

An Daras
Multi Academy Trust

St Stephens Community Academy Fortnightly Family Newsletter

"Together towards a bright, positive and successful future"



Friday 14th July 2017



Dear Parents,

It's nearly the end of the school year. Every year we think it goes quickly. I would like to take this moment to thank everyone for their support of the school. The classes have been busy with events and I know the children are excited about next year in many ways. Within this newsletter there is information about the coming year. Please note that we had no choice but to send out a letter to kindly ask for donations towards the events from the year. Sadly we are in a position, like all schools, that if we do not get enough donations we will have to consider cancelling events. Please do come and speak to our office who are happy to help in many ways. It is always best to come and speak to us in person.

Regards, Mrs Saunders

Academy School Improvement:

This fortnights focus has been on data. Children have been completing assessments to support end of year judgments. A special congratulations to Foundation who have achieved 86% of children at Good Level of Development with National normally around 60%.

Attendance

Wk Ending
30th June 2017

CLASS F	91.4%
CLASS 1	96.9%
CLASS 2	93.1%
CLASS 3	98.3%
CLASS 4	93.1%
CLASS 5	94.7%
CLASS 6	95.8%
CLASS 7	95.7%

Key Diary Dates

Mon 17-Tues 18	Year 6 Transition Days at Launceston College
Mon 17th 3.30pm	New Year 3 & 6 meet your child's teacher
Tues 18th	Years F-5 Transition Day
Weds 19th 3.30pm	New Year 1 & 2 meet your child's teacher
Thurs 20th 9am	KS2 outdoor learning morning
Thurs 20th 3pm	Parents Spelling & grammar info session (whole school)
Thurs 20th 3.30pm	New Year 4 meet your child's teacher
Fri 21st 5pm	PTFA Disco
Mon 24th	KS1 Beach Trip
Mon 24th 1.45pm	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Tues 25th	Last day of term for pupils
Weds 6th Sept	First day back to school for pupils



Visit Payments– Events will be cancelled if we do not have enough money

You may have received a paper letter recently with regards to payments or donations. This is in relation to the newsletter information from last fortnight.

Please note that due to government funding cuts we cannot support trips and events next year. All money will have to be in two weeks before an event e.g. trip or residential. Without enough funds, the trip will be cancelled. Whilst we acknowledge trip payments are a donation we cannot afford to run trips without these contributions. If you would like your child and class to take part in events please ensure that you pay. Please note that the pre school, breakfast club or school meal payments have to be made and we can issue payment warnings for this and take legal proceedings. Finally, please note that after school clubs will most likely have a payment to cover the adult leading the event in future.

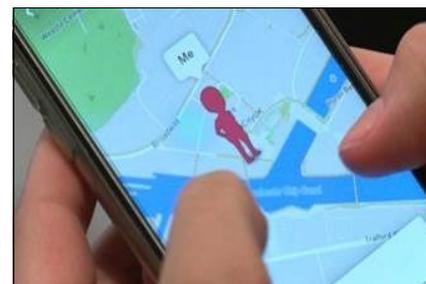
Thank you

A special thank you to Miss Thorp for teaching our Year One class this year. We wish her the best of luck in her future endeavours. Year One have thoroughly enjoyed having her as a teacher.



Snapchat

Snap Chat updated their social media app to include a maps feature, called Snap Maps, that enables other people to see exactly where you are and what you're doing. They say that 'Only the people you choose can see your location', 'By changing your location setting to Ghost Mode, your location won't be visible to anyone else on the Map' BUT – WARNING 'Snaps you submit to Our Story can still show up on the Map, regardless of the location setting you choose!'



This was an automatic update and many young people with smart phones who use this app may not even realise that the function is revealing where they are and what they're doing. Please talk to your child about the safeguarding dangers this presents to them and their friends. Please see e-safety on our website for further details.

Staffing for September 2017

Please find below staffing information for September. All children will be in their new class for a day on Tuesday 18th July 2017. Please note Mr Hunt and Mrs Hunt are not related!

