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Multi Academy Trust

# St Stephens Community Academy Fortnightly Family Newsletter



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

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Dear Parents

What another busy two weeks. Well done to the children for their behaviour during our ADMAT theatre event at Peter Pan. It was a great performance and it was lovely to share our experiences with St Catherine's. The children have also been very busy with their ADMAT events this term and are making great links within the community of schools. Pupil Forum and UNICEF continue to be very active in their group meetings which is informing school provision. We have had some new infrastructure in place over the weekend so our wireless connection is running better and some new ICT equipment. We continue to work with our partners Chartwells who hosted three days of cooking events for the school. They were also in again last Friday to work with Pupil Forum and UNICEF to create fruit salad for the kitchen. You may hear from the Pastoral Team over the next few weeks and we need to ensure that we have seen/ spoken to our families about their child's learning in school before the end of term. Keep following us on twitter as our visible learning journey is really starting now! Regards, Miss Taylor Head of School.

### Academy School Improvement

We had our School Improvement Partner Liz Brandt visit us on Tuesday. We had a very positive meeting with her about the school progress and attainment data. She was pleased to see what Senior Leaders' were saying about the school, matched what she saw as she toured the school. A big well done to the St Stephens team of staff for this.

### Attendance

Wk Ending 11th Nov

CLASS F	96.1%
CLASS 1	97.3%
CLASS 2	98.6%
CLASS 3	94.6%
CLASS 4	94.8%
CLASS 5	96.3%
CLASS 6	94.4%
CLASS 7	95%

### Moving On

It is with great sadness that we have to say farewell to Mrs Fisher in the office. She works very hard at St Stephens and always goes the extra mile. She is leaving on Friday 2nd December to start a new job near to her home. We wish her all the best in her future endeavours. She will be greatly missed by all the staff and children at St Stephens Community Academy. However, in our community of schools we will be keeping in touch. Mrs Brent will be joined by a new member from St Catherine's in the short term until we have a new member of staff.

### Children Learning Meetings

We cannot stress enough how important it is that you come into school to meet with your child's class teacher or pastoral team to talk about your child's learning. If you cannot come in we are very happy to come and visit you at your home. If we have not seen you this term you will be receiving a letter or phone call to book a time to come and visit you at home. It is essential that you meet with us to discuss your child's learning.

### Free Tea and Cakes!

We are also hosting tea and cake with our pastoral team on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> from 2.30pm in our meeting room. We are aiming to host these gathering every three weeks. Please do come and have a chat in the warm with us rather than being cold in your car waiting at the end of the day.



### Thank You

Thank you to Gareth Lancaster, KV Designs and Hayley Lankston, Dollybird Bakes who have given us a large banner to showcase all our events. You will see the banner now outside of our school every time a special event is taking place. Also look out for us in the paper as we thank them and their companies for this free gift to the school. We continue to work with our community partners and are very grateful for the support for the children in our care.

### Unicef

This week in school we have been focusing on **Article 14** of the Convention on the Rights of a Child: *‘Every child has the right to think and believe what they want and to practise their religion, as long as they are not stopping other people from enjoying their rights.’*

We are working with Pupil Forum next week to focus on Road Safety Awareness Week. Classes will be learning about how and why we need to stay safe on the roads. We will be having a visit from a local PCSO during one of our assemblies to talk about this issue. **On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November, we are holding a fundraiser called a ‘Bright Day’, linked to being seen on the road. Children can come to school on that day dressed in their brightest clothes and pay a £1 donation. All the money raised will be going to the charity ‘Brake’.** This charity organises ‘Road Safety Awareness Week’ and, amongst many other things, supports bereaved families who have lost family members or friends through accidents on the road. Many thanks.

### Would you like to come and experience a school lunch with your child/ren?

We are inviting parents in to school to eat a school meal with their child/ren the week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017. School meals will be charged at £1.20 and must be paid in advanced.

You will need to pre order lunches with the school office.

Parents are invited in on the following days

Year Group	Day
Year F and Pre School	Monday
Year 1 and Year 2	Tuesday
Year 3 and Year 4	Wednesday
Year 5 and Year 6	Thursday
ARB & Governors	Friday

When you have time have a look at this new website, full of new and interesting features.

