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Dear Parents and Carers,

Attendance & Punctuality

Our whole school attendance from Reception to Year 6 was 95.53% this week. This means that we are in the **Amber 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 17 th March	100.00%	95.33%	97.50%	87.67%	99.33%	94.00%
Spring Half Term 2	94.90%	94.78%	97.62%	93.44%	96.89%	96.78%

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>

Parking

We have implemented more new signage to the car park 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.**

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.

Arbor – New Parent App Coming Soon

In the next few weeks, we are looking to roll out a new parent portal and app through our school management system – Arbor.

We hope to integrate as many systems as possible into the one app, this will include communications (text, email, in app messages), bookings and payments. It is likely that existing payments set up in ParentMail including upcoming residential trips will remain in ParentMail until they are paid. Once we have more information about registering through Arbor, we will keep you informed. We have had positive feedback from other schools who are using this system and look forward to being able to offer it to parents soon!

PARENT/CARER VIRTUAL MONTHLY SUPPORT SESSION – Anxiety and the Teenage Brain



Connect MHST invites Parents and carers supporting children and young people with social, emotional, and mental health needs to a virtual support Session. The monthly session is held on Zoom on the last Wednesday of the month at 6pm.

**March's support session topic will be Anxiety and the Teenage Brain
Wednesday 26th March 2025 6pm**

The virtual session is a place for parents and carers to get information and support from Connect on wellbeing topics identified by parents, share their experiences if they chose to, help and support each other and get information and advice to support them.

This link below will take you to a flyer where you can click or scan the QR Code to register your interest and to receive the Zoom invite.

Please register for this in advance of the zoom meeting time as our emails are only accessible during office hours 08.30-16.30

[Connect Mental Health Support Team Parent Virtual Support Group](#)

FACE Online Support for Parents



Spring 2025
Newsletter

FACE delivers online support via zoom for parents across the UK
Talks are 90 minutes long, £24 each - Book Online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk



Schools can now buy a
FACE School Annual Membership
which means **ALL** parents and **ALL** staff
get unlimited **FREE** access to **ALL** 16 parent talks

Thursday
24th April
19:00 - 20:00
FREE



Responding to Angry Behaviour
What can we do in the moment?

Tuesday
18th March
10:00 - 11:30
£24



Anxiety Explained
Anxiety, especially in our young is rising.
This session explains what it is, why it happens and how you can help.

Thursday
3rd April
10:00 - 11:30
£24



Supporting a Child with ADHD
Challenging the stereotypes and giving practical interventions. Clear explanation of the condition in all its forms and extremely useful advice.

Tuesday
3rd April
19:00 - 20:30
£24



Improving Family Communication
How to reduce the shouting and arguing and start the talking.

facefamilyadvice.co.uk info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk

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

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

Monday 31st March – Year 5 Beamish Trip

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 – 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)