



St. Stephen's C.E. Primary School

Aspire to Greatness



For we are the handiwork of God, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Ephesians 2:10



11th September 2020

Dear Parents,

Thank you for helping your children come into Nursery, they have settled well and are beginning to learn the rules and routines. Well done!

Reading

Please bring your child's reading bags daily. This gives us the opportunity to swap the reading books regularly and for us to talk to the children about the books they have read. Please complete an activity of your choice linked to their book, this is only one activity completed weekly. The books are for you to enjoy with your child, we don't expect the children to be able to read the words in the books!

Home activities

You may want to try some activities with your child at home linked to what we are learning at Nursery. We will send home ideas that you could do. You may even want to share these with us on Class Dojo so we can look at them together in Key Worker time.

Class Dojo

Most of you are now signed up to our Class Dojo and it is a great communication tool for us to use. We send class messages on there and the school office also post information on the school section. We use the Class Dojo points for the children and they respond well to them, it also gives you an opportunity to praise and talk to your child about their positive behaviours in Nursery. We send out reminders and information using Class Dojo so it is really useful to check it regularly.

Nursery News

Each week, you will receive a Nursery News via Class Dojo, this is a summary of what we will be doing that week and will have reminders and dates for your diary on them.

Family pictures

Please could you send in a family picture or send one via Class Dojo. We are going to use these to produce a family portrait gallery in Nursery and it gives the children opportunities to talk about their families.

Star of the week

Each Friday two children (morning and afternoon sessions) will be selected for Star of the week in Nursery, they will receive a certificate and will bring home a bear for the week, this must be returned the following Thursday to be able to give it to the next child.

Trail Tuesdays

Every Tuesday, the children (morning and afternoon sessions) will have the opportunity to go in the Environmental Area to complete outdoor activities. We hope to go in all weathers so please ensure they have appropriate clothing on. Please can you bring a pair of **named** wellies so they can stay in Nursery.

Spare clothes

Please could you send a spare set of clothes in a bag that can stay on your child's peg. This ensures we have got clothes to change them if they have an accident or they need a change of clothes. We have limited spare clothes in Nursery so please return them if your child is sent home in them.

School admissions for September

You are going to be applying for school places soon for your child to start school in September 2024. You will have to fill out an application form and state your choices- you are not guaranteed a place at St Stephen's even if they attend Nursery here. The application deadline is in January so you have plenty of time to look around and think about your choices. We will have information about how St Stephen's will show prospective parents around when the details are finalised.

To apply for a primary school place, use the link below:

<https://schooladmissions.lancashire.gov.uk/eAdmissions/prefs.php>

If you have any concerns or questions, please send a message or come and see us.

Thank you

Mrs Goodwin and Miss Thorpe-Kennedy