



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



This Week's Worship Value is "forgiveness"

As we reflect on "I" for Include

Welcome back everyone to a sunny start to the year. Thank you for making sure the children were dressed in correct uniform and arrived at school to enter the building at 8.45 a.m. We did have a few late comers today but we hope that all will learn the new routines for school very quickly.

Over the holidays, 4 classrooms were redecorated and 3 classrooms also had new flooring. The Nursery, Year 1 and Reception Inventors have also benefitted from new furniture. We hope the children and adults enjoy working in their improved learning spaces. Pupils were happy in school today and very settled. Our new Reception pupils have been attending today for their 1-1 meetings and we look forward to them all joining us for their first full day on Friday. This is a very promising start to the year!

The teachers have planned some exciting work for the children this term and the classroom displays will soon show the best of the pupils' learning. We have planned to invite families into school to meet with class teachers on the dates shown below. Staff will explain what and how children will be taught and you can find out more about how you can support your child in their new classroom. This will not be a 1-1 meeting but will be an opportunity for families to meet the staff in your child's classroom. Individual Parents' consultations will take place later in the term.

Please see the dates below:

Meet the Teacher Dates:

Monday 26th Sept – Parents of Lower Junior pupils' "meet the teacher meeting" 3.30 – 4.15 p.m.

Tuesday 27th Sept – Parents of Reception pupils’ “meet the teacher meeting” 3.30 – 4.15 p.m.

Wed 28th Sept – Parents of Upper Junior pupils’ “meet the teacher meeting” 3:30 – 4:15 p.m.

Thursday 29th Sept – Parents of Key Stage 1 pupils’ “meet the teacher meeting” 3.30 – 4.15 p.m

Royal Visit

Over the summer, we received an invitation to select pupils to see Prince Edward and his wife Sophie who are visiting Preston on Wednesday this week. We plan to take pupils from KS1 to the market in town and Miller Park where the Royals will visit. This is a very exciting prospect for the children. If you are a parent who can help to walk the children to the park then please let your child’s teacher know. The visit to the park will take place on Wednesday afternoon.

Lost Property and School Uniform

Thank you for sending your child into school wearing correct uniform. Please note that children shouldn’t wear hooped earrings to school. School shoes need to be black. Black trainers without logos may be worn. We have a lot of spare, used uniform, should any family require it. Please don’t be afraid to ask.

Vandalism of School

Sadly, during the holidays, two youths were picked up on camera, on the school roof. This took place on 31st July and coincided with the breaking of a classroom window. Two cameras were damaged but we were able to collect the footage which will go to police this week. This kind of vandalism negates what we can do for our children and costs the school money which we would otherwise spend on the children. It is very likely that someone in the community knows who the youths are and we would be grateful for any information that anyone can supply.

School Leaders

This week, we hope to appoint worship leaders, school councillors, eco councillors and play buddies. It is great to see children supporting one another in school and working to make our school a better place.

Breakfast and After School Club

A quick reminder that places for out of school provision need to be booked ahead of the school week. This should be done through the school website. If you are having difficulty with this then please let Mrs Holloway know as she will be able to assist. Please can we remind families that the clubs take place in the school hall. We ask that the staff car park is not used to drop off and collect pupils as this presents a danger to pupils as they make their way into school.

A 2nd newsletter will appear at the end of the week, where more dates will be announced. For now we extend a huge welcome back to everyone and we look forward to working with you over the coming year!