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Letter 1. Term 5.
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Our own Feathers McGraw is Unleashed!

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you had a great Easter break. Term 5 has started well and the children have settled back into their learning. A list of Term 5 dates is attached to this newsletter.

Throughout this term the Y2 children will be completing the end of Key Stage 1 Standard Assessment Tests (SATs) in Reading, Maths and SPAG. (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar). The Y2 Team are preparing the children for the 'quizzes' and it is even more important that your child attends school every day. The test scores will be used to inform the end of Key Stage 1 teacher assessments in Reading, Writing and Maths. For more information about KS1 SATs please follow these links:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/key-stage-1-and-2-national-curriculum-tests-information-for-parents>

<https://www.theschoolrun.com/KS1-SATs-in-2018>





'Global Artsweek' 21st-25th May 2018

Ms. Smith (Art Subject Leader) is organising 'Global Artsweek' for the last week of this term. The children will take part in a range of creative learning experiences including a cross-phase session. This is when the children learn with children from the other year groups. One of the tasks will be for the children to create a design for our 'Feathers McGraw' statue. We will choose one of the designs and decorate 'Feathers McGraw' accordingly. Our finished statue will be displayed in The Mall, Cribbs Causeway and form part of the Gromit Unleashed 2 Trail – more details to follow.
Please come and view some of the learning from Global Artsweek from 2.30-3.30pm on Friday 25th May in the school hall.

School Council Update

School Council has been meeting regularly, please visit the School Council page on our website for details.
<http://www.ststephensinf.org.uk/our-school-1/school-council>



Sport Relief Day

Thank you to **Mrs Otter (Charity/Community Cohesion Leader)** for organising Sport Relief Day. You helped raise **£223.41** for Sport Relief! Many thanks!

Children starting Reception in September 2018

On Monday 16th April 2018 South Gloucestershire Admissions will inform parents/carers of the outcome of applications for primary school places (starting in September 2018).

If you are offered, and accept, a place at St Stephen's Infant School you will be invited to a meeting here at **7pm on Tuesday 26th June 2018.**

This meeting is for parents/carers of children who are starting Reception in September 2018. The meeting is for parents/carers only.

When organising the three new Reception classes our aim is to create three well-balanced classes so we can best meet the needs of all children.

We take into account many different factors including the balance of boys and girls; number of 'summer born' children; the range of social, emotional, learning and medical needs etc.

To find out about our new intake we liaise with our feeder preschools/nurseries and our Reception classteachers attend the S.Glos transition meetings

I would like to clarify we have a flexible policy on how we set classes.

e.g. if a new Reception child's older sibling was in Blue Class it does not guarantee the new starter would also be in Blue Class.

Similarly, we do not have a set policy of how classes progress through the school from Reception → Y1 → Y2.

Lost School Reading Books

Please have a look at home for any school reading books.

If you find any under the settee, or anywhere, please send them back into school.

We have to charge parents/carers for any lost reading books.





Class Assemblies

Class Assembly is an opportunity for the children to share some of their learning with you. Class Assembly is on a **Friday from 9.15-9.45am in the hall.** It is also a chance for you to see who has been nominated as Star Learners and Lunchtime Stars for that week. Please come along to your child's Class Assembly:

Term 4 – Y2	Class
9 March 2018	Leo
16 March 2018	Pegasus
23 March 2018	Draco
Term 5 – Y1	Class
20 April 2018	Gruffalo
27 April 2018	Elmer
4 May 2018	Zog
Term 6 -Reception	Class
15 June 2018	Yellow
22 June 2018	Red
29 June 2018	Blue

Class Photos – Friday 25th May 2018

The photographer will be in school to take class photos on the morning of **Friday 25th May.**

'Come Dine with Us!'

Parents/Carers are welcome to book a place in the hall to have school dinner with the children.

We are open for bookings for the week:

Monday 14th May to Friday 18th May.

