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Multi Academy Trust

St Stephens Community Academy Fortnightly Family Newsletter

"Together towards a bright, positive and successful future"



Mrs. Maura Furber -Headteacher

Friday 11th January 2019



Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly a warm welcome back to the new term and may I take this opportunity to wish you a happy and healthy New Year. I hope you had a wonderful time with family and friends and the children are well rested for another exciting term of learning here at St Stephens. Thank you to all the children who entered the Christmas Diary competition-I'm enjoying reading all the news and I'll announce the winner in next week's celebration assembly. As you will be aware some clubs started this week -if your child is interested in joining any after school/ lunchtime sessions please ensure their slip is signed and returned to school asap. Please keep checking your child's bag as several letters will be coming home over the next couple of weeks. These will include your child's Class Overview for their learning this term and a **Parent Satisfaction Survey**. I would greatly appreciate if you could complete this (it should take less than 10 minutes of your time) as this informs myself and the staff of 'your picture' of our school and ways to improve, or ideas to consider for our future development. The closing date for this to be returned is **Friday 18th January 2019**. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or queries—my door is always open.

Having heard some of the children's New Year Resolutions I'm looking forward to a productive and exciting 2019!

Maura Furber

Attendance

Wk Ending 20.12.18

CLASS F	92.7%
CLASS 1	96.3%
CLASS 2	96.2%
CLASS 3	96.4%
CLASS 4	98.1%
CLASS 5	95%
CLASS 6	98.1%
CLASS 7	90.6%

School Improvement

In our Academy Improvement Plan we are focussing on fostering confidence and empowering our pupils to make positive decisions and develop emotional intelligence. Across the Multi Academy Trust (MAT) we have invested time and training to introduce Trauma Informed School (TIS) strategies across the schools to make an impact upon pupils self-belief and progress. The five core principles of TIS are: safety, trustworthiness, choice, collaboration and empowerment. These principles are being identified by staff when planning teaching and learning provision. St Stephens was delighted to host the TIS training day led by Ellie Baker and welcomed staff from five of the MAT schools on the first day of this term.



If you wish to find out more please follow the link below

<https://www.traumainformedschools.co.uk/>



The **ARB** has welcomed two new members of staff this week: Mrs Southall and Mrs Every. Both have joined us this week and are already part of the team.



Mrs Southall



Mrs Every

We have had a busy start to the term- taking part in wild tribe on Tuesday afternoon with Mrs Gilbert and making the most of the lovely weather outside on the bikes, in the sand and on the trampoline. Inside we have been painting and being musical!



Class F—Preparation for Writing



Class F invite their parents/ carers to a 'preparation for writing' session on Friday 18th January in Class F from 9.00am to 9.30am. The purpose of this event is to give an insight into how the skills for writing are introduced in reception and to provide some ideas for you to use at home.

If you are able to attend, please drop your child to class as normal. When it is time for the 'preparation for writing' session please sign the signing in sheet, which will be in reception, and someone will come and collect you when we are ready. You will need to sign out at the end of the session.



We look forward to seeing you.

After School Sports Clubs

Please provide your child with suitable outside gear (jogging bottoms/hat/gloves/hoody etc.) to keep them warm outside during the cold weather.



Parent Survey

Our annual survey is being sent home today. We would be grateful if you could complete the forms and return them to us by Friday 18th January. Many thanks.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 15th January	Class 3 & 4 Theatre Trip to see 'Matilda' Dress Rehearsal
Friday 18th January	Class F parent event "Preparation for Writing Session"
Friday 18th January	PTFA Non Uniform Day
Friday 15th February	PTFA Valentines Disco
Mon 18th –Fri 22nd February	Half Term
Friday 1st March	Year 6 Parent Meeting
Tuesday 12th March	Year 2 Trip to Eden Project
Friday 5th April	PTFA Non Uniform Day & Easter Bingo evening (tbc)
Mon 8th-Mon 22nd April	Easter Holidays back Tuesday 23rd April

