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Multi Academy Trust

St Stephens Community Academy Fortnightly Family Newsletter

"Together towards a bright, positive and successful future"



Friday 16th June 2017



Dear Parents,

What a fantastic Friday 9th June with all the children that took part in 'St Stephens got Talent' show after school. We had 22 acts and it was a thoroughly enjoyable event. All walked away with a certificate and the judges had such a hard time choosing the top three. Make sure you get involved next year. The Summer Term is always a busy term of events, so please do check the diary dates. We hope the weather works for us. Good luck to our Year One children who have had to do their phonics screening check starting on Monday 12th June. Please do continue to support our PTFA with various events this Summer Term. I know they are looking for people to help them with some key roles, so please let them or the office know, so that we can continue to have an active PTFA. A big thank you to the PTFA for their £300 donation towards the transport for our Summer Term ADMAT events.

Regards, Mrs Saunders

Academy School Improvement: As ever we have been busy looking at our data to inform practice. We are already planning next year with regards to our Academy Improvement Plan and Provision Maps. We thoroughly enjoy meeting parents and have been taking on board ideas to inform next year. Many of you will be aware of all the media information about school budget cuts and this will be affecting us next year.

Attendance

Wk Ending
9th June 2016

CLASS F	96.4%
CLASS 1	97.4%
CLASS 2	94.9%
CLASS 3	97.1%
CLASS 4	93.5%
CLASS 5	97.1%
CLASS 6	97.1%
CLASS 7	92.9%

Key Diary Dates

Tues 20th June 1.15pm	KS2 Sports Afternoon
Weds 21st June	Year 6 Launceston College English Day
Weds 21st June 9am	Year 3 visit to Truro Museum
Weds 21st June 1.10pm	KS1 Sports Afternoon
Weds 21st June 4pm-5.30pm	KS1 & KS2 Wake and Shake Competition
Fri 23rd June 9am	Foundation Trust Event at Werrington Cricket Club
Fri 23rd June	Pupil Forum Award Ceremony, County Hall, Truro
Mon 26th June	KS1 Back up Sports Afternoon
Tues 27th June	KS2 Back up Sport Afternoon
Thurs 29th June	50 Things Outdoor Learning Day
Fri 30th June 9am	Year 2 Trust Event at North Petherwin
Fri 30th June	PTFA Race Night (tbc)



Absence

We have recently had poor attendance at school with all but one class being below 95%. We work towards the target for each pupil at 97.5%. Please ensure that your child's attendance is 95% or above. If your child falls below 90%, the Education Welfare Officer will pick this up and will issue you a warning letter. Please do remember that holiday authorisation cannot be made. Even if you did not book the holiday and it was accidentally booked by someone else. Please let all your family know this. We can only grant term-time absence in very limited exceptional circumstances, for which there is a very tight criteria. We ask kindly that parents do not discuss this with each other as individual cases are personal and comparisons cannot be made.

Getting ready for the sunshine. Lets Hope!

- * Has your child got their sun hat in school?
- * Has your child put sun cream on before coming to school?
- * Has your child got a full water bottle in school?



Visit Payments

Please remember that all our visits and residentials only happen with your donations. Like any school we do not have a school budget for visits and residentials to fund children. The government allocate schools money for the curriculum only. We like to arrange visits and residentials to expand children's experiences. **As a result we do need your contributions and donations.** We never like to leave children behind but if you cannot contribute towards a residential this would have to be the case. If your child receives FSM and you cannot pay please do contact us early.

A reminder that at St Stephens we do not have **fidget spinners** in school. Whilst we see their value we have children who have been misusing them and therefore causing a danger to themselves and others. The safety of our children is our main focus and it is for this reason that we do not allow them in school. Children are given other strategies to support their concentration skills in school.

SSCA Got Talent



Breath-taking! Dynamic! Amazing! Are some of the words that have been used to describe the fantastic talent show at St. Stephens Community Academy. Children from all ages took to the stage on Friday 9th June to perform in the talent show. There were a vast variety of acts including: singing, dancing, playing musical instruments, and even comedy acts! "It was a fantastic evening!" Says Miss Goodman, a teacher at St. Stephens. "I was completely overwhelmed by the talent and confidence of the children."

The winners were judged on the amount of effort that was put into their performances. The top 3 winners were: Amber - Year 1 (Comedy Act), Ellie - Year 4 (Karate Routine) and Oscar - Year 3 (Drummer).



