



# Newsletter

20.12.18

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well we have finally reached the end of a very busy half term and what a joy it has been to watch our children over the past few weeks perform to parents and present their outcomes for their Autumn projects. I am very thankful to work in such a fantastic school, with children who are so enthusiastic about their learning and staff who are so dedicated and committed to providing the very best education. We have also had many visitors into school this term, Ofsted inspectors, Local Authority School Improvement Officers, teachers from across the country to look at Project Based Learning and not forgetting our very important visitors from Apple, to award us as an Apple Distinguished School. Again, my thanks go to you all for your continued support and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and look forward to a very productive 2019. Best Wishes,

### A message from the fund raising team...

The Fund Raising Team would like to thank all parents/carers for their continued support with fund raising and for spending their pennies at our Christmas Fair. It was a very successful year and we raised **£1400.00 profit!** (yipeee!) Fund raising events like this are the reason we are able to subsidise trips/events and we hope that in 2019 we can continue to do so. However, we cannot rely on fund raising alone, we also rely on parent contributions for each trip. For the Pantomime trip this year, we received fewer contributions than expected and although the Pantomime tickets had already been heavily subsidised by school, we also had to cover the shortfall from parents who did not contribute. If your child attended the Pantomime and you have not yet contributed and

### Parent technology Cafe:

We are opening up our very own parent's internet cafe. We are so lucky to have many devices in school and would like the opportunity to open our facilities up for the wider community to use. Starting from Thursday 17th January, every Thursday from 2.30pm the dining hall will be open for parents to access our computers, for anything they may need online. Please watch out for flyers nearer the time, for more information.

Lost property - In the younger year groups, we have a lot of things go missing. Can we please remind all parents to put children's names in all coats, clothing, hats, inside packed lunch boxes and label water bottles etc - this will help when trying

### Attendance

In January, the school attendance will be monitored closely during **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Feb (ONLY 25 DAYS!)** If you have 100% during this time, your name will be entered into a prize draw to win something special! Also, remember the class with the best attendance for the term, gets to choose their own reward. Mrs Wilmot hopes

### Early Life & Nursery Parent Programme

This is an 8 week programme, open to Early Life and Nursery parents and is run by the Local Authority. If parents complete this programme they gain a certificate or an optional level 1 award. The programme's first session is on **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2019**. If you need any further information, please do not hesitate to ask your child's class teacher.

Goodbye... My sincere thanks go to Miss Charlton, who will be leaving us at the end of this week. She has been teaching in Nursery since September, whilst Mrs Fraser has been recovering from an operation. As we welcome Mrs Fraser back, we say a sad goodbye to Miss Charlton. She has been a huge asset to our team and I would like to thank her for her hard work and commitment she has shown to our school and wish her all the very best. The next school she goes to will be very lucky!

### Parents evening

The next parents evening is going to be on:  
**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2019**  
Letter to follow.

### Parking outside of school

As you are aware, at the beginning and end of the school day, the area outside of our school gates, is always extremely busy in both directions. This is becoming a serious concern surrounding the safety of our children. Please be reminded to drive slowly and park appropriately while children are coming out of school. It is against the law to park on double yellow lines or on the path or block car park entrances.

**We welcome any parents who witness anybody parking or driving inappropriately, to please report it to North Tyneside Council or Northumbria Police on 101.**

### 2018/2019

#### Teacher Training days:

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019

### Are you interested in becoming a Parent Governor for SMPS?

We have parent governor vacancies at Stephenson, and if you are interested in becoming a governor or you would like a little more information, please email [kerry.lilico@smemorial.co.uk](mailto:kerry.lilico@smemorial.co.uk)

As the school year progresses, please can I reassure and remind you that my door is always open, and if anyone is in need of help and support we are always here for you. I look forward to a great year ahead and would like to thank you for your continued support.

