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# St Stephens Community Academy Fortnightly Family Newsletter

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



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Dear Parents

It's been another busy fortnight. We are really focusing on Building Learning Powers at present. Children receive certificates on a Friday related to Building Learning Power. We are also using this focus to really monitor behaviour at present across the school. We have a really clear focus on behaviour expectations. Alongside this children are engaging in lots of exciting learning opportunities. Chartwells came in last week and met with Pupil Forum to make the harvest bread. We have our Harvest Assembly next week. Our twitter feed is keeping busy as we celebrate Samba's activity at Launceston Carnival and celebrate in the success of Year 5 writers. Our Year F children had an exciting learning opportunity at the bakery and our ADMAT year group events are all under way. We have new sports leaders that work at lunchtime with Mr Masters and this set up has been going very well. Pupil Forum are actively meeting and have come up with lots of new suggestions. We look forward to seeing you all at parent's evenings next week. Please do let us know if you would prefer another time. We wish to see you all. Regards, Miss Taylor

## Academy School Improvement

This fortnight the focus has been on monitoring evidence in books. We have been focusing on our learning environment and how we can develop it. The governors have also met with us this week with a very full agenda.

## Class F—Visit to Barnecutt's Bakery

On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October Year F visited Malcolm Barnecutt's Bakery as their class topic is 'Harvest'. They have been reading the story 'The Little Red Hen' and learning about how she turned her wheat into bread. The children bought their own iced bun and enjoyed eating them at the Castle before walking back to school. A big thank you to Malcolm Barnecutt's Bakery for allowing Year F to visit and also to St Joseph's school for driving us into town in their minibuses. Finally, a big thank you to our parent helpers for coming on the trip with us. It was Year F's first school trip and they behaved wonderfully.

## Attendance

Wk Ending 7th October 2016

Class F	96.1 %	Class 4	95.2 %
Class 1	94.5 %	Class 5	95 %
Class 2	94.3 %	Class 6	98 %
Class 3	97.1 %	Class 7	88.9 %



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### ADMAT Event – Peter Pan

We are delighted to share those children in years one through to six will be watching a production of Peter Pan, performed by M and M Productions on Monday 14th November 2016 at the town hall. The cost for this will be £3.00 which can be paid on the school gateway.

If you have already paid the ADMAT events £5 then transport is included. If you have not yet paid the ADMAT transport cost of £5 for the year please do so.

### Flu Vaccination

Nasal Spray Flu Vaccination will be given to children in Yrs. 1, 2 and 3 on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2016.

Further information regarding this will be sent home with children in November. You may have been aware of this via the media this week.

### Congratulations

We would like to congratulate Mrs Lumby on the birth of beautiful baby boy. George Lumby born Saturday 1st October. We wish them well and look forward to meeting him soon.

Sharon Baxter and Helen Coole were both nominated for the Teaching Assistant Award, received their certificate and flowers. Congratulations.



### Unicef

This week in school we have been focusing on **Article 12** of the Convention on the Rights of a Child:

*'Every child has the right to have a say in all matters affecting them and to have their views taken seriously.'*

Our first Unicef fundraiser of a lemonade stall was held yesterday. A total of £22.00 was raised which will be sent to Unicef next week. Thank you to all of the children who brought in money. We will post details of our next fundraising event soon.

### Attendance

Attendance figures will be given out at parent evenings.

## BONFIRE NIGHT



### Friday 4th November

Fish and Chips  
Sausage and Chips  
Mediterranean Tart with Cous Cous

Baked Beans  
Peas  
Salad

Chocolate Oat Cookie  
Fresh Fruit

Chartwells

### Pupil Forum and UNICEF

On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October, St. Stephens Academy's Pupil Forum and UNICEF members worked in collaboration with members involved with promoting Healthy Eating in schools.

Our local area manager from Chartwells, Beccy, discussed with the children about where our food comes from and how it gets to our plates at lunchtime. She explained how food is grown and harvested, and the process it goes through until we get to eat it! She also explained how times have changed in this whole process.

Children were then given the opportunity to make a harvest sheaf, as this is how some people used to show their thanks for the harvest.

"Moulding bread is not as easy as it looks!" says Jazzy (Pupil Forum member).

Adam (another member of the Pupil Forum) thoroughly enjoyed the activity and had this to say.

"I learned how to make the ear of the corn. It was really complicated, but I really enjoyed using the technique." The sheaf is displayed in the hall for the whole school to see.



### Sambatastic!

Last weekend, our newly formed Samba Band, which included sambaistas from St Stephen's and Windmill, played fantastically well in the larger-than-ever, Launceston Carnival.

During the day they worked hard to learn our carnival piece, in a three-hour workshop during which we had top tips from a visiting player of the amazing ENERGIA samba band, based in Kilkhampton.

In the evening, there was a long wait to start the procession and by the time we had got round the route, we had been on our feet for some time! The children did incredibly well to last a workshop as well as a long performance, with all the excitement that playing in busy crowds, brings.



If we are looking for a great example of resilience and reciprocity, then they are it. A special mention needs to go to Grace Bennalick in Y6 at St Stephen's, who carried the biggest surdo drum right round the route, refusing to give up even though her shins were getting bruised to bits! Well done Grace - what stamina. Massive thanks also to Heather Gregory & Laura Osborne, who not only helped in a multitude of ways throughout the day and evening, but also played in the band too. Also to the other parents from both schools, who supported, walked along and waved the flags!

Finally worth a mention, and proof of how thoroughly and quickly the children learnt the music, was during St Stephen's assembly on Monday morning, where they performed the piece again, to just as high a standard, with only half the players present and no adult help in the instrument sections. We look forward to our next gig!



### Class 3 ADMAT Event

Class 3 visited St. Catherine's on Friday 30th September for one of our annual ADMAT events. Children were put in mixed school groups and were sent off on a treasure hunt! Each group had to complete spelling and grammar activities to earn a picture. There were 12 pictures in total to collect.

It was a lovely day, and new friends were made. We are looking forward to our next event at Windmill!

### Summer Reading

Summer Reading challenge winners- received their certificates and medals from Anita from the library for reading 6 books over the summer holiday.

What is the Summer Reading Challenge?

The Summer Reading Challenge takes place every year during the summer holidays. You sign up at your local library, then read six library books of your choice to complete the Challenge. There are exclusive rewards to collect along the way, and it's FREE to take part!



### Recent PTFA Events

Cake Sale raised: £56.27

After School Cinema raised : £86.50

Thank you for your support.

### Dogs

Please can we remind parents that no dogs are allowed on the school site.  
Thank you