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# St Stephens Community Academy Fortnightly Family Newsletter



**“ Embracing Learning; Inspiring Ambition; Celebrating Individuality.”**

Friday 6th November 2020



Dear Parents/Carers,

**Mrs. Maura Furber -Headteacher**

As I mentioned in my email last weekend we are delighted that the government has allowed schools to remain open for all children in this current lockdown. Education is so vital to support not only their academic achievements but also their positive social and emotional development. We are continuing to offer a broad and full curriculum with the necessary adaptations to keep each ‘bubble’ of children safe and happy so the focus can be on learning. Each week is full of joy across the school and we are now delighted that our technology enables us all to be ‘live’ together for our Friday Celebration Assembly despite being in our own classes and me in my office! It is wonderful to hear the cheers and applause across the building. Lots of outside learning again from Wild Tribe sessions to football and cricket. We recognise the importance of being fit and healthy so we are looking forward to next week’s Children In Need “Five To Thrive” .This is being promoted by Joe Wicks –the Children’s Ambassador that we all followed in the first lockdown to get us up and moving! More details from the Pupil Forum below.

I will endeavour to keep you informed of any changes as they occur –we are obliged to follow the government guidelines .The most recent updates can be found here:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools.](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools)

Don’t hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or queries. Take care.

*Maura Furber*



## **School Improvement– Risk Assessment**

With the new lockdown now in place we have updated our school risk assessment. This is reviewed on a regular basis as the safety and care of the children, parents and staff are of paramount importance to us. If you would like to look at this it can be found on the website under the **Coronavirus Information tab**

**[https://www.ststephenscornwall.co.uk/web/coronavirus\\_information](https://www.ststephenscornwall.co.uk/web/coronavirus_information)**

May I also ask you to be extra vigilant for symptoms of Covid if you have visited higher risk areas of the country recently with your children or hosted family /friends from these areas during the half term. If you do have symptoms it’s important to remember the NHS guidance:

- Self-isolate for at least 10 days from the day your symptoms started
- Take a coronavirus test and let school/work know the result .
- ALL members of your household should self-isolate for 14 days

**IF POSITIVE** :Continue self-isolating for at least 10 days from the day your symptoms started (and members of their household to continue self-isolating for the full 14 days) Then only return to school /work if the only symptoms you still have after the isolation period are a cough or loss/change of smell/taste (these symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection has gone) – you must not return until your temperature has returned to normal.

**IF NEGATIVE:** You can stop self-isolating and return to school /work if you feel well and no longer have symptoms. Members of your household can stop self-isolating.

**Thank you for your support -it’s essential we all follow the NHS guidance , our school requests and respect others in our school community.**



### Accelerated Reader Prize Draw

A huge congratulations to our two prize winners last half term- both from Year3 ! Rosie chose the family ticket to Trethorne Leisure Park that she could use in half term and Isabelle selected three brand new books that she is very excited about reading. We were able to announce the winners during our first whole school 'LIVE' Celebration assembly (via video link) on the last day of the term

Mrs. Grime our school librarian commended everyone for all their reading stamina and told everyone to keep up their love of reading over the half term. More prizes next half term for our 100% ticket winners so keep reading everyone.



### Remote Cross Country Winners.

We are delighted and proud to inform you that both the Year 3/4 and Year5/6 competition winners were ...  
**TEAM ST STEPHENS!**

Schools across the AnDaras Trust entered the competition , Y3/4 running half a mile and Y5/6 running a mile. A huge well done to everyone involved -I know that Low Trenchard came 2nd and Coats Green came 3rd.

I think we may have to consider reinstating our cross country lunch time club in the Spring Term as the children enjoyed the event very much. Thank you to Arena Sports and Miss Kempton for coordinating /organising in our school and all the teachers involved in timekeeping and motivating the children.  
A great way to end the first half term.



## Donation from Launceston Rotary Club

This week the House Captains and I were delighted to accept a cheque for £1,000.00 from the President of Launceston Rotary Club. Mrs. Sandra Maizels. This amazingly generous donation will enable us to continue providing daily breakfast for all our pupils until the end of the summer term. This is vital as the Magic Breakfast funding from the Government stops at Christmas.



Thank you Launceston Rotary Club-your kindness is very much appreciated by us all.

## CHILDREN IN NEED

Next week our school will be involved in the 'Five To Thrive' daily events led by the Children's Ambassador, Joe Wicks. The culmination of this will be the 'Giving' day on **FRIDAY 13th NOVEMBER**. Our wonderful Pupil Forum Group met with me this week and agreed what they would like to do for a charity donation on the day. The year 5 and 6 representatives then met and, using an amazing design by Amber, they have created the following 'Fitness Fun Friday' Poster (see below).

**So wear sports clothes on the day and be prepared for physical exercise! Booster Bagels at Break time and all for a voluntary donation.**  
**We will be linking this 'Five To Thrive' week to the Cornwall Virtual Winter School Games .**  
**All systems go here!**

**On the 13th of November the whole school will be doing a fundraising fitness day to raise money for Children In Need. You can wear any sports clothing you want e.g. PE kit, football strip, dance outfit, judo kit etc. and if you don't have a full kit you can wear something comfortable and breathable for physical exercise.**

**The recommended donation is £1.00 but please give what you can afford. We will be providing breaktime 'booster' bagels with a choice of energy toppings. The Pupil Forum Representatives in each class will ask what you want that morning and have them ready for the class during their break. Options will include jam, honey, butter and chocolate spread! Delicious!**

Poster created by Amber Osborne and edited by the Y5 and 6 Pupil Forum Team.