In the Sunday Times!

Did you know we were mentioned in the Sunday Times for being an 'Outstanding school' in the local area. It is really nice to be recognised for all our hard work that we do here. Have a read- the article is called:

Launceston: a proper market town with wild open space on its doorstep



Coming Soon!

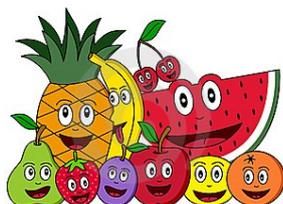
Mrs Hooper will be holding a session for parents to help your child at home with their homework. She will be hosting this on a Friday afternoon for parents in Key Stage Two to come and find out about grammar terms such as conjunctions/ adverbial phrases/ contracted forms. All in a fun and practical way. With tea and biscuits as well!

Pre School



The children have settled back well after the half term holiday and we are all ready for the last few weeks of the summer term. Our school leavers have begun their transition into 'big school', this is a very exciting time for them. Before the half term break we looked after baby caterpillars and watched them transform into cocoons. A big thank you to Tyler and Tommy for looking after them in the holiday and releasing them into the garden.

Our topic for the next few weeks is healthy eating and we would like parents to come and join us for a healthy snack, this will also be an opportunity to talk to your child's key person (date to be confirmed). Please look in the Pre-School entrance for the sign up sheet.



UNICEF

This week in school we have been focusing on **Article 22** of the Convention on the Rights of a Child: *'If a child is a refugee or is seeking refuge, governments must make sure that they have the same rights as any other child. Governments must help in trying to reunite child refugees with their parents.'*

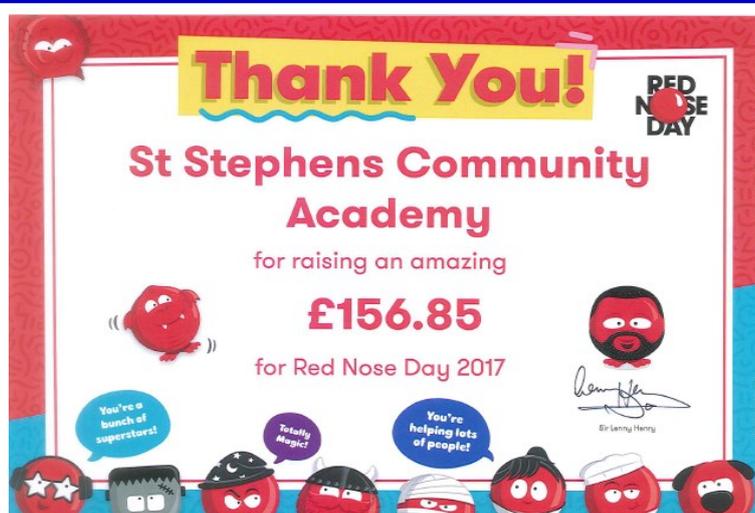
Our school lunch providers 'Chartwells' are now providing the milk for our 'Rights Table' every Friday lunchtime. A big thank you to them for offering to do this.

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

Harry (Year 1) for following instructions and the class charter correctly.
Cameron (Year 6) for losing himself in his learning.

Well done to Harry and Cameron and all the children who were nominated by their class over the past two weeks!

