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# St Stephens Community Academy Fortnightly Family Newsletter

*"Together towards a bright, positive and successful future"*



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Dear Parents

Welcome back from Half Term. I would like to say a big thank you to all the parents who attended parent meetings in the week before half term. It was such a great attendance. It was also great to see parents access all the services the pastoral team offer to all families. We received really positive feedback on our communication methods from parents to governors. The office are now using gateway which is running very successfully. Children have been busy with ADMAT events and on Monday 14th we are visiting the Town Hall to see a performance of Peter Pan. Please do follow our Twitter feed as we continue to share our events, successes and celebrations from the whole school. Please can we remind parents of the important of your child's attendance at school. We do monitor this very closely in our weekly assemblies and at the end of year term we will be offering 100% attendance badges as part of our celebrations. At the end of Last term we rewarded the half termly writer and mathematician. Their work will be displayed. Miss Taylor Head of School.

## Academy School Improvement

We have spent the last fortnight on teacher's performance management for this year's annual cycle. As part of that our focus is on our new professional development training on visible learning. To find out more look at the links through our twitter feed. Thank you.

### Attendance

Wk Ending 21st Oct 16

<b>CLASS F</b>	<b>95.7 %</b>
<b>CLASS 1</b>	<b>92.7 %</b>
<b>CLASS 2</b>	<b>92.7 %</b>
<b>CLASS 3</b>	<b>97.1 %</b>
<b>CLASS 4</b>	<b>86.7 %</b>
<b>CLASS 5</b>	<b>96 %</b>
<b>CLASS 6</b>	<b>98.4 %</b>
<b>CLASS 7</b>	<b>82.2 %</b>

### Class 3– Spanish Day

Through hard work selling cakes, Class 3 raised enough money to have a very special visitor come to visit their class. Zaida, a fantastic Spanish teacher, spent the afternoon with Class 3 carrying out a range of fun-filled Spanish activities. The children learned all about numbers, colours and names for parts of the body in Spanish. It was a fantastic and incredibly rewarding afternoon.

"I enjoyed learning about Spanish colours with the scarves. It looked very beautiful when we were singing the song." - Jersey

"I enjoyed learning about body parts through the songs. It was very funny to be walking around like monsters." - Oscar



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### ADMAT

We have kindly asked that parents donate £5 towards the transport for our trust event. Please note that this donation is not towards residential or wider area trips. We charge for transport on mini buses to cover our costs of having them. If we were to use a commercial transport company the costs are at least double if not triple so we are working hard to reduce the costs to you.

### Car Parking

It has been brought to our attention that some parents are using our car park to pick up and drop. Please can we remind parents that the car park is only for use to staff and parents who have been provided with car passes. We have very limited space and would appreciate your co-operation with this. Thank you.

### School Gateway

It has come to our attention that some of our parents may have concerns that money is taken straight from your account without your permission. We can assure you that this does not happen and payments will only be taken once you have requested to pay and checked out. Please feel free to come and see us in the office if you would like to discuss this matter.

### Unicef

This week in school we have been focusing on **Article 15** of the Convention on the Rights of a Child: *'Every child has the right to meet with other children and to join groups and organisations, as long as this does not stop people from enjoying their rights.'*

We are going to be thinking about our rights in our weekly assembly and linking the Articles to the news story we are discussing. Our first Unicef meeting for this half term will be held next Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November.

### A Big Thank You

We would like to thank Premier Foods, Ambrosia Creamery for their very kind donation of £125.00. This money has helped us purchase a full set of water proofs for the ARB.



### Harvest Festival

Thank you to everyone who donated produce for our Harvest Festival the last week of term. I am pleased to tell you that we raised £54.06 for Launceston Foodbank.

### Operation Christmas Child

This year we have decided to take part in the worldwide event that is Operation Christmas Child. There are hundreds of underprivileged children around the world; therefore to make their Christmas a little bit more special we can help by donating a Christmas shoebox.

A Christmas shoebox is filled with gifts for an underprivileged child which they can open on Christmas day. We would love for as many families as possible to create a Christmas shoebox for an underprivileged child. All you need to do is to take a shoebox (ShoeZone has lots of empty shoeboxes that they can give you) and decorate it with Christmas paper. You then need to fill the shoebox full of gifts for either a boy or a girl.

You have also been given leaflet with some suggestions on what to put inside. Once you have filled the shoebox, bring it into reception by Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November. We would be delighted if you would be a part of this wonderful opportunity to make an underprivileged child's Christmas that extra bit special.

## Diary Dates

Date	Event	Time	Year Group
7 <sup>th</sup> Nov to 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Cooking with Chartwells		1 to 6
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Bikeability		6
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Tag Rugby @ Launceston College	1.30pm to 3.30pm	
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Peter Pan		1 to 6
Tue 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Trip to Vanstone's Garage	9.30am	F
Tue 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Dance at Launceston College		3/4
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Bikeability		6
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Children in Need – Sports		
Thurs 17th Nov	Christmas Boxes Deadline		
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Road Safety Awareness Week		
Wed 23rd Nov	Tea and Coffee with Parent/Governors/ Pastoral	2.30pm	
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Bikeability		6
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov	PTFA Christmas Shopping Evening & Santa		
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Flu Vaccination		1/2/3
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Spanish Afternoon Parents welcome	2.30pm	3
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Dress Rehearsal-Nativity		KS1
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Nativity – tickets only	9.30 am	Parents Welcome Tickets only
Wed 7th Dec	Tea and Coffee with Parent/Governors/ Pastoral	2.30pm	
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Nativity – tickets only	9.30am	Parents Welcome Tickets only
Tue 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Carol Service at St Stephens Church, mince pies back at school afterwards – parents welcome	PM	KS2
Friday 16th Dec	Last Day of term		
Tuesday 3rd Jan	First day of Spring Term		