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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/Carers,

Well where did that half term go?

Since my last newsletter we've had another two weeks full of rich learning opportunities from our core areas of Maths and English to the Foundation subjects including P.E, Science, and Art. It has been wonderful to see so much learning being transferred to outside during this beautiful weather –long may it continue. A polite reminder to remember to send your child in with a drinks bottle, hat and sun cream every day– its hot during the lunch times even in the shade of the trees in our wonderful playing field.

At St Stephens we are preparing our pupils for their future ambitions and careers. With this in mind I was delighted to be approached by a parent this week asking about having a careers week / days at school where parents could come in and talk about their jobs and what qualifications they need in the world of work. **If you would be interested in sparing a few moments of your time to share your work experiences with the children we would be delighted to welcome you. Please see the form attached with this newsletter and send any reply slips into the main office. There is so much talent and skill in our community it would be fabulous to share it with 'our future ' citizens.**

Please keep checking our website, Twitter feed and class blogs to find out about all our learning here at St Stephens!

**Dates for your diaries are also on this newsletter-the next half term is always busy-so make sure you don't miss anything.**

Last but not least may I wish you and your families a wonderful and hopefully sunny half term break together creating new memories and relaxing together. Please make sure you keep on reading with your children ...new Accelerated Reader prizes next half term-look in the newsletter to find out who were the lucky winners this time!

*Maura Furber*

## Attendance

Week Ending 17May

CLASS F	96.7%
CLASS 1	97.4%
CLASS 2	96.9%
CLASS 3	94.1%
CLASS 4	95.8%
CLASS 5	93.7%
CLASS 6	95.6%
CLASS 7	78.0%

## School Improvement

A huge thank you to our wonderful PTFA for providing the funds for us to purchase two beautiful wooden planters, compost and plants to create a beautiful welcome to our school. Many thanks to our super gardeners for potting and planting in a symmetrical fashion!



A HUGE thank you must also go to Mr Wilson, our Site Manager, for painting and clearing our ICT Suite ready for a revamp over the half term: new carpets, electrical work, new computer benches and we also excitedly await 30 brand new computers for the suite. ICT fit for the modern world of work.

Photos to follow next term!



## Town Mayor Choosing

On Thursday 16th May our four House Captains attended the Mayor Choosing Ceremony at Launceston Town Hall. They observed the official procession into the Town Hall, Call for Silence from the Town Crier, the appointment of officials and evidence of key priorities for the town including the library and St Stephens Church. The House Captains behaved impeccably and were rewarded with a feast to take home with them by Councillor Margaret Young



Great British Values in Action.

## Year F—Healthy Eating!

Inspired by the class text "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" by Eric Carle Year F explored healthy eating last week. They had the opportunity to taste a variety of delicious fruit and vegetables. They then picked some



more pieces of fruit and vegetables of their choice to create an image on a wrap. Finally, they enjoyed eating their wraps as a healthy afternoon snack. Thank you to our fabulous kitchen staff Lorraine and Sharon for organising and sharing their food knowledge

## Gardening in Pre School



In Pre-School the children have been busy planting sunflowers and beans. They are monitoring how the plants grow and change.



*This week, two teams of children took part in the Tennis Multi-Skills Competition at Launceston College. Not only were we immensely proud that both groups came Runners Up in their competitions but their stamina, team spirit and high aspirations were truly commendable.*

*Well done St Stephens we are so proud of your sporting achievements.*



## Accelerated Reader 1st Prize Draw

The children have fully immersed themselves in our new Accelerated Reader programme and are so proud of their achievements—especially when they receive a raffle ticket for gaining 100% in their book quiz. Today we did the first prize draw—these will take place half termly! The lucky winners this time were **Hayden in Year 4 and Hollie in Year 2**

A HUGE thank you to Launceston Steam Railway who provided a free family ticket for a trip on the train and I Bounce for a free trampoline session. We are thrilled that our community is backing our reading developments.



## Outdoor Holiday Club@Lawhitton

### MAY HALF TERM

For children

aged 5-11 years

28/5/19

Monday - Bank Holiday (No Holiday Club)

Tuesday - Our small fishing boat needs some repairs and a new paint job! Use real tools and learn new carpentry skills to renovate the boat.

