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Multi Academy Trust

St Stephens Community Academy Fortnightly Family Newsletter

"Together towards a bright, positive and successful future"



Mrs Hooper
Acting Head of School

Friday 3rd March 2018



Dear Parents,

I hope you were all able to enjoy the heavy snowfall that we had last week, the children have been really enthusiastic about sharing their snow adventures with us. Thank you for your support when we had to close the school, keeping the children and staff safe is of the upmost importance. Thank you to all of the parents that came to our recent Year 2 and 6 assessment meetings, as well as those of you who attended the class assemblies that have been held so far. It is a great opportunity for the children to be able to share and showcase their learning experiences at school. Parents meetings will take place at the end of this half term (Mon 26th and Tue 27th March) and we look forward to seeing you all to discuss your child's learning and progress. Sign up sheets will be in our reception area from Monday afternoon 12th March.

Academy School Improvement:

The first focus this half term has been pupil progress meetings. This is where all of the teachers discuss the individual progress of children and set targets for the half term.

Attendance

Wk Ending
2nd March 2018

CLASS F	92.9%
CLASS 1	92.0%
CLASS 2	94.2%
CLASS 3	93.6%
CLASS 4	98.2%
CLASS 5	94.3%
CLASS 6	99.4%
CLASS 7	100%

Key Diary Dates

Thurs 15 March	Year 2 Eden Project Trip
Fri 23 March	PTFA Easter Bingo
Mon 26/Tue 27 March	Parent Meetings
Fri 30 March-15 April	Easter Holidays
Mon 16 April	Back to School
Month of May	SATS Year 2
Mon 14-Fri 18 May	SATS Year 6
Mon 28 May-Fri 1 June	Half Term
Mon 4 June	Summer Term Inset Day
Tues 5 June	Back to school
Mon 11-Fri 15 June	Phonics Screening Week
Tues 24 July	End of Year



Duffy's Lucky Escape

As part of our whole school reading focus and linking with World Book Day, we were fortunate to have a visit from Children's Author Ellie Jackson. She read her highly topical children's book, *Duffy's Lucky Escape*, to the whole school on Tuesday 27th February during assembly. The children really enjoyed hearing from Ellie and learning about the problems of plastic in our oceans. Ellie also signed copies of her book after the assembly. A big thank you to Ellen Gerry and Adam Ball for sponsoring the event, enabling the school to have our own signed copies of the book.



World Book Day

On 8th March we celebrated World Book Day. It's a celebration of authors, illustrators, books and (most importantly) it's a celebration of reading. The main aim of World Book Day is to encourage children to explore the pleasures of books and reading by providing them with the opportunity to have a book of their own. Your child will have received a special World Book Day token. They can take their book token to a local bookseller and can use it to pick one of TEN (exclusive, new and completely free) books. Or, if they'd rather, they can use it to get £1 off any book or audio book costing over £2.99 at a participating bookshop or book club. Thank you for helping the children create some amazing costumes - please look out for our photo in The Cornish and Devon post.



Transition Programme sent from Launceston College - Years 6 into 7



Launceston College

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Key Dates 2018

Year 6-7 Parents meeting Thursday 12th July 2018 6.30pm

Year 6 induction days 16th and 17th July 2018

September 2018 (date to be confirmed) – meet the tutors and residential briefing

Year 6 Summer School

Launceston College Summer School will run this year from Monday 13th August to Friday 17th August 2018 for all year 6 students joining College in September 2018.

Students will take part in a different activity each day which will include English, science, art, and math and take part in some adventure learning activities.

The cost for this will be confirmed. Children in receipt of Free School Meals now, or in the past, are able to attend for a reduced fee. This is a fantastic opportunity to make new friends and to experience a taste of subjects and activities available at Launceston College; letters will be sent to all year 6 students during April 2018. Any enquiries relating to Summer School please contact on the main College number (01566 772468).

PTFA news!

It's been a busy start to the year with the PTFA working hard in the background to organise the year ahead. We are very pleased to be able to share with you that we are in a position to offer the school a massive £2,500 to put towards an application for an outdoor classroom, due to the recent funds raised through the Co-op membership scheme. This is in very early stages at the moment, but with a large amount of funding secured, the school will be able to think about moving forward with some great ideas to enable this plan to become a reality! Continued support from you all will help this exciting idea develop and we thank everyone for their support so far.

Recent events have been well attended and we are looking forward to our next event on Friday 23rd March. This will be a Non-Uniform Day for the children in exchange for an Easter Egg please. We will then hold our much loved Easter Bingo that evening. Details will follow on how to book, so look out for the yellow flyer.

