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Dear Parents and Carers,

Attendance & Punctuality



Our whole school attendance from Reception to Year 6 has been 93.1% this week. This means that we are in the **Amber zone** and we are not meeting our targets set by the Department for Education.

Parent Survey

At St Stephen's, we are committed to listening to your views and opinions to support our evaluation of the school's provision. If not already completed at your parent consultation, we would be grateful if you could fill in our parent feedback survey: <https://forms.office.com/e/upL1dmeGGi>

Water Bottles

We are finding that many children are not bringing in a water bottle and encourage you to ensure that your child has a water bottle with them **every day**. This can be replenished with fresh water throughout the day, please refrain from sending juice in your child's bottle.

Spring Disco

The Spring Disco will take place next week on **Friday 22nd March 1pm-3pm**. Pupils can wear non-uniform on this day and for a suggested donation of £2.00, enjoy the disco with a snack and drink. Easter themed prizes will be up for grabs too!

Easter Fun Day – Duck Race and Name the Bunny

To fundraise for our school PTA, we will be hosting an Easter Fun Day on Thursday 28th March which will include an online duck race, Name the bunny competition and many more activities throughout the day!



Duck Race

For a suggested donation of £1.00, pupils will be able to enter the duck race. The race will take place during the school day, we will gather together to eagerly watch and await the results! There will be a special Easter hamper for the race winner!

Name the Bunny

We have a gorgeous Easter bunny that needs a home and a name! For a suggested donation of £1.00, pupils can submit a name for the bunny. A name will be selected at random, and the winner will get to take the bunny home!

To enter the duck race or to name the bunny, please follow the links and hand in your donation at the school office, or online on our JustGiving page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/ststephensptaspring2024>



Duck Race Entry: <https://forms.office.com/e/hxMgvDg5Yq>

Name the Bunny: <https://forms.office.com/e/s4N1bfyNKm>



Fundraising Evening

We are delighted to share the details of our Sports and Fun Night fundraising evening being held on **Friday 26th April**. Tickets are now available from the school office.



In Association with BBC Radio Newcastle

Join us for

St Stephen's Sports and Fun Night

Join us for an evening of entertainment hosted by Matthew Raisbeck (Main commentator at NUFC) and Paul Dixon of BBC Newcastle. There will be quizzes, games, a raffle, a tombola, an auction, disco and much more!

We hope you can join us for a fun-filled evening and to support fundraising for our school's outdoor play areas.

Friday 26th April - 7pm


Innisfree Club, Longbenton (NE12 8TX)

Please note this is an adult only event.

Tickets - £10.00

Includes admission and hot/cold buffet

Tickets are available from the school office and can be paid for by cash or card.



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Ease INTO – Easter Activities

Ease INTO Easter is a programme of activities taking place throughout the school holidays, created to help children be healthy and active while off school. There are a huge range of activities to choose from, including sports, arts and crafts, music, theatre, trips out and more.

Activities are free for children who receive income-based free school meals, funded by the Department for Education. There are paid spaces that parents and carers can book for children who don't meet criteria for a funded space.

You can find out more about the programme and how to book through the website here:

<https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/category/1553/book-ease-activities>

Lenten Soup

Lenten soup will be served during breaktime every Friday of Lent that pupils are in school. 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:

www.justgiving.com/page/st-stephens-catholic-primary-school-1709209412775



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

Monday 18th March – Thursday 28th March – Year 4 Swimming Lessons Hadrian Leisure Centre

Monday 18th March – KS2 Dance Festival Dress Rehearsal

Tuesday 19th March – KS2 Dance Festival at Whitley Bay Playhouse

Thursday 21st March – Whole School Mass at St Aidan's Catholic Church

Friday 22nd March 9.15am – Prayer, Song and Soup (Year 5)

Friday 22nd March 1pm-3pm – Spring Disco

Week commencing 25th March – Holy Week Services

Tuesday 26th March 9am – Nursery Stay and Play

Wednesday 27th March 9am – Reception Stay and Play

Thursday 28th March 9am – Awards Assembly

Thursday 28th March – Last day of Spring Term

Friday 29th March – Friday 12th April – Easter Holidays

Monday 15th April – School closed to pupils for INSET Day

Tuesday 16th April – Pupils return to school