious reasons only, they can be collected at either 1.00pm if your child is in Year 3 or 4 or 2.00pm 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 Marine 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 all after school activities are now finished and **no activities will be taking place next week.** A new letter and form to complete will be sent out when we return in January.

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.

WINTER PLANNING INFORMATION

If we are going to close over the next couple of months on any given day due to the weather conditions, you will be able to check whether we are open or not by accessing the Kent Closures Website (kentclosures.co.uk). We will also put the information on our website ststephensjuniorschool.co.uk on Latest News and communicate with you via ParentMail.

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:-

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| Challenger Troop Residential Trip June 2024 | Year 6 |
| Challenger Troop Residential Trip September 2024 | Year 5 |
| Years 3 and 4 Costume Reminder | Years 3 and 4 |
| Emotional Well Being Team Course _ Introduction to Understanding Autism | All Year Groups |
| Uniform Expectations | All Year Groups |
| Xmas Fair Reminder | All Year Groups |
| Household Support Fund Payment | All Year Groups |
| Lego Workshops | All Year Groups |

TERM DATES

Tuesday 12th December Whole School Marlowe Theatre Pantomime Trip (2pm – 5pm)

Wednesday 13th December Lower School Christmas Production 2pm

Thursday 14th December Christingle Service (10am – 10.30am)

Friday 15th December Carols in the Church (Lower School 1.00pm/Upper School 2.00pm)

Friday 15th December Last day of Term 2

Monday 18th December –
Monday 1st January Christmas Holidays

Tuesday 2nd January 2024 First day of Term 3