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Multi Academy Trust

St Stephens Community Academy Fortnightly Family Newsletter

"Together towards a bright, positive and successful future"



Mrs. Maura Furber -Headteacher

Friday 28th September 2018



Dear Parents/Carers, What a busy couple of weeks we have had at St. Stephens! The pupils have settled into their new classes brilliantly and their good learning behaviours are being seen daily by the staff and I am delighted by the amount of pupils who have come to share their fabulous learning with me, explain what challenges they are overcoming and what their aspirations are for the year. I'm noting them all down so I can keep a close eye on their progress towards their goals. The 'Behaviour Ladders' are having a positive impact within the school and there is a healthy competitive spirit amongst all the pupils to be the first to reach the top of the 'praise' ladder. A huge thank you for all your support and positive comments about the changes to our end of day pick up routine. It has been so lovely to meet more of you and celebrate your child's learning in a conversation in the playground. Please may I just remind you that parents/carers are not allowed inside the school building at the end of the day unless accompanied by a member of staff to ensure our pupils are kept safe. I am delighted to say our new Pupil Forum has been elected by the pupils – a child's voice is such a powerful thing so we hope they will steer the way towards improvements that will allow our pupils to flourish further. Finally welcome back to Mr. Bullock from his paternity leave and congratulations on the safe arrival of his beautiful son. *Maura Furber*

Parent Governor

St Stephens is currently in need of a Parent Governor—please contact the school office if you are interested.

Diary Dates

Tues 16th October—Parents Consultations (details to follow)

Fri 12th October—Harvest Festival (donations gratefully received)

Attendance

Wk Ending 21.09.18

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| CLASS F | 98.3% |
| CLASS 1 | 92.1% |
| CLASS 2 | 97.3% |
| CLASS 3 | 93.1% |
| CLASS 4 | 95.2% |
| CLASS 5 | 97.5% |
| CLASS 6 | 94.6% |
| CLASS 7 | 83.8% |

Academy Improvement News

Last week Mr. Neil Swaite, our Academy Improvement Officer, visited St Stephens. Together we observed lessons, conducted a learning walk, spoke with pupils and looked in their learning books. He recognised the good behaviour across the school and how relationships with staff, pupils and parents indicated a good team working together. He acknowledged that our judgements about the priorities for the school were wholly accurate and fully align with his views. This will now lead into our school improvement plan to ensure your pupils' progress and attainment is a key priority.

Contacting Parents

It has been brought to our attention that due to poor reception, parents are not always receiving our text messages. If this is the case then please can we ask that you pop in to the office and provide either an alternative number (e.g. a landline) or an email address that can be used instead. Please could any outstanding **Data Sheets** also be returned to the office as soon as possible. We're sure you appreciate that having up-to-date contact information is of vital importance in allowing us to contact you.



Nit Reminder! As we all know Nits are a constant problem in all schools. To help combat this we would ask that you regularly wet comb your child's hair with conditioner and a nit comb. Thoroughly wet lice stay still; dry or damp lice move quickly away from disturbance, evading detection—therefore wet combing is an easy and cost effective way of keeping Nits at bay!



Music Lessons Mr Parkin currently has availability on a Wednesday afternoon for **drum** and **keyboard** lessons. If your child is interested please contact Rob direct on: 01566 772 489 . Mr Lintell also has space for 2 pupils for **guitar** lessons on Thursdays, for further information please see the School Office.



A very big welcome to our newest learners at St Stephens—Class F



Healthy Lunchboxes

It has been noticed that several children are bringing in chocolate bars in their packed lunch box—we are a Healthy School and would ask that parents please send in a healthy alternative.


Thursday 4th October
American Theme Day

American Hot Dog
with Onions and Tomato Ketchup


Veggie Hot Dog
with Onions and Tomato Ketchup

Chips

Baked Beans and Peas



Sweet Waffle with Chocolate Sauce and Ice Cream

 **There are 50 states in America. The Capital is Washington DC.**

Thank you! The ARB were thrilled to get a huge delivery of tyres from Vanstones garage. These are being used to create a balancing course at the



moment. We hope that we will soon be able to paint them and turn some into planters and small world play zones for our outside play area and planned sensory garden.



The ARB would also like to say a huge thank you to Anna Mitchell, who ran a raffle in aid of the ARB before the summer holiday. We have been able to purchase some games, puzzles, activities and books with the proceeds.

Thank you also to Mr Fry and Mr Steele who have helped by contributing cable drums to our outside play area which we plan to paint and turn into a small table and seats.

We are still on the lookout for any paint, plants or herbs that could help get our sensory garden off to a good start. If you have any, please contact us in the ARB.

We are aware that parents have raised concerns about children running across the road and the lack of a Crossing Patrol. CORMAC are currently recruiting for this role. If you are interested please contact Kaye Ellis (01208 893 140) or apply online: www.cornwall.gov.uk If your child currently walks home unattended please remind them about their conduct to ensure everybody is safe.

• Duty hours 08:30-09:05 & 15:05-15:35
 • £8.07 per hour

Concerned about children's safety, want to do your bit for the community? Do you have time to spare or know someone that does? Then becoming a School Crossing Patrol may be for you! A patrol is urgently needed at the above location; this hugely rewarding job gives you the chance to work outdoors, in term time only. The wage is per rata.



Contact: Kaye Ellis (SCP Co-ordinator)
 Tel: 01208 893140
 E-mail: kaye.ellis@cormactd.co.uk or apply online at www.cornwall.gov.uk

Making Integration Happen:
 October 2018 Drop-in Sessions

EDUCATION, CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE AND COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES:

SHARE YOUR VIEWS

what's it like for you and your children?
 what works for you?
 what could be improved?
 how do you want to access support?

1pm-5pm drop in sessions with free refreshments:

1 Oct - Elliot House Hotel, Liskeard
 5 Oct - Guildhall, Street-an-Pol, St Ives
 8 Oct - Launceston Town Hall, Launceston
 9 Oct - Beacon Place, Victoria Offices, Roche
 10 Oct - Health & Wellbeing Centre, Trelliske, Truro
 11 Oct - Penventon Park Hotel, Redruth

Can't make it?
 Email mhi@cornwall.gov.uk
 to register your interest for future events.

www.cornwall.gov.uk/integration



St Stephens Pre-School

We currently have limited spaces available for Funded and Fee Paying 2-4 year olds.

Contact Marie for more information on 01566 777109

Flexible Childcare to suit your needs. Choose from our Session Times of:

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| Mon: | 9:00-12:00 | 12:00-3:00 | 9:00-3:00 |
| Tue: | 9:00-12:00 | 12:00-3:00 | 9:00-3:00 |
| Wed: | 9:00-12:00 | 12:00-3:00 | 9:00-3:00 |
| Thurs: | 9:00-12:00 | 12:00-3:00 | 9:00-3:00 |
| Fri: | 9:00-12:00 | 12:00-3:00 | 9:00-3:00 |

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Pre School We would like to say a big thank you and congratulations to Mrs Heather Bishop who has worked in our pre-school for 20 years! Heather has seen the pre-school through staff and venue changes, OFSTED inspections and has cared for numerous children during this time. We are extremely grateful for all she has done for the setting and for the staff and children.