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Dear Parents and Carers,

Attendance & Punctuality



Our whole school attendance from Reception to Year 6 was 93.5% this week. This means that we are in the **Amber zone** and we are not meeting our targets set by the Department for Education.

Attendance	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Week commencing 14 th October	96.40%	90.30%	95.20%	89.70%	96.70%	93.00%
Autumn Half Term 1	95.75%	95.59%	94.54%	95.16%	96.28%	93.73%

New Adventurelands Party



The New Adventurelands party is next week on **Tuesday 29th October 5pm-7pm**. Tickets cost just £5 per child (usually entry is £7.95) and accompanying adults go free. Proceeds are going to support our school funds for outdoor play provision. There should be an opportunity to buy tickets on the door on the day, but this will be cash only.

New Adventurelands - 0191 2599966

Rear of 24 Benton Road, Newcastle, NE7 7DT

Movie Night

Save the date for Movie Night (Reception to Year 6) on **Tuesday 12th November after school until 4.30pm**. For a suggested donation of £2.00, admission includes access to a cinema screen of your choice, a drink and a snack. All proceeds will go to supporting our school PTA funds. Further details will follow after half term.



Christmas Cards

Christmas card samples and order forms have gone home with pupils this week. Please ensure order forms and payments (cash only) are handed in at the school office no later than Monday 4th November. Many Thanks.

School Lunch Menu

The school lunch menu has been updated and will be in place after half term. This is available to view on our school website: <https://www.ststephensprimaryschool.co.uk/school-lunches>

Parent Consultations

Parent consultations will take place on Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th November. You should have now received instructions to book an appointment. **We strongly encourage parents to make an appointment with their child's class teacher – please contact the school office should you experience any difficulties in doing so.**

Children in Need Appeal 2024

St Stephen's will be supporting BBC Children in Need this year and we would love our pupils to be involved and help raise funds for such a worthy cause. National Children in Need Day is Friday 15th November. To fundraise, we will be hosting an online duck race - for a suggested donation of £2.00, pupils will be able to name a duck and enter the race. During the school day, the race will take place and pupils can enjoy a Pudsey biscuit, kindly made by our school kitchen, while we eagerly watch and await the results! There will be a special prize for the best named duck as well as for the race winner!

To enter the duck race, please follow the link or scan the QR code and hand in your donation at the school office or online on our JustGiving page:



Duck Race Entry: <https://forms.office.com/e/wfq99RZWYh>

JustGiving Page: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/st-stephens-catholic-primary-school>

Here are some examples of ducks that have taken part in previous years...

Quackie Chan
James Pond
Ducktor Who
Chewquacker
Sirius Quack
David Beakham
The Real Swim Shady
Quack Grealish
Captain Quack Sparrow
Baby Yoduck
We wonder if they can be beaten this year?!



In addition to this, Pudsey merchandise will also be on sale in the lead up to Children in Need Day.

Thank you for your anticipated support of this cause.

0-5 Early Years Special Education Needs and Disabilities Service

We would like to bring to your attention an upcoming information session designed specifically for parents and carers of children with SEND (under 5 years).

This session, titled "Introduction to the Graduated Approach," will provide valuable insights into the processes that Early Years schools and settings put in place to support children's individual needs. To make it accessible, the three sessions have been planned at different times, across different localities in North Tyneside.

The session aims to support parents and carers to -

- Gain an Understand the Graduated Approach: Learn about this structured method that helps identify and support children's individual needs through a cycle of assessment, planning, and review.
- Gain strategies to effectively support their child's early learning journey.
- Hear from experienced professionals in early childhood education who will share their expertise and answer your questions.
- Connect with other parents, carers, and early years professionals to share experiences and build a supportive community.

It will be great to support parents/carers who are at the beginning of this journey.



Early Years & Special Educational Needs & Disability (SEND)

Judith Rose - Early Years Inclusion Service Manager

&

Michelle Hewison - Head of Portage Service

Children 0-5 years with additional needs and/or disabilities

- Does my child have additional needs?
- What can I do and where can I go for support?
- What support can I expect my child to receive?
- What if my child needs a lot more help?
- Who will support my child's transition into Early Years childcare providers, nursery, or Reception?
- How can I access the 2-year-old offer if my child has additional needs?



Come along and find out the answer to these questions! Also, the opportunity to ask your own questions and chat with other parents in a similar situation.

To book your place please use the QR code:

11 Nov 2024 9.30am-12noon Howdon Family Hub
20 Jan 2025 12.30pm-3pm Riverside Family Hub
26 June 2025 9.30am-12noon Riverside Family Hub



Dates for the Diary (as always, dates are subject to change!):

Monday 27th October – Friday 1st November – HALF TERM

Tuesday 29th October – New Adventurelands Party 5pm – 7pm

Tuesday 5th November – Year 5 and Year 6 High Borrans Meeting 3.30pm

Friday 8th November – Shoebox appeal deadline

Monday 11th November – Remembrance Service 10.30am

Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th November – Parent Consultations

Wednesday 20th November – Book Swap Event 3.30pm