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**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Attendance & Punctuality**

Our whole school attendance from Reception to Year 6 was 97.02% 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 13 <sup>th</sup> January	95.77%	95.33%	98.21%	99.67%	95.33%	96.67%
<b>Spring Half Term 1</b>	<b>94.62%</b>	<b>94.44%</b>	<b>96.19%</b>	<b>95.22%</b>	<b>95.44%</b>	<b>92.67%</b>

**Phunky Foods Parent and Child Cooking Workshops**

We are lucky enough to have the support of an organisation called Phunky Foods to support our school curriculum in delivering healthy eating and cookery workshops. As part of this, we are delighted to potentially be able to offer parent and child cooking workshops. There are a range of different topics that could be covered, and we anticipate them to be held after February half term until Easter. In order to plan accordingly, we would be grateful if you could complete this short form indicating your preferences for days/times. We will then put an offer out to parents at the beginning of February.

<https://forms.office.com/e/FFFUG8zU1F>



**Fundraising – Play Provision**

We recently sent out a letter and sponsor form regarding fundraising. We have an ambitious target to raise £1000 in order to make improvements to pupil's play provision at St Stephen's and we hope you can support us in reaching this goal. There are a number of initiatives and ways that you can support:

Raffle

A raffle will be drawn on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February** with some fantastic prizes to be won including an air fryer, free birthday parties at New Adventurelands (worth £150), Newcastle United player signed photographs, a football hamper, New Adventurelands play sessions and many more!

Raffle tickets are now on sale at the school office for 50p per ticket (£2.50 per strip).

Sponsored Walk

Each class will participate in a sponsored walk during school on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February**, aiming to complete at least 30 minutes of walking in the local area. We have included a sponsor form overleaf for pupils to gain sponsorship for their walk. Any donations, no matter how big or small, are greatly appreciated.

Donations can be handed in at the school office with the sponsor form, or via the fundraising page.

Donations

The fundraising page will remain open for anyone who would like to donate to support this cause. Please feel free to share the link with family and friends or via your social media pages.

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



## **School Photography**

Our school photographers will be visiting on **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January**. Family shots and photographs of pupils with siblings who don't attend our school will take place between 8am and 8.45am, should you be interested. Individual pupil photographs and photographs of siblings within school will be taken in school hours throughout the day.

**Please can we ask that you do not attend before school for photographs that can be taken in school hours.**

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

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January – School Photography Day

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January 9.00am – Awards Assembly

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Year 6 Maths Workshop

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 9.00am – Nursery Stay and Play

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 9.00am – Reception Stay and Play

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February – KS2 Careers Week

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February – Dogs Trust Workshops (Reception/KS1)

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February 9.00am – Awards Assembly

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February – SCHOOL CLOSED

21<sup>st</sup> February – 28<sup>th</sup> February – Half Term