Wednesday - Campfire cooking, making pizza in our Dutch oven.

Thursday - First Aid in the woods. Making stretchers and learn how to survive in the woodland.

Friday - Slackline Experience. Learn to balance and walk the tightrope on our new slackline.

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## Maths Mastery

This week Classes F and 1 welcomed teachers from 5 different schools to their maths lesson as part of



the Teaching for Maths Mastery programme. The pupils were actively engaged in a variety of activities focussing on Number: they were confident in their talk about number and were able to represent numbers in a variety of ways. The participants were highly complementary about the learning observed ...' Lovely lessons, thank you, the children were clearly enjoying the activities', ' very enlightening ', ' It was really useful, I will be using lots of the ideas I have seen.'



## Dates for your diary

27th May to 3rd June—Half Term (**back Tuesday 4th June**)

W/C 10th June—Y1/2 Phonics Screening

W/C 17th June—Science Week

19th –21st June—Y6 Residential

20th June—Science Adventure Show (whole school)

22nd June—PTFA Summer Fair

24th June—KS1 Sports Day

(Reserve date 1st July)

25th June—KS2 Sports Day (Reserve date 2nd July)

10th July—End of Year Reports available to Parents

15th July—KS1 Beach Trip

15th /16th July—Transition dates Year 6 attending Launceston College.

16th July—meet your child's new teacher meetings (after school)

23rd July 2pm-3pm—Leavers Assembly

24th July—**Last day of term**



As part of their topic on '**Mini-beasts and Life-Cycles**', Year F have been looking after some very precious items in their class. They have been waiting for their 6 eggs to hatch some chicks as well as observing their caterpillars turn into butterflies. While they have been waiting patiently for these changes to occur, they have been learning all about the life-cycles of chicks, butterflies and frogs! After their eggs had hatched, they had the opportunity to hold a chick and discuss their features as well as feeling how soft they were!



## Eco Club competition



We are running a competition to encourage our school community to reuse products in order to reduce waste and be kinder to our planet. The recycled product can have any purpose—it can be practical and/or decorative. Be imaginative! There will be a prize for the most imaginative and creative invention. It would be great if we could showcase our innovations around the school!

Deadline Friday 14th June.  
Get Creating!



## Crazy Hair Day

Wow what an amazing effort by all the children today! Thank you to all the parents who supported our PTFA fundraiser. Every penny raised goes towards enrichment activities and resources for your children.



A HUGE thank you one and all. The total raised today so far is:

**£135!**



## ARB

After Easter the children in Class 7 were presented with an Easter Egg each from the Moorlander Motorcycle Club. This group hold an Easter run every year and attract a huge turnout in aid for local children's charities. **A huge thank you to all the riders at MCC!**

Some of the learning in Class 7 so far this term includes: fractions- finding  $\frac{1}{3}$ , pencil control, fine motor skills, sorting and patterns. In **Wild Tribe** we had great fun rolling cars with painted wheels on down a hill.



Finally, this term the active with the use of has finished.

children have been enjoying Musical Farmhouse with Jo. The sessions are inter-puppets and instruments. We aim to continue this type of music session once Jo

## Visit to Trethorne

**Class F** enjoyed a fabulous trip to Trethorne on Thursday as part of their life cycle topic. They had the opportunity to do several activities including riding a pony, holding rabbits and guinea pigs in the petting area, visiting animals in the barn and using the play equipment. A great day was had by all! They represented St Stephen's beautifully and were a credit to the school. Well done Class F.



## Pre School—Crazy Hair Day!

Thank you for taking the time to create crazy hairstyles today, the children have loved showing off their wild and wacky styles, the money raised from this will go towards the PTFA fund, our PTFA are amazing and work tirelessly to raise money for fabulous enrichment activities and much needed resources.



## Expression of Interest: Careers Talks

I would be interested in coming in to speak to the children about my job and the qualifications / training / experience required to do it.

Name: .....

Job: .....

Child/ren in school: .....

Preferred time of day: .....