Reception lunchtime starts at 12pm and Y1/2 at 12.15pm

Places are limited and you need to book at least a week in advance! You will need to leave the school once you have finished your dinner. If you would like to 'book a table' please contact the office.

We will also be inviting parents/carers in to 'Come dine with us' during Term 6.

A copy of the new school dinner menu is on the school website and available from the school office: <http://www.ststephensinf.org.uk/parents-1>

Clubs

This term after-school clubs will be from 3.15-4pm on Thursday 26th April, 3rd and 10th May.

A letter will be sent home shortly.

'Thank you' to the Friends

On **Thursday 26th April** the Y2 children will be starting their swimming lessons at Kingswood Leisure Centre. **Thank you to the Friends for paying for the lessons.**

The Friends have also been supporting the cost of school trips in each year group.

A reminder that the Friends are organising **St. Stephen's Infant and Junior School Summer Fayre** on **Saturday 9th June from 12-3pm.** Details to follow.

School Website

Please visit the school website @ www.ststephensinf.org.uk to read the latest newsletters, our calendar, policies and lots of other information including our **Home Learning** arrangements for each year group and Class Pages.





Parent/Carer's Views. Term 5 2018

We value your opinion. Please contact us to:

- *share an idea or a suggestion*
- *express a concern*
- *give us some positive feedback*

We would be very interested to hear your views on the new Parent Evening arrangements. Where necessary, I will respond to all feedback within 10 working days. Please email your response to the school email address: enquiries@ststephensinf.org.uk Many thanks for your time.

Term 6 dates

Friday 6th July - Sports Morning (Weather permitting)

Reception: 9.15 -10.10am Y1: 10.15 -11.10am

Y2: 11.15-12.10pm – details to follow.

Premier League Primary Stars presentation.

Thursday 19th April

As part of our links with Bristol Rovers FC (OTIB) Abbie Jones (Community Sports Coach) has been visiting the school every Thursday to lead PE sessions. On Thursday 19th April two of the first team squad players will be visiting the school. Bernard Mensah and Tony Craig will be presenting us with a plaque to acknowledge our involvement in the '**Premier League Primary Stars**' programme.

The players will be in the playground after school to meet and greet you and the children.



Bernard Mensah & Tony Craig

Keeping Children Safe

If you have any safeguarding concerns regarding children please contact either the South Gloucestershire Access & Response Team (ART) on 01454 866000 or the Bristol First Response Team on 0117 9036444.

Your concerns can be reported anonymously.

REMINDER: A message from SSIS & SSJS: Car Park Safety and Parking from Monday April 9th 2018

The children's safety is our first priority.

To ensure the safety of the children from **Monday April 9th** access to the car park is strictly for staff, deliveries and authorised blue badge holders only. The disabled bays within the car park are for the use of children with blue badges. If you have a blue badge and are unable to park locally please contact the relevant School Office. We will ask you to provide a copy of your blue badge which we will then keep on





record. Any parent/carer who has not shown a copy of the blue badge to the office will not be given access to the car park.

Parents/carers dropping children off at Breakfast Club and collecting from all SSIS and SSJS after school clubs (including Out of School Club) will no longer be able to drive into the car park. Please park safely and legally on the street and walk your child into school.

The car park barrier will be up before school to allow access for staff and deliveries.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Health & Safety

Safe Parking

Please make sure you park safely and legally when dropping off or picking up from school.

Some Parents/Carers have been parking on the double yellow lines outside the main entrance which is clearly very dangerous. We have asked the police to monitor parking at the start and end of the school day.

Car Park Entrance

Please do not walk under or around the car park barrier. Please use the pedestrian gates to enter/exit the school site.

Car Park Roundabout

Please do not allow your child(ren) to walk across the car park onto the roundabout.

Bikes and Scooters

Please make sure your child(ren) do not ride these on the school site.

