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St Stephens Community Academy Fortnightly Family Newsletter

"Together towards a bright, positive and successful future"



Friday 26th May 2017



Dear Parents,

It has been a sad week nationally based on such tragic events. We honoured the lives lost in Manchester in the minute's silence yesterday. Well done to the children for being so respectful. On a lighter note it has been great to see the beautiful weather, though please do take care in the hot sun. We have been busy with events; Year Six look great today in their outfits, Year Four have been to the ADMAT event and Year Five and Six enjoyed 'The Wizard of Oz' at the Town Hall. This is the short list of events! I would like to say a well done to all the children in Year Two for their hard work on their national assessments, and Foundation for their on-going assessments. The children have made such great progress. We would like to wish you all well for the half term break and bank holiday. I would like to thank the staff for their continuing support and hard work, that always goes above and beyond for the school. Their commitment shows their endless passion to ensure such great learning experiences at St Stephens. We will see you all on Tuesday 6th June 2017.

Regards, Mrs Saunders

Academy School Improvement: Our focus has been on children learning books. We have also been reviewing our learning environment. Have you been following us on twitter or the website to see our visible learning displays? Please do, and you can find out about the work that we are doing on developing independent learning skills.

Attendance

Wk Ending
19th May

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| CLASS F | 78.9% |
| CLASS 1 | 93.2% |
| CLASS 2 | 94.3% |
| CLASS 3 | 96.0% |
| CLASS 4 | 88.6% |
| CLASS 5 | 96.7% |
| CLASS 6 | 95.9% |
| CLASS 7 | 95.7% |

Key Diary Dates

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| Mon 29th May | Half Term |
| Tues 6th June | Back to school |
| Weds 7th June | Visit from Olympic Athlete |
| Fri 9th June | Year 1 ADMAT Event |
| Fri 9th June | Elections for House Team Captains |
| Fri 9th June 3.30pm | St Stephen's Got Talent |
| Mon 12th June | Years 5 and 6 NSPCC Workshops |
| Tues 13th June 9am | KS2 Parent Drop-ins to share maths learning |
| Weds 14th | Year 6 Launceston Museum Print Workshop |
| Fri 16th June | Year 3 ADMAT Event |
| Fri 16th June | Year 6 PGL Parent Meeting |



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Congratulations

We would like to say a huge congratulations to Miss Carew for her new role at Mount Charles in St Austell. Miss Carew has taken up this post so that she can reduce her travel to work time. We wish her all the very best and she will be sadly missed. I have worked with her for 6 years now— both here and at Windmill. Congratulations to Mrs Meakin in the ARB who has a new role in Early Years, she will be leaving on 16th June.

We have been busy recruiting and making plans for September. We can share that we have appointed Mrs Ferguson to join our school as ARB teacher. She has worked in education for over 18 years and has been working as a SEN advisor for Devon. Mrs Spence will be moving to work in the ARB from September 2017. When we can, we will inform about other staffing arrangements.

UNICEF

This week in school we have been focusing on **Article 2** of the Convention on the Rights of a Child: *'The Convention applies to everyone: whatever their race, religion or abilities, whatever they think or say, whatever type of family they come from.'*

A big thank you to everyone who supported Unicef's fundraiser '**Day for Change**' in school on Wednesday. **We raised a total of £25.01.** This amount will be doubled by the charitable foundation 'The Power of Nutrition' and the money will be used in Liberia to improve children's nutrition.

The 'Rights Child of the Week' over the past two weeks has been:

Milly (Year 2) for supporting others in their learning.

Hayden (Year 4) for being a supportive classmate and encouraging and helping other children.

Well done to Milly and Hayden and all the children who were nominated by their class over the past two weeks!