Year Group	Teacher/s
Foundation	Mrs Hobbs- Mon- Tuesday Miss Moore- Wed- Friday
Year One	Mrs Morris- Torr/ Mrs Lumby
Year Two	Mrs Hooper/ Mrs Gilbert
Year Three	Mr Hunt
Year Four	Mrs Hunt
Year Five	Mr Bullock
Year Six	Ms Neale/ Miss Calcutt

Parking

Please could all parents refrain from parking outside the school until at least 2.45pm. We have also received complaints about cars blocking and using driveways, parents using inappropriate language and refusing to move when asked. We ask that you show respect to our neighbours and their property.



Congratulations

Congratulations to Mrs Morris– Torr who will be joining us in Year One next year. Mrs Lumby will be teaching on Monday to provide Mrs Morris–Torr with her statutory release time. Mrs Morris-Torr is very excited to be joining our team here at St Stephens. She will be here to meet you all on Tuesday 18th July 2017.

Wildflower Meadow Bursts into Bloom!



After a long, anxious wait, our wildflower meadow has suddenly burst into life! It presented quite a challenge to get the whole area rotovated back in the wet, winter months and we were all beginning to doubt whether the seeds were going to take - or win the battle with the grass and buttercups! However, poppies, cornflowers, field marigolds and pignut are now all flourishing, as well as some rogue cosmos and a few other yet-to-be-identified species! If you wish for a peep, look over or through the fence on the right as you enter the main office entrance.



It was fantastic that the flowers opened in time for Y2 to release their butterflies, and children have spotted bees, butterflies, hoverflies and other pollinating insects, already making their way to the patch.

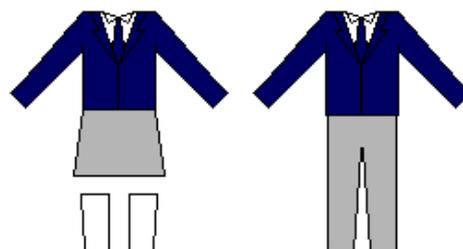
Children of several year groups have all tried their hand at photographing the meadow ... look out for some of the results on the website and around the school.

Thank you so much to all the parents and children who helped bring this project to fruition.



School Uniform

Please can we remind everyone that children do need to wear school jumpers. We have many jumpers in our lost property which you are welcome to come and check. All items should be named to help them be returned to their rightful owners. Please ensure children are ready for September with the correct school uniform. Information can be found on the website.



Dogs near/ on school site



Please can we kindly remind everyone that dogs should not be on the school site. Can we kindly ask that when dogs are near the school you ensure that they aren't leaving their dog mess near the site. We have had occasions where the dog mess has been walked in by children and parents. We are sure you would agree this is not nice for anyone. Many thanks for your co-operation.

Poetry By Heart Competition

Class 6 have been busy learning poems by heart over the past few weeks. Thursday was competition day and the performances were excellent. Issy Paul, a former pupil and National finalist of the Poetry By Heart Competition, judged the performances - it was a very difficult task. The winner was Cameron with his performance of 'If I were a Carrot,' by Berlie Doherty, and received a poetry book as his prize. Runner up was Chennai's performance of 'Miss Lucy had a Baby,' by Anonymous. A fantastic well done to everyone.



KS1 work this week



This week Key Stage One have had a fantastic time cooking and baking goodies for the Teddies bear picnic. They made cornflake cakes, mini pizzas, bread rolls, and much more! Thank you to Chartwells for donating lots of the food that we have used and thank you to any parents and carers that came today to picnic with your children.

New Librarians

Last week interviews took place for new librarians. The following children were chosen because they were able to talk about how they would like to improve the library in the future, as well as their favourite books and authors.

Maciej, Cody, Martyna, Jamie, Ollie, Zinzan, Logan B

Congratulations to the above and thank you for all those who applied.



Smiles and Laughter for Year 6 at PGL

Year 6 had a fantastic time at PGL this year—to view the photos please visit the Class Blog on our website!



Menu Changes

Friday 21st: Fish & Chips, Jacket potato with baked beans, peas, salad. Ice creams and fresh fruit.