Red
Nose
Day



Lost Property



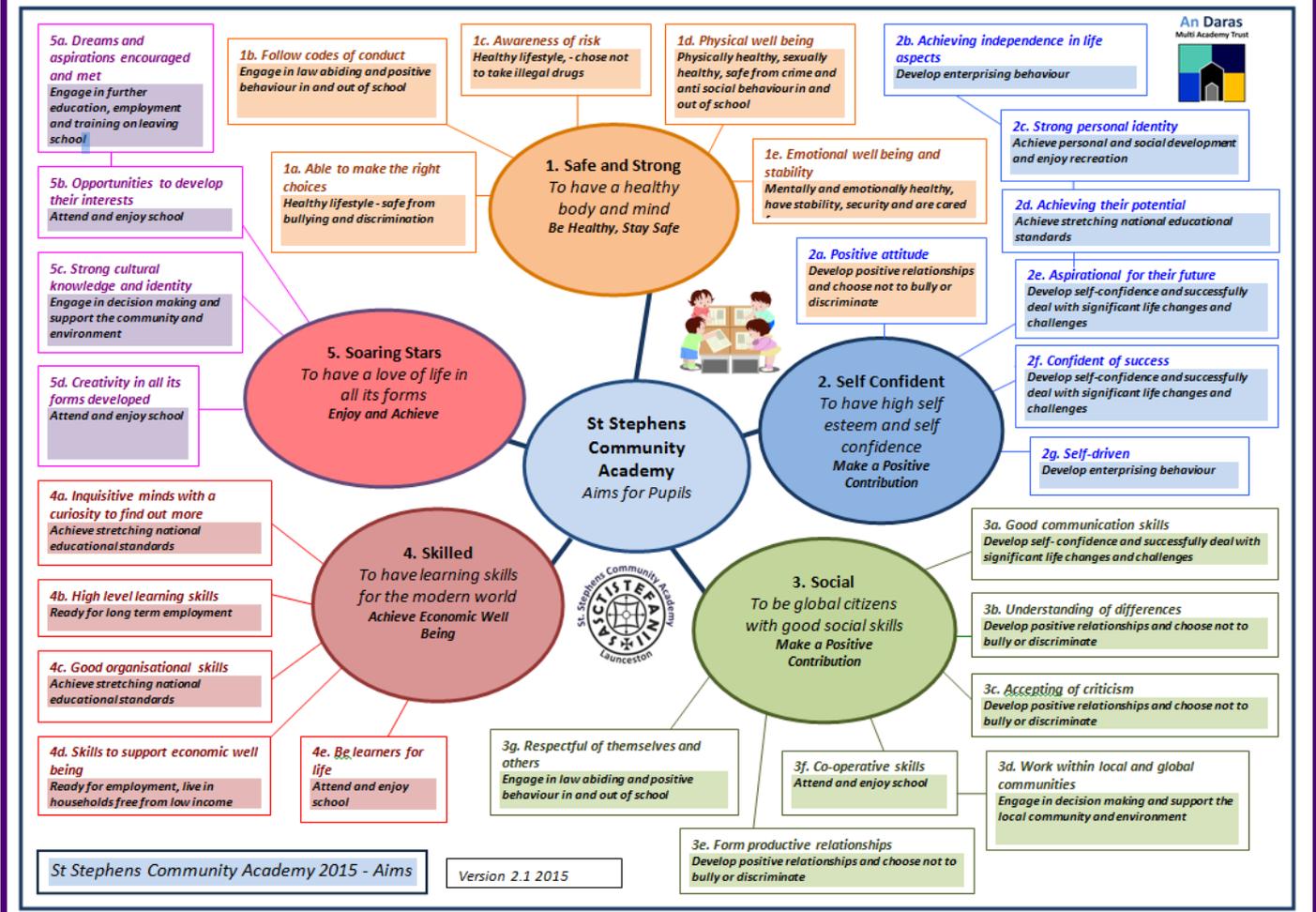
Please can parents ensure that all items (e.g. bags, uniform, bottles etc.) are clearly marked with your child's name. This helps staff keep lost property to a minimum.

Pupil Premium—Are you eligible?

It has recently come to our attention that people who qualify for PPG are not necessarily applying. This has an impact on the school, as for each PPG child on-roll, our school receives additional funding. This is to help the child in school, allowing them to access trips, breakfast club, new uniform and supports learning as well as free school meals. So as you can see it is really worthwhile! To find out if you qualify please visit the Cornwall Council website: <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/school-meals/application-for-free-school-meals-and-pupil-premium/>

If you need assistance with your application then please speak with Sharon Baxter, our Parent Support Advisor.

St Stephen's Visions and Aims



Share Aware

Share Aware, from NSPCC and O2, gives parents all the tools they need to have regular and informed conversations with their child about staying safe online. Under 20% of parents discuss online safety regularly with their children but we want to get every family talking about their child's life online, just as they would their day at school.

Parents can sign up to the [Icebreaker email series](#) and become an expert in their child's online world in 6 weeks, follow our [four simple steps](#) to keeping kids safe online, watch our film '[Safety advice from a 10 year old](#)' or visit [Net Aware](#) – our guide to your child's social networks, apps and games.

The internet is a great place for kids to be, being Share Aware makes it safer.

Just like in real life, kids need our help to stay safe online. Teach your child to be #ShareAware with @NSPCC and @O2 <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/share-aware/>

