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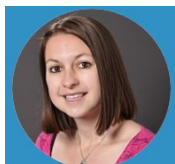
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# St Stephens Community Academy Fortnightly Family Newsletter

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



Friday 20th July 2018



Dear Parents, Well we have had another busy but successful year. We would like to thank everyone for their support during this year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff for their endless hard work far reaching beyond the 9-3pm of the day. We all wish you a very peaceful and enjoyable summer holiday. Enjoy spending time together making lots of memories. We look forward to seeing you back on Thursday 6th September 2018.

## Goodbye and Good Luck!

We are sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs Hine, Mrs Cornelius and Mrs Bailey at the end of this year. They have all worked extremely hard at St Stephens and will be very missed. Good luck from us all on your new ventures!

## Key Diary Dates

Sat 21 July	PTFA Summer Fayre
Mon 23 July	Leavers Assembly
Tues 24 July	Last day of Term
Tues 4th September	School Closed—Inset Day
Weds 5th September	School Closed—Inset Day
<b>Thurs 6th September</b>	<b>First Day of Term</b>

## Attendance

Wk Ending  
13th July 2018

<b>CLASS F</b>	<b>91.4%</b>
<b>CLASS 1</b>	<b>97.3%</b>
<b>CLASS 2</b>	<b>99.7%</b>
<b>CLASS 3</b>	<b>97.0%</b>
<b>CLASS 4</b>	<b>99.3%</b>
<b>CLASS 5</b>	<b>95.9%</b>
<b>CLASS 6</b>	<b>99.3%</b>
<b>CLASS 7</b>	<b>91.4%</b>

## Pre School



We have arrived at 'that time of year' again when the children are ready to move on to 'big school'. All the team would like to say a big goodbye and good luck to all of the children that have been in our care. We have loved being with them and have felt privileged that you chose our setting for their early years education. We are looking forward to the coffee morning on Tuesday at 9.30 a.m. for you and your child.

Just a reminder to all our families that will be with us in September, we finish Pre-School on Monday 23rd July and will be looking forward to seeing you all again on Thursday 6th September.

## Choir

Well done Choir for going to sing at Cedar Grange last week. The show was enjoyed by all and we will definitely be going back. Thanks Cedar Grange for the amazing biscuits afterwards, and thanks again to Heather Gregory for organising the visit.



### Year 4 Residential



This week, Year 4 went on our residential to Camp Kernow. The children thoroughly enjoyed a wide range of activities including:

archery, climbing, woodland skills and the natural dying of cloth. The site is completely off-grid which was quite an experience! The children even had the opportunity to forage and cook their own food. They also listened to Cornish stories told by a traditional woodsman whilst waiting to watch the bats in their natural habitat.



### Recording Session

On Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>, some of our talented St Stephens performers went to the Live Wire Youth recording studios in Saltash. After many re-takes and a lot of fiddling with technology, the two amazing sound guys had put together a CD with 10 tracks on it. Here is a list :



Oscar – Back in Black, Thunderstruck and Rock & Roll;  
Adam – Singing in the Rain; Choir – Song Fest songs;  
Junk Band – Move It; Lily, Adam & Seth – guitar trio.

Well done to the children for a great day, and THANK YOU to our fantastic adult helpers : Pete, Lucia, Laura and Joanne.



### St Stephens in Stratford!

Huge well done to our five Year Five boys who made the trip to Stratford to be a part of the Playmakers' Festival.

Following their fantastic performance at Dingles (four scenes from Macbeth), this piece focussed on the character of Lady Macbeth and her gradual descent into madness after the killing of King Duncan.

This performance was the culmination of two days of rehearsal at Launceston College, where the boys worked extremely hard with Ollie from the Royal Shakespeare Company, as well as students from College, South Petherwin and Egloskerry.

The day was a real whistle-stop tour, with a long journey and very few breaks once there, but all five boys represented the school fantastically well, and gave their best performances.

Well done Cody, Maciej, Dom, Theo and Logan.

Coming up next year ... RSC partnership to perform ROMEO AND JULIET





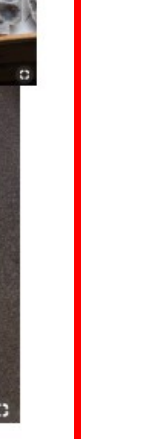
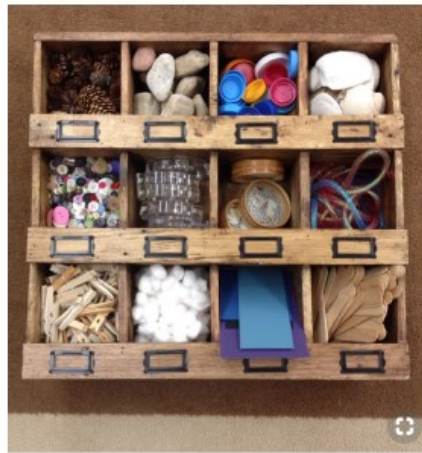
## House Team Elections!

On Friday 13th July, House Team Elections were held at St Stephens - year 6 took the role of election monitors, registered voters and counted the final votes- an exciting process for everyone who completed their voting slip and posted it in the ballot box for their house. Prior to this, the Year 5 candidates presented their election campaigns in a whole school assembly and placed posters around the school to gather support. We would like to say a MASSIVE thank you to the outgoing house captains who have done a marvellous job this year and congratulations to the incoming house captains.