Yours sincerely,

Tim Ruck
Headteacher





Parent/Carer Dates - Term 5 [2017-2018]

Week 1:	
Tuesday 10 April	- Zumba 3.15-4.15pm [4/5]
Wednesday 11 April	- Gym Club 3.15pm – 4pm in Hall
Friday 13 April	- South Glos Cricket PE sessions in Hall (9.05-9.15am whole school assembly)
Week 2:	
Monday 16 April	- South Glos Cricket PE sessions in Hall (9.15am – 12pm)
Tuesday 17 April	- Zumba 3.15-4.15pm [5/5]
Tuesday 17 April	- School Council – 1.20- 1.45pm – on the bus
Wednesday 18 April	- Y1 Football Club trials 3.20pm – 4.15pm
Wednesday 18 April	- Gym Club 3.15pm – 4pm in Hall
Friday 20 April	- 9.15am Class Assembly - Gruffalo
Friday 20 April	- 2.45-3.10pm Friends' Meeting in the Staffroom – all parents/carers welcome.
Week 3:	
Monday 23 April	- St George's Day
Monday 23 April	- Y1 classes to visit St Stephen's Church
Tuesday 24 April	- Zumba 3.15-4.15pm [1/5]
Wednesday 25 April	- KS1 Football Club 3.20pm – 4.15pm
Wednesday 25 April	- Gym Club 3.15pm – 4pm in Hall
Thursday 26 April	- Y2 Swimming 1
Thursday 26 April	- Clubs 1/3 – 3.15-4pm
Friday 27 April	- 9.15am Class Assembly - Elmer
Week 4:	
Monday 30 April	- Reception Health Screening 9am – 12pm. Old Staffroom needed
Tuesday 1 May	- Reception Health Screening 9am – 12pm. Old Staffroom needed
Tuesday 1 May	- Zumba 3.15-4.15pm [2/5]
Wednesday 2 May	- KS1 Football Club 3.20pm – 4.15pm
Wednesday 2 May	- Gym Club 3.15pm – 4pm in Hall
Wednesday 2 May	- Reception Health Screening 9am – 12pm. Old Staffroom needed
Thursday 3 May	- Y2 Swimming 2
Thursday 3 May	- Clubs 2/3 – 3.15-4pm
Friday 4 May	- 9.15am Class Assembly - Zog
Week 5:	
Monday 7 May	- Bank Holiday
Tuesday 8 May	- Zumba 3.15-4.15pm [3/5]
Wednesday 9 May	- KS1 Football Club 3.20pm – 4.15pm
Wednesday 9 May	- Gym Club 3.15pm – 4pm in Hall
Wednesday 9 May	- Discos – Reception 5-6pm Y1/Y2 – 6.15-7.15pm
Thursday 10 May	- School Council – 1.20- 1.45pm – on the bus
Thursday 10 May	- Clubs 3/3 – 3.15-4pm
Friday 11 May	- Jump Rope Day – No Assembly
Week 6: Come Dine With Us – Parents/Carers visiting for school dinner. Please call the office to book a table.	
Tuesday 15 May	- Zumba 3.15-4.15pm [4/5]
Wednesday 16 May	- KS1 Football Club 3.20pm – 4.15pm
Wednesday 16 May	- Gym Club 3.15pm – 4pm in Hall
Thursday 17 May	- Y2 Swimming 3
Week 7: GLOBAL ARTSWEEK	
Tuesday 22 May	- Zumba 3.15-4.15pm [5/5]
Wednesday 23 May	- KS1 Football Club 3.20pm – 4.15pm
Wednesday 23 May	- Gym Club 3.15pm – 4pm in Hall
Thursday 24 May	- Y2 Swimming 4
Friday 25 May	- Photographers arrive at 8am for Class photos. Staff team photo 8.35am
Friday 25 May	- Gallery of children's Artsweek learning in the hall for parents/carers from 2.30pm-3.30pm
<p>Half-term break</p> <p>Remaining INSET day:</p> <p>Monday 4th June 2018 – Infant & Junior Schools closed.</p> <p>Return to school Tuesday 5th June 2018.</p>	

