



# ST. STEPHEN'S FORTNIGHTLY NEWS

Week beginning 9th October 2023



## A note from Mrs Lubomski

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your continuing support for the school and the activities that your children are asked to complete at home.

It is lovely to see the pride in the children's faces when they bring their completed home-work back to school.

Over the last couple of weeks, Y1 have been completing a Forest schools' course, Y6 attended an orchestral concert in Skipton and Years 2-6 led Collective Worship on ZOOM for our partner schools in Pudsey and Horsforth. As always the staff are keen to broaden the children's experiences in order to develop their personal skills.

The new School Council has met and one of their challenges this year is to prepare for a school event next summer. The school will be celebrating 170 years since it started in Skipton and we hope to have a wonderful celebration day in the summer term. Please could you help by asking your parents/grandparents for their memories and send them in for my attention. Also I would like to collate a list of all the school's head teachers' names going back to 1854, if you can help with this please also let me know.

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend with your children and families.

Best wishes

Alixena Lubomski

## School Office Information

### Parent Pay– School Dinners

Please could parents check their Parent Pay account on a regular basis and make sure that they are kept up to date.

### Absence Reporting

If your child is not going to be in school, for any reason, please could we ask that you inform the school office first thing either via telephone: 01756 709451 or email: [admin@st-stephens.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-stephens.n-yorks.sch.uk)





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## Dates for the Diary

**Tuesday 17th October** - Y3/4 Ponderosa Zoo Trip

**Friday 20th October** - Y5/6 Football– Skipton Academy (am)

**Friday 20th October** - Boys' Football Pathway 3:45– 5:45pm

**W/C 23rd October** - St Francis' House Food Bank Collection

**Thursday 26th October** - Fundamental Skills Y1– Sandylands (am)

**Thursday 26th October - School Closes- Half term**

**Friday 27th October – Staff Training Day**

**Monday 6th November - School Re-opens**

**Monday 6th November** - Wind in the Willows musical theatre– Whole school (pm)

**Tuesday 7th November** - All Saints Feast Day Mass - Led by staff – 9:15am

**Friday 10th November** - KS2 Football Festival am

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**Tuesday 14th November** - Y5 Creative Day – St Mary's, Menston (tbc)

**Wednesday 15th November** - Evening – 4:00-6:30pm

**Thursday 16th November** - Parents Evening – 3:30-6:00pm

**Friday 17th November** - Girls' Football Pathway- 3:45-5:45

**Tuesday 21st November** - Individual and Family Group photos (am)

**Friday 24st November** - Y5/6 Girls' Football - Skipton Academy (am)

**Friday 1st December** - Christmas Fayre – School Hall – 3:20-5:30pm

**Thursday 7th December** - Boys' and Girls' Football – 3:45-5:45pm

**Friday 8th December** - School Discos

**Friday 22nd December – School Closes**



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## The award winners from this week were:

### **Reception and Nursery:**



Stars: Olivia and Alexia



Maths Stars: Jazmin and Teo

### **St George:**



Stars: Aaila and Jeik



Maths Stars: Amelia

### **St Patrick:**



Stars: Ibrahim



Numbots: Ibrahim and Ivy

### **St Andrew:**



Stars: Sonny, Amelie and Finley



TTRS: Daisy

### **St David:**



Stars: Nikola and Damien



TTRS: Ola and Max

### **St Christopher:**



Stars: Noah and Teniola



TTRS: Zach and Evelyn

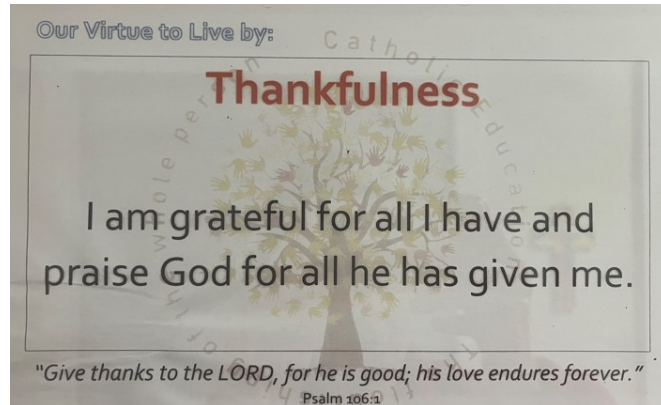


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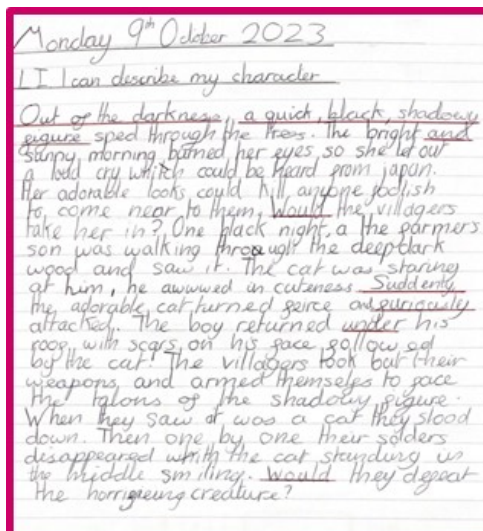
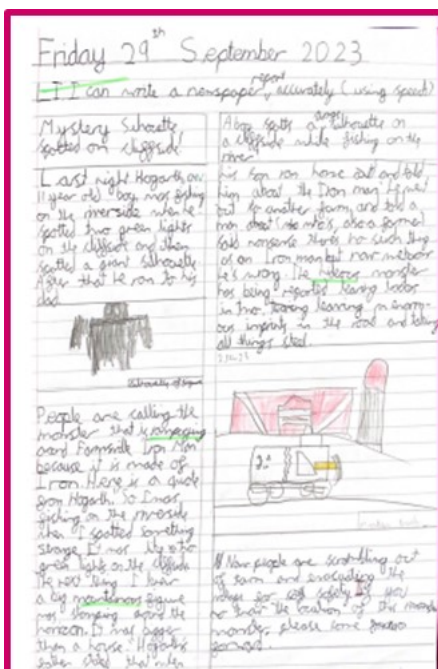
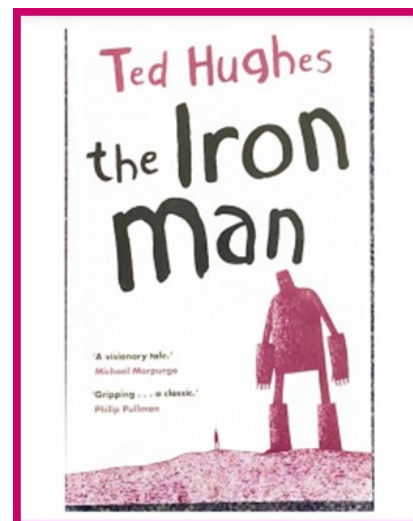


## The Current Virtue being focused on in school is Thankfulness



## Learning, Living and Loving one another in God's name

In English, St David's class have been reading The Iron Man by Ted Hughes. It has made us realise that we should try to see the good in people – and be prepared to be pleasantly surprised. We have been doing lots of writing, including character descriptions and newspaper reports. We are currently in the middle of writing a very exciting narrative!







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## School Council



The school council members have been elected:

**Head Boy** – Jamie

**Head Girl** – Grace

**Deputy Head Boy** -Finley

**Deputy Head Girl** – Lili P

**Year 1** – Amelia and Avanya

**Year 2** – Nadiia and Ivy

**Year 3** – Daisy and Nika

**Year 4** – Edith and Jack

**Year 5** - Gracie and Dylan

**The council have met and discussed what they would like to do this year:**

1. Provide a suggestion box for all the children to contribute to.
2. Raise extra money for school funds through bake sales and non-uniform days.
3. Find interesting ways to decorate the main corridor upstairs in school.
4. Plant bulbs and more flowers in the outdoor areas.
5. Help to develop the Remembrance Garden near to the hall.
6. Help the community prepare to celebrate the schools 170th anniversary in summer 2024.



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## Sports News

The EYFS children are enjoying their weekly gymnastics sessions with Ambitions Gymnastics.



## Safe Guarding

### Healthy Eating

Please remember that all packed lunches should contain healthy food. Unfortunately, sweets are not a suitable item for a packed lunch. We are a nut free school and therefore we ask that all packed lunches are NUT FREE. Thank you for your co-operation.

### Road Safety

When crossing the road:

- **ALWAYS** cross at the crossing
- **ALWAYS** wait for the Green man
- **DO NOT** run across the road

When dropping off or collecting:

- **DO** use the free parking in Coach Street carpark
- **DO NOT** park in the bus stop

Parking at the end of the Avenue is for **BLUE BADGE HOLDERS ONLY**