OUR NEXT EVENTS ARE:

Friday 23rd March - Non-Uniform Day/Easter Bingo

Thursday 26th April - After School Cinema

Thursday 10th May - PTFA Breakfast

Friday 25th May - Crazy Hair Day

(Separate details will be sent out as each event approaches so watch out for a flyer or text)

Our recent book sale had to be postponed due to the exciting snowy weather so we will inform you by text of a new date, but our online sale is active until 12th March with the following link:

<https://book-parties.scholastic.co.uk/party/st-stephens-community-academy>

Please browse and buy to help our PTFA! Feel free to share the link with friends and family.....they just need to quote your child's name and class when ordering. Orders through here will benefit from free group delivery and will be sent home to families within 7-10 days of the end of the party.

Attendance Contact

You may have seen in the news over the last few weeks two tragic cases where children have been absent from school and the school has been unable to contact anyone. Can we please remind you to ensure that we have your up to date contact numbers and can you let us know each day when your child is absent. **In future if we do not hear from you we will text and then if we still get no reply we will phone your listed contacts.**



School Texts

Please note that school texts are only sent to priority 1 numbers so we rely on you to pass on any relevant information to other contacts.

Year F Trip to Tinhay

On Tuesday of this week Year F visited Tinhay Building Supplies in Newport Industrial Estate as their class topic has been 'Builders'. The children had the opportunity to have a tour of the shop and outside area to see all of the different items which they sell. They learnt lots about what materials a builder needs and asked different questions which they had thought of to the staff. A big thank you to Tinhay 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.



ECO TEAM

The **Eco Team** have been busy liaising with our neighbours about the rubbish that is gathering on the routes into school. We are coming up with a plan to tackle it and to get the message out to other children not only to not drop rubbish but also to pick rubbish up to make our school and town a cleaner and nicer place to live.



FOREST SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLUB @ LAWHITTON

Free Taster Sessions

running on the 10th and 17th March from 10am-12pm.

The Holiday club will start in the Easter Holidays and continue through May half term, Summer holidays and October half term. The club will be solely outside, located in our woodland and run by a qualified Forest School leader. Please call 01566 772134 to book your place on one of our Taster Sessions.



Art Gallery—School Exhibition “Our World”

Well done to all the children who entered their art work into the Zebediah’s Art Gallery exhibition. The display was up during February and looked amazing!



Lost Glasses

We have accumulated a large collection of children's glasses in reception that appear to have been misplaced. If your child has lost a pair of glasses please do check with us in the office in case we have them there. Thanks.



Focus on Breakfast

St Stephens Community Academy continues to open its doors each morning at 8.00 a.m. to welcome children to **Breakfast Club!**

A huge emphasis will be placed on healthy eating and social skills within the group and there should be time for some fun activities indoors.

Currently, we are offering: Fresh fruit, cereals, toast, crumpets or muffins, porridge (winter months), yogurts, apple and orange juice, milkshakes (strawberry, chocolate or banana - these are VERY popular!) most days.

Breakfast Club runs from 8.00 am to 8.45a.m each day.

NO BREAKFAST?

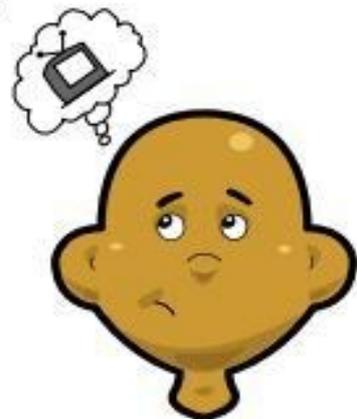
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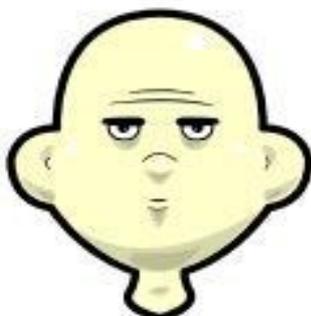
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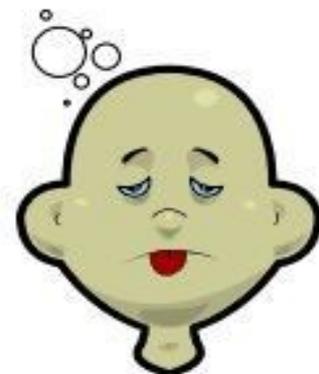
Can't Concentrate?



Irritable or Grumpy?



Getting into Arguments and Fights?



Stomach Ache?

7 Reasons That Breakfast is Important

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Enhances Memory



Increases Concentration



Improves Physical Health



Better Eating Habits That Day



Gives You Energy



Better Mental Health



Encourages Physical Activity

