# St. Stephen's

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# NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

This isn't the correct day for our monthly newsletter, but we wanted to get in touch a little earlier to share a few important updates and reminders with you all.

Over the past month, we've really enjoyed seeing all of our children settle in, and it's been a particular delight to welcome our new Reception cohort. They've settled beautifully into their routines and have quickly become part of our school family. It's been lovely to see them getting to know their new classroom, connecting with their teachers, and making new friends. We're looking forward to a fantastic year ahead with all of them!

We also want to take a moment to emphasise how important good attendance is each year. Missing time from school isn't in the best interest of any child's education, and we want to ensure every student has the best chance to thrive. Therefore, any requests for holidays during term time will be unauthorised. Parents and carers are reminded that if a child has five days of unauthorised absence, parents and carers could receive a fine from Surrey County Council. This is a nation-wide expectation with absence only permitted in extreme circumstances.

As you will have noticed, we have been using the new front entrance by Reception. We're aware there have been some teething issues, and while we can see many benefits to this new arrangement, we'll be keeping it under review. We appreciate your patience and will keep you updated as we smooth out any remaining issues.

Finally, we'd like to share our delight at the appointment of our new Head Boy and Head Girl. The process for these roles involves children putting themselves forward and making a speech in front of the entire school—an achievement we're incredibly proud of. After the speeches, staff voted for their representatives, and I am delighted to announce that Chloe Newton is our new Head Girl and Joshua Lockton is our new Head Boy. We shared this exciting news today during our celebration worship.

Best Wishes,

Niall McLaughlin

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

## September

• 25th - PTA AGM 6pm

### October

- 1st Harvest Service @ Church
- 3rd Year 6 Class Assembly
- 3rd Open Morning 10am
- 6th Individual Photographs
- 10th Year 5 Class Assembly
- 17th Year 3 Class Assembly
- 22nd Last Day of Half Term

### November

- 3rd INSET Day
- 4th First day of Autumn 2

#### P.E. TIMETABLE - Autumn Term

Nursery Tues

Year 3

Weds

Reception

Year 4

Fri

Year 1 Mon & Tues **Thurs** 

Year 2 Mon & **Thurs** 

Year 5 Year 6 **Thurs** Tues

#### LIBRARY TIMETABLE - Autumn Term

Nursery Mon

Reception Mon

Year 1

Year 2 Thurs

**Thurs** 

Year 3 Year 4 Year 5 Year 6 **Thurs** Weds Weds Tues

#### FOREST SCHOOL TIMETABLE Tuesdays

#### September

Year 1

Year 3

#### **October**

Year 1

Year 3

#### SWIMMING TIMETABLE

Monday

Year 3

Wednesday

Year 5

#### November

4th -Y3 & Y1

Year 4

Year 5

#### December

Year 4

Year 5

Thursday

Year 4

Friday

Year 6