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# St Stephens Community Academy Fortnightly Family Newsletter

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



Friday 30th June 2017



Dear Parents,

So pleased we got our sports afternoons in! Thank you so much for your support at these events. The children did so well and it was great to celebrate the house teams this year. Thank you to all the staff for these events. We have been busy with lots of events at Launceston College, Sporting Competitions, class visits and ADMAT events. Well done to our Pupil Forum who have achieved the Silver Award this year for all their hard work. Super congratulations to Miss Goodman for this. We hope to be able to share staffing with you in the next newsletter ready for transition day on Tuesday 18th July and the various transition meetings for parents in the week of the 17th July. Sadly we have had to postpone our Outdoor Learning Day, but hopefully the weather works for our new date. Children do need to come in outdoor clothing that day. School Reports will be out on Friday 14th July 2017.

Regards, Mrs Saunders

**Academy School Improvement:** We have been busy moderating and ensuring our data is accurate to submit to county. We are so pleased with our data results this year for Foundation, Year One Phonics, Year Two and our Year Six Teacher Assessment. We await the SATs results for Year Six. Our staff have worked incredibly hard this year and the impact is to be seen. Well done everyone.

## Attendance

Wk Ending  
23rd June 2016

CLASS F	94.6%
CLASS 1	93.1%
CLASS 2	93.4%
CLASS 3	98.0%
CLASS 4	92.4%
CLASS 5	95.0%
CLASS 6	92.3%
CLASS 7	98.6%

## Key Diary Dates

Mon-Weds 3rd-5th July	Year 6 PGL Residential
Mon 3rd July	Outdoor Learning Day
Thurs 6th July 2pm-3pm	KS1 Music performance for parents
Fri 7th July 9am	Year 5 ADMAT Event, North Petherwin
Fri 7th July	Year 6 Launceston College Spanish Festival
Weds-Fri 12th-14th July	KS1 Teddy Bears Picnics
Thurs-Fri 13th-14th July	Year 4 Slapton Sands Residential
Thurs 13th July 7pm	Year 6 into 7 Parents Evening Launceston College
Fri 14th July	Friendship Team cake sale
Fri 14th July 9am	Year 6 ADMAT Event, North Petherwin
Fri 14th July 1pm	Year 6 Launceston College, School of Rock
Fri 14th July	Reports home to parents



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## Absence

We are reaching the end of term where we will be celebrating high attendance for the term and whole year.

Did you know that if your child has attendance for the year of 90% they will have been absent for 19 days of school, that's almost four weeks! That's a lot of learning and social time that they will have missed out on and research shows that attendance below 95% may effect a pupil's educational outcomes, for example the grades they get at GCSE level!

Aiming to keep your child's attendance above 95% will help them succeed at school and beyond, so please support your child in achieving the best attendance they can.

## Visit Payments– Events will be cancelled if we do not have enough money

Please note that due to government funding cuts we cannot support trips and events next year. All money will have to be in two weeks before an events e.g, trip or residential. Without enough funds the trip will be cancelled. Whist we acknowledge trip payments are a donation we cannot afford to run trips without these contributions. If you would like to your child and class to take part in events please ensure that you pay. Please note that the pre school, breakfast club or school meal payments have to be made and we can issue payment warnings for this and take legal proceedings. Finally, please note that after school clubs will most likely have a payment to cover the adult leading the event in future. We will have more information on this next year.

## Paralympic Event

Congratulations to all of the children at St Stephens for a fantastic Sports for Schools Paralympic event. In total we raised **£602.20**, an amazing amount of sponsorship money. The school will gain a large percentage of all money raised for purchasing new PE Equipment and many young British athletes will receive financial assistance towards their future training expenses and development. We also hope all of the children that raised some money enjoyed their amazing prizes.



## KS2 Sports Afternoon

On Tuesday **KS2** enjoyed a very exciting Sports Day, finishing just before the rain!

All pupils demonstrated resilience and reciprocity throughout the event and the smiles on faces said it all. There was a great atmosphere with pupils supporting their fellow house team members throughout. The scores were close, with Roundhouse and Priory drawing in first place with 125 points each. As Roundhouse had won the KS1 event, they were the overall winners this year.



We would like to thank everyone who helped to make the afternoon a big success.

*Roundhouse House  
Captain - Jack and Priory  
House Captain - Evie*

## Well done and Congratulations to Miss Goodman.

It is with sadness we have to say goodbye to Miss Goodman who is off to extend her teaching experience at another school as part of her professional development, as well as it being closer to home. We have thoroughly enjoyed Miss Goodman being at St Stephens and wish her well.

We have appointed! Mr David Hunt will join our Key Stage Two team. We are very excited as he will be coming to lead computing for us. He will be available for the transition day and meetings.

### KS1 Teddy Bear's Picnic



On Friday 14th July, Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 will be hosting a Teddy Bears Picnic. In the days leading up to the event the children will be baking and cooking a variety of different food for the picnic, with the support from some members of staff from Chartwells. We would like to invite parents and carers to join us for the picnic which will run from 2:15 - 3:10. You are more than welcome to bring along your own picnic to eat alongside the children.

