

St Stephens Community Academy Fortnightly Family Newsletter



"Together towards a bright, positive and successful future"

Mrs Hooper
Acting Head of School

Friday 11th May 2018



Dear Parents,

Year 2 began their SAT's last week, showing excellent resilience and perseverance. Year 6 are gearing up for their end of Key Stage 2 SAT's next week. Please can all year 6 children be in school no later than 8:45am daily and we look forward to seeing the children who signed up for SAT's

breakfast club, starting at 8:00am Monday-Thursday. Year 6 have worked extremely hard and we wish them lots of luck.

Well done to Year 3 who had their first residential last week. They had a superb stone age adventure at Slapton Sands, where they built shelters and sung songs around the campfire, amongst other exciting activities. A great time had by all!

Academy School Improvement:

This week we have been evaluating how we are teaching maths at the school, with a real focus on maths mastery. Ms Neale has been delivering CPD about maths mastery, ensuring we are employing approaches that help pupils to develop a deep and secure knowledge and understanding of mathematics at each stage of their learning.

Month of May

Mon 4 June

Tues 5 June

Mon 11-Fr 15 June

Attendance	
Wk Ending 4th May 2018	
CLASS F	96.1%
CLASS 1	96.8%
CLASS 2	97.5%
CLASS 3	92.6%
CLASS 4	98.2%
CLASS 5	95.2%
CLASS 6	93.8%
CLASS 7	100%

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Mon 14-Fri 18 May	SATS Year 6
Thurs 17 May	School Census
Weds 23 May	Grandparent's lunch
Thur 24 May	Year F Trethorne visit
Fri 25 May	PTFA Crazy Hair Day, details to follow
Mon 28 May-Fri 1	June Half Term

Summer Term Inset Day

Phonics Screening Week

Back to school

SATS Year 2

Key Diary Dates









Competitions: An Daras

CONGRATULATIONS to Alex G, Class 6, whose photographs of local Launceston areas, won the St Stephen's contribution to the An Daras art competition! He wins



a £10 voucher for WH Smiths. Well done Alex!

Pre School

We would like to say a big thank you to all the children and parents who



have kindly donated seeds, compost and posts. This will enable us to grow flowers and veg in the coming weeks for our Pre-School garden.

Thank you to the PTFA for the donation of books, the children were very pleased to have some new stories read to them at the end of the session.

A reminder that we finish for the half term holiday on Friday 25th May and return on Monday 4th June.

Football Match

Year 1 and 2 played a football match against St Catherine's C of E (another An Daras school). All of the children showed fantastic sportsmanship and teamwork. It was great to see so many smiling faces and lots of support from friends and family at both schools. We will look forward to the second leg next half term.





LAUNCESTON AGRICULTURAL SHOW

Once again this year there will be a schools competition for the 2018 Launceston Show, which is on Thursday 26th July 2018.

The challenge for all primary schools in the area, is to make an upcycled planted container to enhance the school.

The prizes will be: 1st prize £50, 2nd prize £30, 3rd prize £20 and there will be prize cards and rosettes for every entry.

The planted container can be brought to the field at Kennards House on the Wednesday 25th July between 3 – 6 pm.

If you have any queries, do not hesitate to call Maggie Colwill on 01566-785485 or email maggiecol-will@cloud.com.





Entry Form
Name of School
Contact Name and Number
Entries close 12th July 2018

Please return entry forms to Maggie Colwill, Youngcott Farm, North Petherwin,

Thank you to the Moorlanders MCC!



The Moorlanders MCC group paid a visit to the ARB this week to present a cheque from their annual fundraising Easter Egg Run. Over 400 riders took part

this year to raise money for local Children's charities, including St Stephens ARB. We would like to say thank you very much to the group for thinking of us. The ARB is hoping it will go towards some much needed outside play equipment.





