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*SSGT18 Trophy*

**Letter 2 Term 3 2018.**  
**6/2/18**

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are at the Semi-Final stage of **St. Stephen's Got Talent (SSGT) 2018!** The children have been sharing their varied talents and amazing us! We are making sure the children are being praised for taking part and trying their best. SSGT is also a good opportunity for the children to learn about the 'ups and downs' of competition.

We will be publicising the outcome of each year group Semi-Final and the Grand Final on the school website and Facebook page.

A reminder that the Infant and Junior Schools are closed for INSET this **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018**. The last day of Term 3 is this **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February** and we return to school on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February**. Enjoy the break!

### **Safeguarding @ SSIS**

We have updated our Safeguarding section of the school website. Please visit:

<http://www.ststephensinf.org.uk/our-school-1/safeguarding>

***Home -> Our School-> Safeguarding***

The page includes details of the children's views of '**Staying Safe**' and '**Keeping Healthy**.'





**SAVE the DATE**  
**Safer Internet Day**  
**2018** | Tuesday  
6 February  
[www.saferinternetday.org](http://www.saferinternetday.org)



### **Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

**Mr Jefferies (Computing Subject Leader)** shared the purpose of Safer Internet Day with the children in a special assembly. The children discussed how the internet is used and were reminded that they need to tell a grown up if they are worried about what they see or hear online. Mr Jefferies also shared the gaming age classifications. The children were reminded that they should not play, or watch others play, games with a classification older than their age. Mr Jefferies has organised some follow-up learning for each class to complete during this week. Thank you Mr Jefferies.

### **Term 4 Parent Evenings**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018 – 4.30-7pm & Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March- 3.30-6pm**

Parents' Evenings (all classes) Appointment sign-up sheets will be outside classes from **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2018.**

### **Book Fair**

**Ms Bradburn (English Subject Leader)** has organised a Book Fair to visit the school from Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February to Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March. Each class will be visiting the Book Fair and you will be able to pop into the hall to view the books after school. More details to follow.

### **World Book Day -Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018**

We will be celebrating 'World Book Day' on **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018.**

The children can come into school dressed as a character from a book – let your imagination run wild!

**Ms. Bradburn (English Subject Leader)**

### **Hall Lettings**

We continue to hire out the school hall for birthday parties during this academic year.

The hall is available for hire from 2-5.30pm on Saturdays.

The cost is £70 plus £9.61 insurance. Hire includes access to the Staffroom for food preparation/washing up. Hirers will be responsible for clearing up after the party – including sweeping/clearing the hall.

The hall is also available for hire on weekday evenings. If you are interested in booking please contact Mrs Harris or Ms Millard in the office. We ask for a 50% non-refundable deposit on booking.





## Inter-Schools KS1 Throwing & Catching Competition



*SSIS Y2 Team: Sam Bell, Jayden Jefferies, Ffion Lovell, Shanade Williams, Kady Murray, Izabelle Green, Freddie Cousins and Edward Babaj.*

On **Monday 29th January 2018** Ms Rice (**PE Subject Leader**) took some of our Y2 children to Mangotsfield Secondary School for an Inter-Schools KS1 Throwing & Catching competition. The children competed in a range of throwing and catching tasks. SSIS came 3rd out of 10 local schools. The children were a credit to the school. Well done everyone! Thank you to Ms Rice for organising this.

Our team received certificates in last Friday's Celebration Assembly. Please visit our PE page on the school website to view more photos.

<http://ststephensinf.schooljotter2.com/learning/pe-ssis>

### Helping Others.

Thank you for your generous donations.

Please remember that we are collecting for local Food Banks and to help homeless people in Bristol. School Council has been following up their ideas for helping others in the local community.

We have contacted **Help Homeless Bristol** and they have given us a list of the following items to collect:

- cereal bars & individually wrapped biscuits, Pot Noodles, shower gel
- chocolate bars, crisps, small packs of wet wipes, deodorant, travel size shampoo, lip balm, talcum powder

Food donations are welcome for the Food Bank.

**Please help us in supporting these worthy causes and send donations into the school before the end of term. We will then make sure they reach the Food Bank and homeless people in Bristol. Thank you!**

### Going for Goals 2018

Earlier this term the children all set goals to achieve. We have used assembly time to encourage the children to apply a growth mindset when working on their goal. I.e. try their best, maximum effort, learn from mistakes and to keep on going. Each class will be making a 'Going for Goals' book – you will be able to look at this at Term 4 Parents' Evening.

#### Thank you to the following parents/carers who have set goals:

Stacey Britton (Sadie's mum) – To complete couch to 5k.