### UNICEF

This week in school we have been focusing on **Article 28** of the Convention on the Rights of a Child: *'Every child has the right to an education.'*

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

**Nicholas (Year 4)** for showing great learning skills within his times tables challenges.

**Evie (Year 5)** for always doing the right thing and following the class charter.

**Well done to Nicholas and Evie and all the children who were nominated by their class over the past two weeks!**

### KS1 Sports Day

On Monday the children from Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 took part in our annual sports day. The children competed in races such as egg and spoon, sack, sprint, pick up and drop, obstacle and relay. All of the children showed fantastic team work and resilience. It was the first year that the children were racing and collecting points for their house team. Well done to Roundhouse who were the winners this year.



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### Pre School

Thank you to those parents who attended our healthy snack sessions, your children were very excited to see you there. There is still time to speak to one of the team before we finish for the summer holiday. To arrange a visit please speak to your child's key person and we will do our best to accommodate you.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that Pre-School finishes for the summer holiday on Friday 21st July. We will be holding a coffee morning for the parents and children who are leaving us for 'big school' on Monday 24th July, invites to follow.

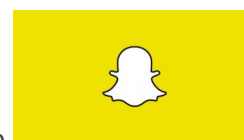


### Snap Chat

You may be aware through the media that the app 'snap chat' has updated its features. We would advise all primary children to not have this app but if your child does have this app please use the link to Newsround to help you understand more about 'snap chat's' new features called 'snap maps'. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/40415706>. In order to ensure that people cannot track your child's location they need to enable the feature in 'Ghost Mode' this will ensure that it is not public information. Like with any social media app or feature we strongly advise parents to watch your child's use of technology and ensure safe and sensible use.

Key Information:

#### How to switch off Snap Map location sharing



When in photo-taking mode, pinch the screen to open Snap Map

Touch the settings cog in the top right corner of the screen

Tap "Ghost Mode" to switch off location sharing

Photos and videos posted to Snapchat's public 'Our Story' will still be discoverable on the map



We entered **SSCA** into a competition run by Premier League Primary Stars to win some free PE equipment and we were one of the winners. We have won 'The equipment package', which includes: a roller bag, 16 bibs, 15 training balls, 4 pop-up goals, a whistle, a ball pump, a captain's armband, 10 hoops, 14 cones, 30 bean bags, 5 giant dice and 76 floor markers. Equipment will arrive in September and will be a great addition to the excellent resources that the school has already.



**Premier League  
Primary Stars**

## FREE TASTER SESSIONS

Saturday 15th and Sunday 23rd July @ Launceston FC

12:30pm - 2pm  
September  
School  
Years

2,3,4,5



2:30pm - 4pm  
September  
School  
Years

6,7,8,9



**Celebrate The FA Girls' Football Week with two free taster sessions with a Level 2 qualified coach.**  
Contact Zoe for information: 07939087083



## SEND Local Area Inspection – Webinar for Parents / Carers

Dear colleagues,

As part of the Inspection of Cornwall Council local area's effectiveness in identifying and meeting the needs of, and improving outcomes for, children and young people who have special educational needs and/or disabilities from 3 July 2017 to 7 July 2017, Ofsted will host an online webinar to allow parents and carers to contribute.

The webinar will take place at **1.30 pm on Friday, 30 June 2017**. It will be led by the lead inspector, Nigel Evans HMI, who will ask parents and carers about their views and experiences on how effectively Cornwall Council is fulfilling the above responsibilities.

Please therefore find below a link to our web page which is promoting the webinar; there is a link on the page for parents / carers to register prior to the webinar taking place. This is also linked from the Cornwall Council Home Page Carousel.

<http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/education-and-learning/cornwall-send-area-inspection>

Please ensure that this information is shared with parents / carers with children and young people with SEND for your setting. You may wish to add a link to your website. We will be adding this to Cornwall Council's Facebook and Twitter feeds tomorrow and you may also wish to share these on your social media feeds.

All the best

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IS YOUR CHILD A BIG STAR IN A PINT-SIZED PACKAGE?



THEN **LITTLE BIG SHOTS** WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Dawn French is back for a second exciting series of the extraordinary *Little Big Shots*. It's the primetime entertainment show that celebrates young talent from all over the world. Open to 3 to 13 year olds, this is not a competition, there are no prizes & no judges – it's simply a chance to showcase awe-inspiring skills, the downright cute & the fabulously funny.

From dancing demons to sassy stand-ups, musical maestros to impressive impressionists... and more... Sweet soul singers! Sporting superstars! Baby-faced brainboxes! We don't mind what the skill or talent is, we just want the best that the UK has to offer.

You don't need to have a professional act (but we love those too); we just want to spend time in the company of children who have something they love doing & want to share it with Dawn on the *Little Big Shots* stage.

*Little Big Shots* will be back on ITV soon, so parents, if your child has a sensational skill, can make us laugh... or maybe both... & would like to take part please visit:

<http://www.walltowall.co.uk/castings.aspx>

Please return applications as soon as possible, applications close at midnight on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2017 (The Producer reserves the right to extend the closing date at its sole discretion).

ITV participation T&Cs can be found here <http://www.itv.com/terms/programmes/typo/programmes/recruitment/terms>

**Launceston Library** are coming in to talk to the children soon about their Summer Reading Challenge!

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