**FIVE TO THRIVE**  
*weekly calendar*

Each video is around 5 minutes long, so these are quick and fun activities to engage with!

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>ACTIVITY</b>	Connect	Take Notice	Get Active	Be Curious	Give
<b>Joe's Morning Move</b>	5 minute morning energise with Joe	5 minute morning energise with Joe	5 minute morning energise with Joe	5 minute morning energise with Joe	Bring in your pennies and save your energy for...
<b>Video</b>	Joe Wicks and Dr. Rabba kick off wellbeing week chatting about connection and friendship	Take part in a journaling activity to learn about how taking notice of how you feel and your surroundings can really support your wellbeing	Join Joe Wicks interviewing a very special PE teacher to find out about how getting active can make you feel great!	We hear from our friends at Blue Peter all about about how being curious and trying new things can boost your mood!	Join in with Joe's Ultimate Feel Good Friday! Donate £1 or £2 to come to school dressed as and join in on a very special challenge!
<b>Resources</b>					

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## Road Safety



Class 7 have been learning about road safety. We looked at cars, watched traffic drive past the school and noticed how big and fast it went.



We learnt to cross the road safely. We always hold an adult's hand to walk together. We learnt to STOP, LOOK, LISTEN and THINK before crossing the road safely.

We also found out about safe places to cross.



## History and Science Knowledge in Year 6.

### Who was Mary Anning ?

At the start the day, Class 6 did not know who Mary Anning was. By the end of the lesson comments of, ' she was amazing', ' she is so interesting', 'she was treated unfairly by not being recognised for her amazing finds.'



We started our research for a short biography on Mary Anning, by looking at a photograph and inferring information and raising questions to investigate further. We then had the excitement of looking at some fossils -for some of us this was the first time in seeing a fossil and we felt very excited and curious-this gave us an understanding into how Mary must have felt with her fossil finds -curiosities as she called them.

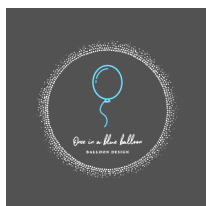
## British Legion Poppy Appeal –Lest We Forget.

Thank you everyone for your generous donations this week to this worthwhile charity.

Once we have the final total raised we will let you know.

In our whole school assembly this week we discussed why we support this charity and how this demonstrates our British Values. Our school value this week has been 'Reflecting'. We have considered ways to develop a positive and caring world –reflecting on how our past can enable this to happen.

I would also like to say a big thank you to Emily from 'Once in a Blue Balloon' who kindly donated our beautiful balloon tribute. Emily's shop will continue on-line during lockdown and she will deliver to your home. Supporting our local shops during these tricky times is so important for our community.



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## Message from Launceston Foodbank

We know that this new lockdown is going to make a big impact on so many families in our community. We have been supported brilliantly by the people in Launceston and have a good supply of items currently in our foodbank ready to be shared. Please get in touch if we can help you– no one needs to struggle. We are here to help.

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During these difficult times we have changed our working practices to keep staff, volunteers and clients safe. Our revised opening times are at present Monday to Wednesday 10am to 1pm. Many agencies and schools are operating differently due to the Coronavirus pandemic



## Community and Inheritance-History Knowledge in Year1



Our current learning theme in Year 1 is 'Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot' and this week we have had a particular focus on fireworks! The children have been creating firework dances, exploring and writing firework themed poetry, discussing firework safety, creating firework themed artwork and making stick Guys.

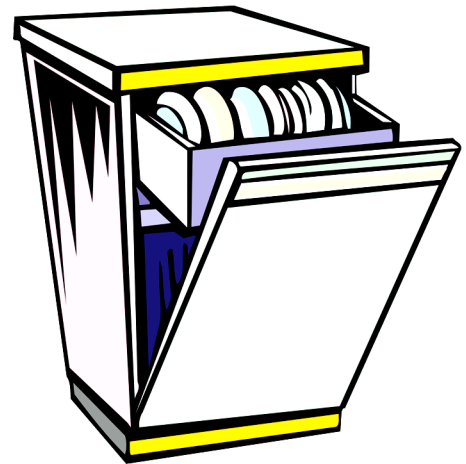
We enjoyed exploring the forest area to find the best sticks to make our own Guy Fawkes, we then peeled back the bark to draw a face. Using a range of materials we cut out capes and hats based on images we had been sharing on Guy Fawkes. Some even had beards too! For our firework art, we used a range of photographs and visual clips to 'spark' our imagination and created some beautiful 'dotted' firework art.



## Can you help?

### A request from Mrs. Baxter

With the numbers at Early Bird Breakfast Club growing we are finding it very tricky to wash up all the plates, bowls, cups and cutlery before we are due in class. We desperately need a dishwasher .If you could donate one or could direct us to someone who could help we would be very grateful.



Thank you