Year 5 London Trip

Year 5 had an excellent 2 days in London. They enjoyed visiting Kidzania where the children tried a variety of jobs/ careers. Some of them even earned enough money to buy themselves a bank card! They also had the opportunity to visit the Houses of Parliament and the London Eye—many thanks to Mrs Spence, Mr Terry, Mrs Paul and Miss Meakin for giving up their time to make this an incredibly successful trip.

Concert at Windmill

Well done to all the pupils who took part in the concert last night. A particularly successful Samba improvisation to finish the event!!

Getting ready for the sunshine. Lets Hope!

* Has your child got their sun hat in school?

* Has your child put sun cream on before coming to school?

* Has your child got a full water bottle in school?



Holiday Requests

Holiday authorisation cannot be made. We can only grant term-time absence in very limited exceptional circumstances, for which there is a very tight criteria. We ask kindly that parents do not discuss this with each other as individual cases are personal and comparisons cannot be made.



Special Guest!

We're very excited to be welcoming GB Paralympic Footballer Dan James to the school on Wednesday 7th June. Dan will be leading a sponsored fitness circuit with all pupils, and will follow-up with a talk and question and answer session. The aim of the event is to inspire the pupils to take up sport generally, but just as importantly to encourage them to discover and then pursue their passion in life? This is a sponsored event, where much of the money that is raised will be used to buy sports equipment for the school, while also supporting GB athletes. Sponsorship forms came home with the children on Thursday along with an information letter. Further information can also be found on the news section of the website.

Elections for House Team Captains

On Friday 9th June, we will be holding our own elections for House Team Captains. Every child will be able to vote for one of the candidates standing for their House (their term of office will be June 2017-2018).

The candidates for each house ,elected from Year 5, are as follows:-

Priory: Evie, Emily,Alex

Castle: Jasmine H, Blane, Jasmine W, Lauren.

Roundhouse: Mia , Jack, Jess, Issy, Liam

Zig-zag: Adam, Luke, Stanley

Each candidate will have an opportunity to present their ' manifesto' to their houses during the assembly on Tuesday 6th June. Watch this space to see who will be

Lunches

We have changed our lunchtimes so children can sit in their house teams and eat first together. Then all children can go outside to join in our 'Out and About' Activities across our field. The children have given very positive feedback as we only started this two weeks ago! We have listened to feedback and children can sit next to their friends, have activities to do if they finish, and house teams work together to earn rewards. Our house captains will be leading competitions for each house team. We are collecting house points and will be displaying them on our school website. We held an assembly to talk all about it and gather views. Pupil Forum will be continuing to gather feedback.

Year F Visit to Trethorne

On Thursday 18th May, Year F visited Trethorne Leisure Farm as their class topic is 'Minibeasts and Life Cycles'. The children had the opportunity to have a pony ride as well as an 'in touch with animals session' which included holding and learning about animals such as rabbits, guinea pigs and chicks. They also looked at some more animals as well as playing on some of the play equipment after lunch. The trip was finished off with an ice-cream! A big thank you to Trethorne and our parent volunteers for their hard work. The children had a great



Plymouth Argyle Tour



Year 6 were treated to a fantastic tour of Plymouth Argyle Football Club on Wednesday 17th May by Gary Jeffery from PAFC - Community Trust. Not only did we get the opportunity to sit in the 'best' seats in this stadium, but we also got to explore behind the scenes, which was great. A massive thank you to Mrs Murphy for arranging this trip and to Gary for taking time out of his busy schedule. (see our Class blog for more photos from the tour).

Cats Protection

On Wednesday the 17th May we had a visit from the Cats Protection. Did you know that they rescued 45,000 cats in 2016? We learnt that a cat who has a litter of 5 kittens could result in 20,000cats over 5 years if not neutered. Please make sure your cats are microchipped and you keep your details up to date so they can be returned to you if they get lost.

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BBC Flog It

Flog It will be holding a valuation day event at Boconnoc House on Thursday 1st June between 9.30am and 4pm. You are invited to take along your antiques and collectables and have them valued free of charge by their team of experts. You may even be selected for filming!