



## STEPHENSON WAY ACADEMY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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Monday 4th December 2017



### Emails Instead of Paper Copies

As you will be aware, school has been collecting parents' email addresses for some time now. This is because we want to reduce the amount of paper we are using and to make it easier for parents to access information about school. We still find that parents are not aware of some information because a letter hasn't made it home (still in a child's tray/at the bottom of the school bag/lost on the way home etc.) Instead, we will now be emailing letters and information whenever possible. Paper copies can still be collected from the office if parents need to, but, as with many schools, we are hoping that having fast and reliable access to school information via email, will be a better option for parents, as well as the environment. This will be the last newsletter we will send out as a paper copy. From next week, our weekly newsletter will be available by email and through the school website. **If you have not provided us with a current email address yet, please do so as soon as possible to avoid possibly missing out on important school information.**

### Key Christmas dates for your diary



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| Thu 7 December                | Reception Play and Stay   |
| Fri 8 December                | Film night (years 1, 2 and 3) - 6:00pm – 7:30pm                           |
| Tue 12 December               | Pantomime trip (years reception, 1 and 2)                                 |
| Tue 12 December               | Governors' View of School meeting (3:15pm—4:15pm)                         |
| Wed 13 December               | Christmas Dinner  |
| Fri 15 December               | Christmas Jumper Day  |
| Mon 18 December               | Christmas Shows (11am EYFS/KS1) (2:00pm KS2)                              |
| Tues 19 December              | Christmas Shows (11am KS2) (2:00pm EYFS/KS1)                              |
| Wed 20 December               | Christmas Parties (Reception/KS1) and (Y3/4)                              |
| Thu 21 December               | Christmas Parties (Nursery) and (Y5/6)                                    |
| Thu 21 December               | Carol Service for Parents 9:15am -Y3/4/5 children but all parents welcome |
| Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> December | Last day of school before breaking for the Christmas holidays             |
| Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> January   | School closed for a teacher training day                                  |
| Tue 9 <sup>th</sup> January   | School reopens to children after the Christmas holidays                   |



## Eyes on Attendance



	Attendance %
<b>School Target</b>	<b>96.5</b>
<b>All Pupils so far this year</b>	<b>94.2*</b>

\*the dreaded sickness bug has meant that attendance has dipped recently

Last week...

<b>1. Mrs Alton's class</b>	<b>97.6</b>
<b>2. Miss Taylor's class</b>	<b>95.43</b>
<b>3. Mr Stephenson's class</b>	<b>94.9</b>



Children are currently taking part in 'Switch Off Fortnight', a national project in its ninth year, encouraging children to think about where energy comes from and what they could do to help save it.

Children will be working in class, learning about energy, designing posters and trying to find good, simple ways of saving it.

## A change of date to Parents Evenings



Parents Evenings will now be on Tuesday 23rd January and Wednesday 24th January - Letters and booking forms will go out shortly after we come back from Christmas

## Other Messages

-We'll be emailing out our updated Jewellery policy this week. Headlines are: watches and stud earrings are fine. No other jewellery should be worn at school. No jewellery can be worn for sports. It would be a good idea for children not to wear any earrings on PE/swimming days.

-This is the last newsletter to be sent out on paper. Please make sure the office has your email address so that you don't miss out on important information. If you still need a copy of letters on paper, please visit the office.

-Our Tea Time Club runs every evening during term time, from 3:10 - 5pm, in the ICT Suite. Children receive a snack and a member of staff provides help with reading and homework. The computers and iPads are available for study and free time. Games and colouring activities are also available. Bookings are taken by the school office with payment in advance but they also accept emergency bookings (on the day) for parents who find themselves held up for any reason and unable to collect children on time. The cost is £5 for the session, with a £3 charge for siblings and also for children eligible for free school meals. At this busy time of year you could take extra time shopping or having a coffee after a busy day and be assured that your child is being well looked after.

-For School Meal Changes the office staff will need 1 weeks notice in order to update systems.



### What do you think?

In each newsletter, we ask for parents' views about our school. Do you have any suggestions? Is there anything we could do better? What are we doing well? Any general comments? Just pop your comment into the box below, cut across the line and send it into the school. (Only include your name if you would like to.)