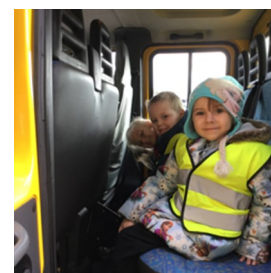
This is a parent facing Chartwells website that is mobile-friendly and features:

- Menus updates and info on theme days
- Local school meal news and events
- FAQs and key contacts
- Online ordering links where applicable
- Nutritional information

[www.loveschoolmeals.co.uk](http://www.loveschoolmeals.co.uk)

### Class F—Garage Visit

On Tuesday 15th November Year F visited Vanstone’s Garage in Newport Industrial Estate as their class topic is ‘Cars’. The children had the opportunity to have a tour of the different parts of the garage and learn about the different jobs involved in being a mechanic. They learnt many things including how a tyre is changed, how a car is spray painted as well as asking the questions which they had thought of in class. The children loved looking and sitting in the Vanstone’s tow truck and learning about how they help members of the public who have broken down! A big thank you to Vanstone’s garage for allowing Year F to visit and taking the time out of their busy day to talk to us. The children learnt lots, listened well and behaved wonderfully. Finally, a big thank you to our parent helpers for coming on the trip with us.



### **School Gateway – Outstanding Payments**

Please can we remind parents that we require payment in advance for school dinners, breakfast club, preschool fees, clothing and trips.

We currently have a number of parents not following this rule and if they continue to do so will be refused school dinners, admission to breakfast club and preschool.

We would like to work with you so if you do find yourself struggling to pay please contact us, we can always arrange a payment plan with you. Please don't ignore it.

### **Looking for 1:1 Readers**

Do you have an afternoon a week free to come in and listen to children read?

If you do and are interested in helping please let the school office know. Many thanks.

### **Non Uniform Day**

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### **No Smoking/No Dogs on School Premises**

Can we please remind parents that our school site is **NO SMOKING**.

We also do not allow dogs on site at any time of the day.

### **Outdoor Learning Day**

#### **Wednesday 23rd November**

Coming next week, whole-school outdoor learning day, 23rd November - please wear old clothes, wellies & waterproofs!

### **Sports Leaders—Funding**

Are there any parents/companies out there who would kindly like to donate/sponsor St Stephens Community Academy Yr5/6 Sports Leaders kit? Sharon Baxter and Jacob Masters would like to be able to provide them with a Sport Leader unisex top and hoodie. On each top they would like to have St Stephens Logo and Sport Leader Team written on the back. If you require further information please see either Sharon Baxter or Jacob Masters. Many thanks.

### **ADMAT Events**

Thank you to the Town Hall and M and M for our ADMAT visit to see Peter Pan. It was great to join with St Catherine's. Please see a photo of Miss Goodman joining in the production. Next year will be Cinderella. We are hoping for Year 5 and 6 to see Wizard of Oz in the Summer months.







### Tag Rugby

The Year 5/6 tag rugby team took part in a tag rugby festival at Launceston College last week. They won two, drew one and lost one. A fantastic performance - well done to all of those who took part.

### Christmas Child—Shoe Box Appeal

A massive well done on the Shoe Box Appeal we have 44 boxes waiting to be collected later today!

### Christmas Lunch—Wednesday 14th December

Christmas lunch will need to be pre booked for any child wishing to have one. Payment will be required via the Gateway even if your child changes their mind on the day.

Please look out for the booking form that will be sent out shortly.

## THE CORNISH WINTER FAIR

Inc. Wadebridge Prime Stock Show

Join us for a celebration of the best of Cornish farming & food

Cattle & Sheep Showing Classes

Produce, Cookery, Art & Craft Competitions

Cornish Food & Drink Stands

Meet Farm Animals Up Close

Quality Local Craft & Art Stands

'Have a Go' at Milking a Cow or Grooming a Pony

Meet Father Christmas in his Grotto



**Saturday 19th November 2016**  
10am - 5pm Royal Cornwall Events Centre, Wadebridge

**FREE ENTRY**

More info? Call 01208 814489 or visit:  
[www.royalcornwall.co.uk/cornish-winter-fair](http://www.royalcornwall.co.uk/cornish-winter-fair)

Farming ❄️ Food ❄️ Drink ❄️ Crafts



### Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 14th December

Farm Assured Roast Turkey

Or

Vegetarian Yule Log

Traditional Sage and Onion Stuffing

Chipolata Sausage

Roast Gravy

Roast Potatoes

Honey Roast Parsnips

Farm Fresh Button Sprouts

Carrots & Peas

Festive Shortbread Biscuit with a Clementine

Or

Christmas Sponge and Creamy Custard