Monday 24th: Vegetarian option is sweet potato gumbo.

Tuesday 25th: Steak pasty, mac n cheese, ice cream, jelly

National Curriculum Information for Parents

Please follow the below links for information on Key Stage 1 and 2 National Curriculum Results



Key Stage 1

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/625034/Information for parents - 2017 NCT results at the end of key stage 1.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/625034/Information_for_parents_-_2017_NCT_results_at_the_end_of_key_stage_1.pdf)

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/596097/STA177916e Primary school progress measures leaflet V6 FINAL.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/596097/STA177916e_Primary_school_progress_measures_leaflet_V6_FINAL.pdf)

Key Stage 2

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/625036/Information for parents - 2017 NCT results at the end of key stage 2.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/625036/Information_for_parents_-_2017_NCT_results_at_the_end_of_key_stage_2.pdf)



Pre School

We are coming to the end of another very busy school year and we are planning to end the year with a 'messy play week'. Please make sure your child comes with spare clothes. We are looking forward to our coffee morning on Monday 24th July for the parents and children who are leaving us for 'big school'.

Pre-School finishes for the summer holiday on Friday 21st July and we will return on Wednesday 6th September. All the team wish you a happy and fun filled holiday and look forward to seeing you all again soon.



SPACE Summer Holiday Activities 2017

Activities for 5 - 12 year olds

To book a place please contact the SPACE office on:

01726 817 211 or e-mail
cornwall.space@actionforchildren.org.uk

Places are limited to 15 per activity day with 1-2-1 support for 4 children or young people. A referral form will need to be completed before a child attends an activity day, so that we can best meet their needs.

Unless stated, each activity day costs a voluntary contribution of £10. Each activity runs from 10am - 4pm.

If you have any questions or would like some further information, please do not hesitate to call us.



Fun Activity Days for disabled children & young people aged 5 - 18



Cornwall SPACE, Fourways 0 - 19 Centre, Station Rd., St Blazey, PL24 2ND cornwall.space@actionforchildren.org.uk

www.facebook.com/cornwallspace/



Remember... we get very busy with bookings so try and contact us as soon as possible to book your child's place

Call 01726 817 211 or email
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Tuesday 1st August 10 - 4	5 - 12 years	Lanhydrook Estate, Bodmin, DL30 4AB	Join the Cornwall SPACE team for a day exploring the National Trust Lanhydrook estate. Lots of nature based, fun activities, out in the sunshine!
Wednesday 9th August 10 - 4	5 - 12 years	Tunnels Through Time 22 Michaels Road, Newquay, TR7 1RA	Join us for an exciting pirate themed day swashbuckling at the Tunnels Through Time followed by a visit to find some buried treasure on the beach
Thursday 17th August 10am - 12:30	5 - 12 years	Chat Chylowen Tregaswith, Newquay, TR8 4JQ	Visit to meet some animal friends... meet friendly alpacas, ponies and Llama's, learn about their care and have fun in the countryside
Tuesday 22nd August 10 - 4	5 - 12 years	Trelander Children's Centre Trelander Highway, Truro, TR1 1DG	Join us for junk modelling themed day, making junk instruments and making music. Lots of fun and musical games with friends.
Wednesday 23rd August 10 - 4	5 - 12 years	St Keyne Village Hall, Clemens Road, Lalzeard, DL14 4RF	Funny faces will be joining us for a face painting art workshop with messy play.
Tuesday 29th August 10 - 4	5 - 12 years	St Stephens Children's Centre, Roydon Road, Launceston, PL15 8HL	Come and join us for a circus themed day. Join us to meet Chloe the Clown and friends for an exciting fun filled day.
Wednesday 30th August	5 - 12 Years	Helston Children's Centre Belwark Road, Helston, TR13 8JF	Come and play at Helston Children's Centre for a nature filled day - learning about growing our own plants as well as nature trails and arts and crafts
Friday 1st September 10 - 2	All the Family	Cornwall SPACE family Sunday and Summer Party	Come and join the Cornwall SPACE team for a summer party! With Chloe the Clown, face painting, arts activities and some visits from our animal friends.

