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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing this newsletter as we re-open our school doors to groups of children in the ARB, Pre-school,(4yr olds only), YF, Y1 and Y6. Whilst our school looks a little different on the inside ,with furniture spaced out to enable us all to socially distance as much as possible, clearly defined areas for each class to use inside and outside and a strict cleaning routine in place, it has been utterly wonderful to hear children’s voices and laughter throughout our building and in the grounds again. Although our school has remained open all the time during the lockdown, and continues to do so for children of Key Workers , it is emotional for us all that groups of St Stephen’s children can now be seen across the school. It has felt like a very long time that St Stephens has been waiting ready. A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who have followed our two metre distancing requests during drop offs and pick ups. I hope the bollards and lines have been useful to remind the children whilst lining up. Your respect and care for others is very much appreciated. I also hope the letter I sent to the children helped them to understand what is happening at our wonderful school and how they are still very much involved even if not attending currently. Each week I will send a text to the parents and carers of the children who are not currently attending in these year groups to ask if you would now like your child to return. **I have to know by the Friday if you wish them to return so I can organise timetables and ensure we have adequate staffing. It may be that they won’t be able to start back the following week it may be a fortnight later if numbers are very low.** If you have not changed your mind and wish to keep your child at home there is no need to reply. You are under no obligation to send your child to school –I respect your decisions and know you will send them back when you believe the time is right. **Can I remind you that if you do not choose to send your children in before the summer break you will not be penalised under the normal absence policy.** If you have any personal or specific enquiries please do e-mail them to me at ststephens@andaras.org I will endeavour to update you as soon as possible. Don’t forget to keep up all the amazing home learning with your children that’s available on the class information pages and via our online platforms and texts.

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Our Lockdown will never be forgotten– our messages become part of our school’s history.

A huge thank you to our wonderful PTFA , with particular thanks to Gareth Lancaster and his creative talents , who have organised and bought a canvas memory of our staff message and the children’s response. These will take pride of place in our school as a constant reminder of the amazingly strong and caring team we are at St Stephens Community Academy.



Name that Face Quiz

Get your brains ready for action this half term with a puzzle from some of the staff @Team St Stephens! Some of these faces haven't changed much over the years but others will be a real challenge. We will publish an answer sheet soon for you.

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As part of Mental Health Awareness Week, KS1 were given the home learning task of creating a 'Circle of Calm'.



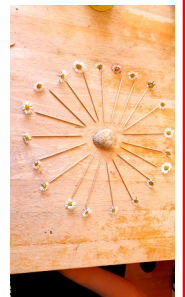
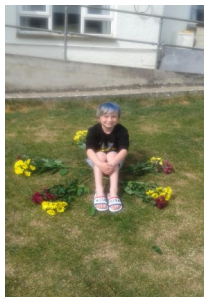
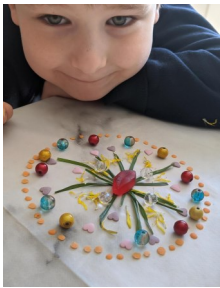
Mental Health Awareness Week



For one of our daily challenges, the KS1 children were tasked with creating a 'Circle of Calm'. Perhaps you could have a go? Any objects can be used to create your circle - buttons, flowers, beads, shells, toys, stones - Rocco even used sweets! Once you have collected your materials, you need to arrange them inside a circle - this can be cut out of paper. You can play around with your objects until you feel you are happy with them, they can be evenly spaced or completely

random. When you are happy with your design, remove your circle outline and admire your beautiful artwork! Look at the smiley happy faces of the children with their very own 'circles of calm'.

Have fun creating one, it really is a relaxing and fulfilling activity!



