

## October 2024 Newsletter

### Anti-Bullying Week 2024

11<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> November

The theme this year is 'Choose respect.' This Anti-Bullying Week we urge adults and children alike to come together to have discussions about what it means to disagree respectfully, how to avoid resorting to bullying, and how we can all choose to lead by example. Join us in choosing respect! Imagine a world where respect and kindness thrives - it's not just a dream, it's in the choices we make.

There are a number of ways we keep you informed of all that is happening in school:

- Class news via Dojo
- School news via app notifications, school dojo story, newsletters, on our website [www.astleysaintstephen.co.uk](http://www.astleysaintstephen.co.uk)
- We also have a facebook page too [www.facebook.com/astleyststephens](http://www.facebook.com/astleyststephens)



This year we are again supporting the work of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. After half-term we will be selling stickers, poppies, reflectors, wristbands and snap bands. More information to follow.



### Staffing updates:

This term we have welcomed Miss Hilton and Miss Longshaw to our staff team. They both work in Breakfast Club each morning, and Miss Hilton is then the teaching assistant in Y5, and Miss Longshaw is the teaching assistant in Y4. Miss Collier joins us after half-term providing some 1-1 and small group support throughout school.



This half-term Boris says, "Don't forget to let love in". We want children to know that they are valuable and their worth is immeasurable. Through the parable of the lost coin we want the children to know that they are precious, loved and valued by God.



### Diary dates for this half-term:

11<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> November - Anti-Bullying Week: Choose Respect

12<sup>th</sup> November - Odd Sock Day

12<sup>th</sup> November - Photographer in school - individual photos with siblings (No P.E. today - all children in full school uniform)

15<sup>th</sup> November - Children in Need

10<sup>th</sup> December - Infant Christmas dinner/ Junior Christmas Party Bag lunch

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12<sup>th</sup> December - Infant Christmas performance 9.30am

13<sup>th</sup> December - Infant Christmas performance 9.30am

17<sup>th</sup> December pm - Infant Party

18<sup>th</sup> December pm - Y3/4 Party

19<sup>th</sup> December pm - Y5/6 Party

20<sup>th</sup> December 3.25pm - Break up for Christmas

6<sup>th</sup> January 2025 Inset Day - closed to pupils

7<sup>th</sup> January 2025 - School re-opens

### Parent/Teacher meetings

Our first parent/ teacher meetings will take place on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November. An email will be coming out to you where you can book 1 appointment to meet your child's teacher.



### Odd Socks Day

This year Odd Socks Day is being held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November. On this day the children are invited to come to school in odd socks, giving them an opportunity to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes them unique!



### Children in Need - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November.

Look out for information coming home soon.



The half-term break is a good time to check through your child's belongings and uniform and check that their names are on everything.

It's also a good time to check your child's hair- as we are still seeing a few cases of headlice.

If buying any school uniform please refer to our policy- and please note that boots are not allowed for school.