FUN FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES AT LAUNCESTON LIBRARY Saturday 2 June 10.00-12.00 noon

LEGO AT THE LIBRARY - FREE drop-in event featuring Lego with a Causley theme and the Cornish language.

On Saturday morning, 2nd June, Launceston Library will be hosting its regular Lego Club with a special Charles Causley theme. Pat Tremain and Sarah Cooke will be on hand to help the young makers describe and name the Lego models in the Cornish language.

POP IN FOR POETRY A FREE drop-in workshop for 6-11 year olds Saturday 2nd June 10.00-12.00 noon

Pop in and have a go at writing a poem or contributing to a group poem. Poet and Storyteller Annie Fisher will provide ideas, objects and poems to get you started. Her poems are sometimes silly, sometimes serious and sometimes both at the same time. The emphasis will be on playful poems and poems which tell a story.

Further details of The Charles Causley Festival can be found at www.charlescausleyfestival.co.uk

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2018

The Summer Reading Challenge 2018 will be called Mischief Makers, inspired by the much-loved iconic children's title Beano, which celebrates its 80th anniversary.



Children will explore a map of Beanotown to find the mysterious buried treasure and become ultimate mischief makers! Dennis, Gnasher and friends will help them solve clues and collect stickers, having lots of fun and adventures along the way! Most libraries in England and Wales will start the Summer Reading

Would you like to help?

If you are interested in gardening /animal keeping and have some spare time at weekends or during holidays, we would love to hear from you!

We would like to give our school families the chance to get involved with activities in our outdoor area at school, and to spread the workload! We need parents / grandparents / carers and children who could come and visit the chickens over weekends or holiday times, perhaps do some simple gardening jobs — and eventually help with any future animals we may have on site.

If this sounds like something you would be interested in, please contact Kari Gilbert or the office for further details, and to let us know what you would like to do / when you might be available. Thank-you!



Online Safety



For Parents

Welcome to the Parents and Carers section of the Scomis Online Safety Essentials Service May 2018

Do you know how children use social media? Do you know what apps they use? Do you know how to use privacy settings?

In the news:

The Health Secretary, Jeremy Hunt:

- tells Social Media firms to find a solution to age verification
- asks the Chief Medical Officer to examine links between underage internet use, depression and anxiety

(The Mail on Sunday, 22rd April 2018)



Read the practical guide 'Child Safety Online' in ful.

Advice includes:

- Ask children to show you which social media apps they use and why they like them
- Talk about how to use them
- Show them how to report offensive comments
- Obtain people's permission before sharing photos
- Encourage your child to talk to you if they see anything that upsets them



YouTube announce new parental controls for their YouTube Kids and

Do you use Facebook? Do you know which third party apps connect to your Facebook account?

Childnet recommends that you regularly check apps that are linked to your Facebook account and that children are encouraged to do the same. Read Childnet's practical steps here:

Is your child playing Fortnite?

Released in 2017, Fortnite is becoming very popular. There are 2 different versions of the game:

- Fortnite: Save the World
- · Fortnite: Battle Royale

Recommended age 13+

'Played on PlayStation 4, Xbox One, Windows, and Mac. Mobile version available. The game has a cartbonish style, and the violence, while persistent, isn't bloody or particularly gory. Its online nature could expose younger players to offensive language from random strangers in voice or on-screen text chat.'

Read Commonsense Media's full review:

Have you heard that WhatsApp raises the minimum recommended age of users to 16?



Facebook-owned messaging service will demand users confirm they are old enough to use app after raising age limit from 13

(The Guardian Wednesday 25th April 2018) Read article:



Stop Press!

Have you heard of Jott Messenger?

Recommended age 13+
Actual age Isn't verified, and user content Isn't monitored. Once an account is created, the app asks permission to look at your contacts.

Read Commonsense Media's review:

Try the Australian Office of the eSafety
Commissioner's <u>Screen Smart Parent Tour</u>
The 10 minute interactive tour is aimed at parents of
pre-teens and young teens (10 to 14yrs).

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