JOYFUL JUNE (EVEN IN DIFFICULT TIMES) 2020



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1 Decide to look for what's good, even on the difficult days	2 Re-frame a worry and try to find a positive way to respond	3 Think of 3 things you're grateful for and write them down	4 Show your appreciation to those who are helping others	5 Smile and be friendly, even while you're social distancing	6 Notice the upsides during the lockdown, however small	7 Find a joyful way of being physically active (indoors or out)
8 Write a letter to thank someone for what they did	9 Find the joy in music today: sing, play, dance or listen	10 Take a photo of something that brings you joy and share it	11 Say positive things in your conversations with others today	12 Make a plan with friends to do something fun together	13 Appreciate the joy of nature and the beauty in the world around	14 Do three things to bring joy to other people today
15 Rediscover a fun childhood activity that you can enjoy today	16 Ask a loved one what they feel grateful for at the moment	17 Be kind to you. Treat yourself the way you would treat a friend	18 Send a positive note to a friend who needs encouragement	19 Create a list of favourite memories you feel grateful for	20 Make time to do something playful today, just for the fun of it	21 Enjoy trying a new recipe or cooking your favourite food
22 Share a happy memory with someone who means a lot to you	23 Look for something to be thankful for where you least expect it	24 Thank a friend for the joy they bring into your life	25 Eat food that makes you feel good and really savour it	26 See the upside in a difficult situation you learnt from	27 Watch something funny and enjoy how it feels to laugh	28 Create a playlist of your favourite songs and enjoy them
29 Take time to do something that makes you happy today	30 Make a list of the joys in your life (and keep adding to them)	 <p>"Every day may not be good, but there is something good in every day" ~ Alice Morse Earle</p>				

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS



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30 actions to look after ourselves and each other as we face this global crisis together

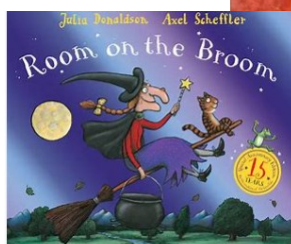
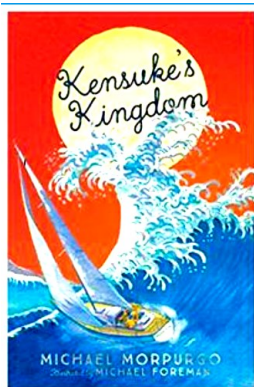
Keep Calm · Stay Wise · Be Kind

Whole School Half Term Challenge

For our Summer half term, We set the challenge of recreating a famous painting or book cover.

Have a look at some of our fantastic entries below! Can you spot Mrs Paul?

Winner to be announced soon. Our Chair Of Governors ,Mrs Ann Nicholson, is currently deciding!



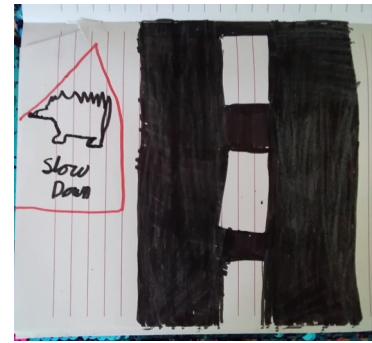
Road Safety for Hedgehogs!

Here are some pictures from Year 4 home learning.

They had the challenge to invent ways of helping hedgehogs cross the road safely linked to their guided reading book 'The Hodgeheg' by Dick King Smith.

Class 4 were in the middle of the story before lockdown but Mrs Hunt has now added the whole story to their story time tab on their class website page. Check

it out!



BOOK EXCHANGE

Thank you to everyone who came to swap their children's books last week –it was so lovely to see you and catch up .The next book swap will be on the week beginning the 8th June 2020



Monday 8th June @ 10.00-2.00pm.	Mrs Paul	Surnames :A to D
Tuesday 9th June @ 10.00-2.00pm.	Mrs Furber	Surnames :E to J
Wednesday 10th June @ 10.00-2.00pm.	Mrs Paul	Surnames :K to N
Thursday 11th June@10.00-2.00pm.	Mrs Furber	Surnames :O to S
Friday 12th June @ 10.00-2.00pm.	Mrs Furber	Surnames :T to Z

This will be carefully monitored by the member of staff listed on each day and will be in the Main Reception area. Quick drop off books in 'returned' book box and pick up –a walk through rather than a drive in!! So make sure you get those books ready to return ...read them again and enjoy before new ones arrive at your home to share. Please can we ask that you adhere to the days and times stipulated to ensure this keeps everyone safe .Thank you .

HALF –TERM FUN

Great to see so many of you making the most of the glorious sunshine and making new memories with your families.

