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Dear Parents and Carers,

Attendance & Punctuality

Our whole school attendance from Reception to Year 6 has been 95.2% this week. This means that we are in the **Amber zone** (but very close to Green at 96%) and we are not meeting our targets set by the Department for Education.



Summer Show

The dates for the much-anticipated summer shows are:

Wednesday 3rd July 10am

Wednesday 3rd July – 1.30pm

Thursday 4th July - 10am

Tickets will cost £5.00 each and will be on sale after half term, from **Tuesday 4th June**. Initially, you will be able to purchase up to two tickets per child then potentially extra if they become available. You will be able to purchase your allocated tickets from Tuesday 4th June – Wednesday 12th June then any additional tickets will be available to purchase from Thursday 13th June.

St. Stephen's *Presents*

A MUSICAL JOURNEY THROUGH THE DECADES

Tickets
£5.00

Dates & Times:
Wednesday 3rd July 10am
& 1:30pm
Thursday 4th July 10am

Summer show costumes – we need your help!

We are now entering the final part of the school year and our summer show preparations are well underway! Both staff and pupils are working incredibly hard to put on a show to remember!

Staff have been extremely busy deciding on costumes ideas for each year group. Due to the production being a whole school performance (Years 1 – 6), many costumes/props are required.

We have purchased specific things for each class, but are still short of a few items. In the table below are a list of 'suggested items' that we require the children to bring in. **We do not require you go to out and purchase anything specific for the show**, rather we have selected common items that you may already have e.g. jeans, leggings, t shirts etc. Your help and support this is greatly appreciated!

As I'm sure that you can understand, it is not feasible for us to purchase 60 pairs of jeans, 60 t shirts or 30 pairs of leggings. Therefore, we would greatly appreciate your support with this where possible.

Suggested costume ideas:

Year group and theme	Suggested items	
Year 1 (1960s)	Plain White T-Shirt	
Year 2 (1970s)	Plain Black T-Shirt	
Year 3 (1980s)	Black Trousers Plain White T-Shirt	
Year 4 (1920s/1930s)	Boys: White Shirt Black Trousers	Girls: Black T-shirt
Year 5 (1950s)	Leather jacket (an oversized one belonging to you would also work). Plain White T-Shirt Black jeans/trousers	
Year 6 (1990s)	Boys: Jeans	Girls: Plain White T-Shirt
KS2 Dance Club (2000s/Present Day)	Year 3 and 4: Plain Black T-Shirt Plain Black Leggings	Year 5 and 6: Jeans Checkered Shirt

If you could start to send any of the items listed in the table above from **Monday 10th June**, staff will label the items and store them until the summer show performance. Please note this is not a request for you to go out and buy anything specific. If you do not have any the items listed in the table, please speak to your child's teacher and we will be able to make alternative suggestions.

We really appreciate your support in this and cannot wait for you to be entertained by the children!

Thank you for your continued support.

Uniform for September 2024

We are introducing a new scheme to facilitate reusing school uniform items to make buying uniform more affordable for families, as well as doing our bit for the planet too!

We have a stock of items of good quality uniform (many brand new) and have set up a catalogue on an online marketplace, Uniformd. This will mean that parents can place orders for the items that they need via a website and receive the goods from school. As only items in stock will be available to order, parents should be able to receive items straight away. There will be no charge for these items but there is an option for financial donations should you wish to. Proceeds will be used to support the scheme, our school and its pupils.

You can visit our school's Uniformd page here: <https://app.uniformd.co.uk/items/st-stephens-catholic-primary-school>

Should you wish to buy any items from our supplier, Tots to Teams, please note that this is their busiest time of year and you will need to order in advance to receive it in time for the new school year.

<https://totstoteams.com/schools/st-stephens-rc-primary-school>

Lost Property

We are continuing to receive many items of lost property that remains unclaimed. Please ensure that you check the box at the school office for your child's belongings. **Any items not claimed by Friday 7th June will be donated.**

Homework Survey

As part of a review of homework at St Stephen's, we are keen to get views of parents/carers and would be grateful if you could complete this short form: <https://forms.office.com/e/DFn3DKetwH>

Charges for Wraparound Care

Due to increased costs of staffing and resources, we have had to review charges for wraparound care including breakfast club, after school club and Nursery lunchtime supervision. Consideration has been taken to ensure a fair price to parents that is in line with other providers, whilst ensuring that school can continue to keep up with increasing costs of running wraparound care. From September, charges will be as follows:

Wraparound Care	Charge to Parents
Breakfast Club	£4.00 per day
After School Club	£6.00 per day*
Nursery Lunchtime Supervision	£3.50 per day

**Please note that we are no longer able to sustain offering sibling discounts from September 2024.*

Car Park

We have received several complaints about irresponsible parking at drop off. We cannot stress strongly enough that drop off bays are for drop off only and if you intend to get out of the car, please find a space further up the car park to do so. We would much rather that your child was late for school than an accident happen and someone become injured as a result. The safety of children on site is of paramount importance and we implore you to consider this when using the car park.

Water Bottles

We are finding that many children are not bringing in a water bottle and encourage you to ensure that your child has a water bottle with them **every day**. This can be replenished with fresh water throughout the day, please refrain from sending juice in your child's bottle.

Volunteers wanted to support CAFOD



Could you help CAFOD in our local schools?

Join CAFOD's team and get involved in helping bring poverty to an end.

Wanted! – volunteers to inspire children and young people to learn about the world, people who live in poverty and how we can love our global neighbour.

By running inspiring assemblies and engaging workshops, you will tap into their natural compassion and sense of fairness and they will be excited about making a difference. It would only require a few hours of your time each term and you would be assisting your local community to work together for the Common Good. No experience is necessary, and full training, support and resources will be given.

For more information, please contact:

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The poster features a green background with a white central box containing text. At the bottom, there is a photograph of a group of diverse school children in uniform, some holding signs, and a woman in a dark blue CAFOD shirt. The CAFOD logo is prominently displayed in the bottom right corner of the text area.

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

Monday 3rd June - School closed to pupils for INSET Day

Tuesday 4th June – Mr Taylor Bible Stories

Tuesday 4th June – Year 6 Ski Lesson at Silksworth (4pm arrival back at school)

Wednesday 5th June - Year 6 at Backworth Cricket Club

Wednesday 5th June – Nursery visit to Library

w/c 10th June – KS2 Careers Week

Tuesday 11th June – Year 6 Ski Lesson at Silksworth (4pm arrival back at school)

Tuesday 11th – Wednesday 12th June – Girls Football at Brentford

Friday 14th June - Year 2 leading Year of Prayer St. Francis 9:15am

Wednesday 19th June – Year 1 Visit to Beamish Museum

Thursday 20th June – Year 6 Ski Lesson at Silksworth (4.45pm arrival back at school)

w/c 24th June – KS2 Sports Week

Tuesday 25th June – Year 6 Ski Trip to Snozone, Castleford

Thursday 27th/Friday 28th June – Team Challenge Adventure Days (Year 4 and Year 5)