Jemma Willmore (Ethan's mum) – To refresh her maths knowledge. To run a 5k race and to train with Ethan on Sunday mornings.

Karen Tape (Elsie's mum) – To run the London Marathon.







**Thank you to the following members of staff have also set goals including:**

- Mrs Cook – To run the Hogweed Trot in a personal best time.
- Mrs Rogers – To attend weekly Zumba class.
- Mrs Otter – To attend a weekly yoga class.
- Mr Doyle – To complete the 20 mile Rat Race in a personal best time.
- Mrs Plenty – to work out on her stepper 30-40 minutes/day.
- Ms Cruickshank – to unpack all her boxes following a recent house move.  
(No hiding them in the garage)
- Mrs Cornelius – To reduce the amount of plastic used.
- Mrs Baker – To improve her computing skills.
- Mrs Hunter – To develop her public speaking skills.



*Feedback Frog*

**Parent/Carer Feedback**

Thank you to those of you completed and returned Parent/Carer Feedback forms.  
The feedback was very useful.

Some parents/carers asked if the Choices Ladder is used more or less often in different year groups. The Choices Ladder is used consistently across the school to reward and sanction the children. All children start the day on the 'Sun' and will be moved up the Choices Ladder by staff for making right choices such as showing positive learning attitudes, caring for others etc  
Children **'Reach the Stars'** (the top of the Choices Ladder) for **exceptional** effort. When this happens your child will bring a 'Star of the Day' certificate home.  
Children are rewarded in other ways throughout the day/week including Golden Tickets, star Learners, Lunchtime Stars, raffle tickets, stickers, verbal praise etc.  
As part of this year's School Development Plan we are carrying out a review of our Behaviour Policy and will be seeking more feedback

**A Message from Rev. Lisa Wigmore, St Stephen's Church:**

Hope Bristol 2018 is a 5-day mission, partnering local churches with young people from across the country (and our own neighbourhood) to show God's love in practical ways across our city.  
There will be a Family Fun Afternoon run locally in Southey Playing Fields, on **Saturday 7th April**, which will be entirely free for all who come. This will be put on by St Stephen's Church and Holy Trinity Kingswood Church, partnering with Bristol Noise and Hope Bristol.

**Please come along!**

**Some reminders:**

- **We expect parents/carers and visitors to treat staff with respect.**  
Our Parent/Carer Code of Conduct is available in the 'Policies' section of our website.  
<http://ststephensinf.schooljotter2.com/our-school-1/policies>  
Parents/Carers who breach our Code of Conduct will be at risk of being barred from the school grounds.





- **Please park safely near school.** If you see any vehicles parked illegally near school please phone and report the details to the police on 101. Please do not park across driveways.
- **Dogs (including puppies) are not allowed on the school site – except guide dogs.**  
If you walk a dog to school you will need to tie your dog to a fence a good distance from the school gates. Some children have been upset by dogs left tied too close to the entrances. Thank you for your cooperation.
- **Communicating with Classteachers.** If you need to pass a message onto your child's classteacher at the start of the day please tell the member of the teaching staff at the entrance of your child's class. You can also speak with classteachers at the end of the day, but please wait for the whole class to be dismissed before approaching them.  
A reminder that all classteachers have Planning, Preparation and Assessment time (PPA) one afternoon/week when another member of the teaching staff teaches the class. **PPA times are: Y1 – Tuesday afternoons, Reception and Y2 – Wednesday afternoons.** Alternatively you can visit our website and click on 'Parents' → 'Contact Us' and complete/send a 'Contact Form'. Our office staff will forward your message to the relevant member of staff.
- **PE kits** - Please make sure your child has a PE kit in school. Thank you.
- **Fruit, Toast and Milk Tuck. If your child wants to buy tuck they should bring no more than 25p with them.** This is to ensure there is enough tuck for everyone. 10p will buy: 2 pieces of apple OR a cup of milk and 15p buys a slice of toast. **Please send the correct money into school with your child.** Our kitchen team needs to be able to serve quickly so counting out change slows this down. The children eat their tuck in the hall before going out to play.  
**A reminder that every day** Reception children who are under 5 receive free milk and all children are given a free piece of fruit in their classroom.
- **Supervision of children.** Please ensure your child(ren) is/are supervised on the school site before and after school. E.g. if your child likes to play in the Sports Zone or in the main playground you will need to go with them. Our Sports Zone is for Infant-age children (4-7 years old) only.  
**Thank you for your cooperation.**

Yours sincerely,  
Tim Ruck  
Headteacher

