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Dear Parents and Carers,

Attendance & Punctuality

Our whole school attendance from Reception to Year 6 was 96.16% this week. This means that we are in the **Green zone** and we are meeting our targets set by the Department for Education.



Attendance	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Week commencing 3 rd March	91.54%	94.00%	98.93%	99.33%	94.33%	99.33%
Spring Half Term 2	91.54%	94.00%	98.93%	99.33%	94.33%	99.33%

Parking

Over recent weeks, it has become more and more apparent that there is dangerous and inconsiderate parking on our shared site. Having observed some of this first-hand, and discussing this with management at St Bartholomew's, we need to urgently warn you that both schools take this very seriously and are considering further action. The safety of everyone, particularly of our children, is paramount, and anyone who we observe put this at risk will be challenged. Neither school would wish to close our car park to our families, but this is something that we must consider if the dangerous behaviour continues. Therefore, please do not double park. **Do not stop on the roadway and allow the children out of your car.** Always use one of the numerous parking spaces available to you, even if is at the far end of the car park. Do be patient as other vehicles manoeuvre. And, most of all, always be aware of the children and visitors on our site.

We have implemented new signage to the car park (see photos below) as, despite countless reminders, it seems that drivers not displaying a blue badge, are continuing to park in disabled bays, meaning that users of the car park who require disabled access have been unable to access school. Please ensure that you **DO NOT PARK IN DISABLED BAYS UNLESS YOU ARE DISPLAYING A BLUE BADGE.**



Lenten Soup

Lenten soup will be served at breaktime on Friday breaktimes throughout Lent. All proceeds will go to support CAFOD. We suggest a donation of 50p per cup, which can be paid in cash at the school office or directly to CAFOD via the link: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/st-stephens-catholic-primary-school-8>

Raffle - Newcastle v Brentford Tickets

We have been lucky enough to secure tickets for the Newcastle v Brentford game on Wednesday 2nd April, which will be going into a raffle. If you are interested, you can buy raffle tickets from the school office at £2.00 per ticket. The raffle will be drawn on Monday 24th March and all proceeds will go towards school play equipment fundraising.

Prayer, Song and Soup

On Fridays throughout Lent, we welcome parents and carers into school for a morning of prayer, song and soup. As the title suggests, the children will lead you in a prayer service, there will be time to reflect and pray and the session will end with a cup of homemade delicious soup. This is an opportunity to prepare for Easter and an opportunity to 'give back' as in return for the cup of soup we ask for a small donation. All proceeds will support our Lenten appeal for CAFOD. We would love to see as many of there as possible to help support us in our Lenten appeal and prepare for the coming of Easter.

- Friday 7th March 9.15am – Year 6
- Friday 14th March 9.15am – Year 5
- Friday 21st March 9.15am – Year 4
- Friday 28th March 9.15am – Year 2
- Friday 4th April 9.15am – Year 3



Spring Disco

We will be having a Spring Disco in school on **Thursday 3rd April 1pm-3pm**. Pupils can wear non-uniform on this day and for £2.00, enjoy the disco with a snack and drink. Easter themed prizes will be up for grabs too!

Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations will be held this month. You should have now received an email from School Cloud regarding upcoming parent consultations and be able to book an appointment. Due to staff absence, parent consultations for Year 1 and Year 3 pupils will take place after Easter.

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.

Year Group	Dates	2pm-3pm	3.30pm -5.20pm
Nursery	Tuesday 18 th and Wednesday 19 th March	Meeting Room 2 (School Office)	Meeting Room 2 (School Office)
Reception	Tuesday 18 th and Wednesday 19 th March	Meeting Room (School Office)	Meeting Room (School Office)
Year 1	To be arranged after Easter.		
Year 2	Tuesday 18 th and Wednesday 19 th March	Group Room 1	Year 2 Classroom
Year 3	To be arranged after Easter.		
Year 4	Tuesday 18 th and Wednesday 19 th March	Group Room 3	Year 4 Classroom
Year 5	Tuesday 18 th and Wednesday 19 th March	Intervention Room 1	Year 5 Classroom
Year 6	Tuesday 18 th and Wednesday 19 th March	Intervention Room 2	Year 6 Classroom

Play Equipment Fundraising

We were astounded by the generosity of our school community and the fundraising for our school play equipment. You can see the progress and continue to support through our fundraising page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/ststephensplayprovision2025>

St Stephen's Blog

You can find out about some of the fantastic things happening in school via our school website blog:

<https://www.ststephensprimaryschool.co.uk/news>

Spring/Summer School Lunch Menu

The Spring/Summer school lunch menus are available to view on our school website. The new menus will be in place after the Easter holidays and available to order on Appetite in the coming weeks.

School lunch menus: <https://www.ststephensprimaryschool.co.uk/school-lunches>

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

Monday 3rd – Friday 14th March – Year 4 Swimming Lessons
Monday 10th March – Dance Festival at Whitley Bay Playhouse
Wednesday 12th March – Lego League
Thursday 13th March – Year 2 Seven Stories Visit
Friday 14th March – Year 5 Prayer, Song and Soup
Monday 17th – Friday 28th March - Year 5 Swimming Lessons
Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th March – Parent Consultations
Thursday 20th March – Awards Assembly 9.00am
Thursday 20th March – Year 5 Explore Learning Workshop 1.15pm
Friday 21st March – Year 4 Prayer, Song and Soup
Monday 24th March – Raffle drawn for Newcastle v Brentford tickets
Thursday 27th March – Year 6 Hockey Festival at The Parks
Friday 28th March - Year 2 Prayer, Song and Soup
Wednesday 2nd April – Whole School Mass (Year 4 to lead) 10.00am
Thursday 3rd April – Spring Disco 1pm-3pm
Friday 4th April - Year 3 Prayer, Song and Soup
Tuesday 8th April – Year 5 Beamish Visit
Tuesday 8th April – Spring Sing at Whitley Bay Playhouse
Thursday 10th April – Active Mile Day
Thursday 10th April – Awards Assembly 9.00am
Friday 11th April – INSET Day (School CLOSED)