Wanted

Loose parts

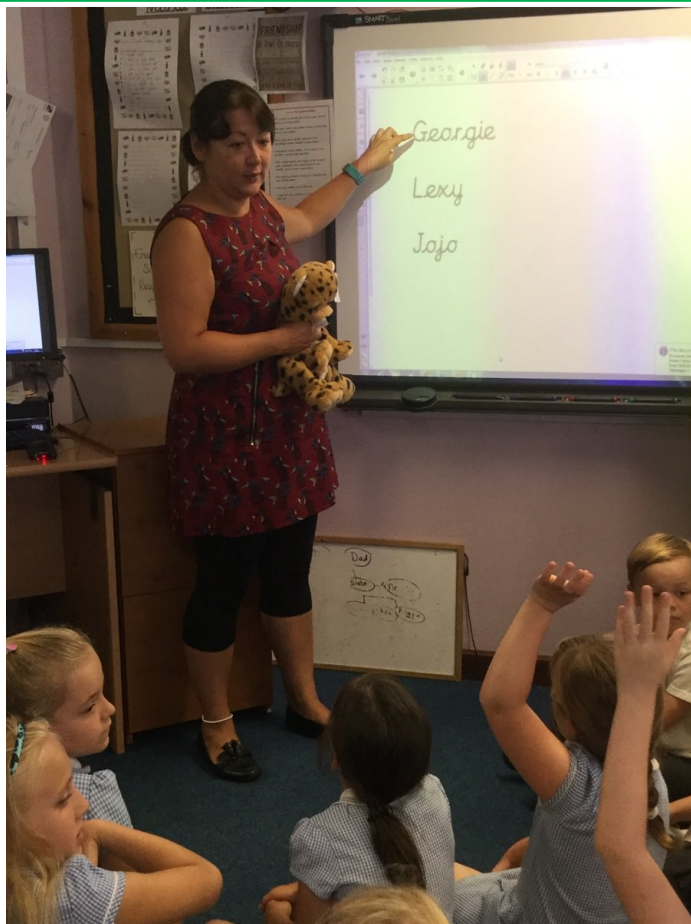


## Key Stage 1 Football

It was fantastic to see so many children take part in the return leg of the KS1 football against St Catherine's. This time it was an away game for St Stephens and resulted in the 10-2 win. Well played to all the children from both schools.







As part of transition week Classes F, 1, 2 and 3 all had the new opportunity to create a class bear, with our visitor Dani. Each class chose which bear they wanted, and all took turns to place wishes inside them. Finally they chose a name for their new class mate! Thank you to Dani for visiting the school and providing such a magical opportunity.

## MASSIVE THANK YOU TO THE PTFA TEAM

It has been a huge amount of work to get the Summer Fair up and running this year – partly our decision to try it on a Saturday! I know that the time given up to the school by all members of the PTFA team, makes it look as though some of them are permanent members of staff! Quite often the answer to 'Where is Laura?', is, 'She is in the school office / in the PTFA cupboard'! So thank you to : Laura O, Katie, Katy, Gareth, Laura P, Tamara, Lindsey, Sam, Helen, Katy C and Zoe, from the school, and that includes for the running of other events such as discos, ice-cream sales, film club nights, tuck shop sales ... the list goes on. Have a lovely, well deserved Summer all of you !



## **KS1 Beach Trip!!**

On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July, KS1 had their annual beach trip to Summerleaze in Bude. Although it rained (as soon as we got off the bus!), it soon cleared, (we all dried out!) and everyone had a super day. We finished the day off with ice-creams before returning back to school. A huge thank

you to the parent volunteers that helped out and made the trip possible.



## Visible Learning Update

Did you know at St Stephens Academy, we have been working closely with our An Daras Schools on a learning journey called 'Visible Learning'? The Visible Learning improvement model is based upon the principles developed by John Hattie's research.

Recently we had a visit from Wendy Delf, our Visible Learning External Mentor with Mrs Saunders, our MAT Visible Learning Leader. Both adults spoke with members of staff, children across the school and looked at our learning environment and children's learning books.

The visitors were pleased with our learning journey but also gave us some recommendations on our Visible Learning Journey for next year. You can find out more information from our website. Our Visible Learning coaches are Mrs Hooper and Mrs Lumby. We hope to share with you our Visible Learning Journey throughout the year next year in our newsletters.

### What is Visible Learning?

Pupils take ownership of their own learning. They know where they are within the curriculum and what their next steps are. Using their goals grids they can track their own progress. The pupils know what to do when they come across something they don't know and have strategies to progress with their learning. Pupils seek feedback and respond to it, and more importantly they give feedback to staff about their teaching.

Pupils are active in their learning and are assessment capable. Assessment Capable Learners can ask and find the answer to: Where am I going? How am I going there? Where to next?

Pupils can employ a range of meta-cognitive strategies developed through a shared language of learning. Pupils see learning as hard work, have a 'can do' approach and a desire to succeed.

Through the introduction of Visible Learning, we encourage children to really challenge themselves. Each class, has a 'learning pit' when they find the learning difficult and challenging. The children talk about where they are with their learning in relation to the pit, and work on strategies and skills to assist in their learning in order to achieve their learning intention and success criteria. We encourage the children to place themselves in the pit as this is where learning is at its best.

Visible learners are able to

- Understand their learning intentions
- Know and are challenged by the success criteria
- Develop a range of learning strategies
- Seek feedback and look for their next steps in learning

## **Girls Football Team**



On Wednesday 11th July, SSCA sent a girls football team to St Joseph's. The girls did fantastically, they finished 4th overall and only let in two goals for the whole competition. As a school we would also like to congratulate Erin on winning player of the tournament!



## **Free eggs!**

We are still looking for people who could either take the chickens away for the Summer Holiday, or come in and help look after them on a rota basis. Thank you!

