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**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024**

**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.



### **Bank Holiday – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May**

Please note that school will be closed for the bank holiday on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May**. Pupils will return to school after the weekend on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May**.

### **Summer Show – Save the Date!**

The dates for the much anticipated summer shows are:

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 10am**

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – 1.30pm**

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July - 10am**

Tickets will be on sale shortly - keep your eyes peeled for further details in the next few weeks.

### **Fundraising Evening**

Thank you to everyone who supported our recent fundraising evening at the Innisfree Club. It was a fantastic night, enjoyed by all and we managed to raise just shy of £1200 towards improving outdoor provision for pupils!

### **Outdoor Toy Donations**

As part of our project in developing play, we would be grateful for any donations of unwanted prams or pushchairs that could be used by children in play. Additionally, any outdoor or garden toys would be greatly appreciated. If you have anything at home that you are able to donate, they will definitely be going to a good home!

### **Managing Behaviour Workshop**

We would like to invite parents and carers in to school on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 3.30pm to participate in a workshop on Managing Behaviour ran by Clennell Education Services.

In this session we explore the difficulties faced on a daily basis by parents. Working together in the session we look at ways to improve behaviour to complement school's procedures. This is an interactive session, participants will have the opportunity to share experience and ask questions in relation to their own children.

This training is suitable for:

- Parents
- Carers
- Grandparents / relatives

Learning Outcomes:

- Participants will have the opportunity to reflect on their role as a parent
- Explore appropriate expectations around behaviour
- Explore a range of techniques for managing behaviour effectively
- Consider how to discipline children safely
- To consider the role of parenting programmes as support for managing behaviour at home

We would be grateful if you could complete the online form to confirm your attendance: <https://forms.office.com/e/pQf5cE62Xr>

## Careers Week 2024

At St. Stephen's, we believe in the importance of children having opportunities to learn about the range of potential careers available to them to raise aspirations for their futures. To do this, we have held a school 'Careers Week' where KS2 pupils go off timetable in the afternoons over the course of a week and engage with a range of different employees in various roles and organisations. In the past, we have had visits to the opticians, vets, florists as well as visitors in school including surgeons, engineers, lawyers, magicians and nurses, to name a few! We are pleased to be offering this again in the summer term during the week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> June.

We would be very keen to hear from parents or members of our school community who would be able to support the event either personally, or by passing on contact details of someone who would be willing to. Essentially, we are looking for representatives to attend an afternoon that is suitable for them, during the week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> June, to talk to groups of children about their career, answering any questions they may have. We can provide guidance on how to structure the talk and can facilitate any use of props/ICT, if needed. We would be grateful to hear from anyone who can offer to support the event by coming to talk to the children about their career. If you are interested or know someone who is, please get in touch with Miss Celardi at the school office (0191 6250900 or [office@ststephensrc.org.uk](mailto:office@ststephensrc.org.uk)).

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

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May – Nursery Stay and Play  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May – Reception Stay and Play  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May – Year 5 Residential Newby Wiske Hall  
w/c 13<sup>th</sup> May – KS2 Assessments  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 9am – Awards Assembly  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May PM – Year 6 Ski Lesson at Silksworth  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 3.30pm – Managing Behaviour Parent Workshop  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Nursery Phonics Parent Session  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Last day of Half term  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June - School closed to pupils for INSET Day