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Multi Academy Trust

# St Stephens Community Academy Fortnightly Family Newsletter



“ Embracing Learning; Inspiring Ambition; Celebrating Individuality.”

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Dear Parents/Carers,

So the final countdown has begun to the end of the Summer Term. We have been blessed with amazing weather which has enabled lots of outdoor learning and sporting events to take place since our last newsletter. Year 3 and 4 have taken part in a wonderfully exciting and action packed beach trip day organised by Arena , a Plymouth Argyle football tournament has been held for the year 3 and 4 pupils , a wonderful inter-school cricket competition also for the Year 3 and 4 pupils and the Year 4,5, and 6 girls showed the English Lionesses a thing or two by coming 3rd in a football tournament. It is with great pride that I can say the pupils represented ‘Team St Stephens’ with real resilience, co-operation, mutual respect and great sportsmanship. Well done to all those involved and to staff and parents for supporting and transporting to and from events.

Our current Year 6 pupils had an interesting Spanish day at Launceston College and now are a bit more familiar with the layout of the college before their transition visits next Monday and Tuesday. We were also delighted to welcome the Principal, Mr Brian Maywood, into our school to discuss the transition expectations and to answer any questions the pupils had. Our current Year 5 pupils who have put themselves forward for election to be a House Team Captain for 2019-2020 have been very busy canvassing for votes. There has been a multitude of posters, advertising slips and stickers being given out over the past two weeks. The candidates presented their manifestos on Monday 8th July in the whole school assembly– I was so impressed by their ideas, ability to persuade and self confidence .The whole school took part in a democratic secret ballot on Thursday and once the votes had been counted and verified the winning captains were announced –Congratulations to all. As if this wasn’t enough excitement we have finished the week with an uplifting and energetic day of music and dance when we hosted the Ghanaian drum group, Kakatsitski. A huge thank you to Mrs Gilbert for organising this amazing event –our creative spirits were certainly uplifted by this amazing enrichment event– what a rare opportunity to see this talented group of musicians and dancers. Please note the days and times for you to meet your child’s new teacher next week in this newsletter below–I can’t believe we’re already thinking about September! Thank you for all your continued support and long may the sun shine.

*Maura Furber*

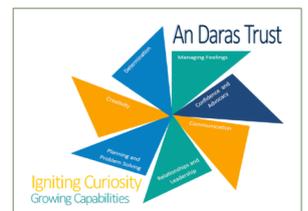
## Attendance

Week Ending 1st July  
2019

CLASS F	95%
CLASS 1	91.8%
CLASS 2	93.5%
CLASS 3	89.3%
CLASS 4	98.4%
CLASS 5	95%
CLASS 6	97.7%
CLASS 7	96%

## School Improvement

Over the past term the staff across the MAT have been meeting to discuss , plan and review our curriculum offer , especially the foundation subjects. The team at St Stephens have been busy planning a new way of delivering and meeting the National Curriculum expectations that will **Ignite Curiosity and Grow Capabilities**. How we share our **termly overview** will look different from September –we have listened to your ideas and have now included sections of how you can help at home. **We know how partnership is vital to make a difference** .We have also chosen new whole school themes on which to base our learning around. The first Autumn theme will be “**Community and Inheritance**”. To support the pupils from Y1 –Y6 the class teacher will provide the pupils with a **Knowledge Organiser** *prior* to each ‘section’ of learning. This will be sent home for you to discuss and share with your child. The teaching will then develop and deepen the knowledge and apply it within the classroom. You will also be given a **Vocabulary Word Mat** that will highlight the technical and key vocabulary linked to the theme. We look forward to welcoming you to our ‘meet the new teacher’ sessions next week .Please feel free to ask any questions about our school improvement.



**Meet your child's new Teacher for  
September 2019**

Next Monday to Wednesday our current Year 1's-  
Year 5's will spend the time in their new  
classrooms with their new Teacher and Teaching  
Assistants. I'm sure they'll have lots to tell you  
about what a great time they have had. We would  
also like you as parents/carers to have an  
opportunity to meet and speak with your child's  
new Teacher so we have organised a drop in  
session at the end of the day (3.15-3.45p.m.)  
Please see below for days. Your child will show  
you where to go!

**Meet the Teacher Meetings**

**Monday 15th July : Year 3 and Year 2 classes in  
September 2019.**

**Wednesday 17th July: Year 5 and Year 6 classes in  
September 2019**

**Thursday 18th July : Year 1 and Year 4 classes in  
September 2019**

**Well Done to all Our Y6 Pupils**

This week we have received the results of the  
Standardised Assessment Tests (SAT's). We are all  
incredibly proud of all that the Year 6 have achieved and  
more importantly they are very proud of themselves.  
However we celebrate more than a score here at  
St Stephens!

Thank you to all the Y6 team for their hard work,  
dedication and belief in every individual. We know that  
these results are not the most  
important thing that makes our  
pupils special.

<https://twitter.com/MoreThanScore>



**Y3 and 4 Cricket tournament.**



We are so incredibly proud of our Y3 and Y4 cricketers  
today who took part in a local tournament. They made it  
through to the quarter finals with great sportsmanship, co-  
operation, tolerance and mutual respect. British values in  
action on the sports field by 'Team St Stephens'-great  
work everyone.

**Reminder:**



**Leaver's Assembly:  
Tuesday 23rd July at  
2pm**

**Ghanaian Drum and Dance Group  
Kakatsitski**



**WOW** what an amazingly creative and inspiring way to end the week!  
We were honoured to host the immensely talented Ghanaian Drum and  
Dance Group-  
Kakatsitski. Vibrant  
rhythms, electrifying  
dance moves and  
musical expertise

shared in a whole a school performance that led to each class  
having its own personalised workshop. Thank you to all the  
parents who came to watch the special celebration  
performance at the end of the day and for supporting this  
original enrichment opportunity. A huge thank you to Mrs  
Gilbert for helping to co-ordinate this once in a life time  
opportunity for our pupils.



### British Values in Action!



British Values well and truly in action at St Stephens Community Academy this week. For several weeks pupils in Year 5 have been canvassing for support, plastering posters around the school, working with their campaign teams and perfecting their manifestoes. The results



of all this hard work were demonstrated in our Monday assembly when the candidates stood in front of the whole school and put forward their proposals. On Thursday the whole school held a democratic vote- via a secret ballot. This was planned, organised and led by the current Year 6 pupils and monitored closely by staff to ensure no foul play. The votes were then counted, (and re-counted) and verified and then the results were shared by the current House Captains in the afternoon assembly on Thursday. A huge congratulations to the chosen candidates but equally to the others running for election. We would also like to express our sincere thanks to the outgoing Captains for their hard work, dedication and support across many aspects of the life of our wonderful school.



#mutualrespect. #toleranceofothers.  
#individualliberty. #rule of law.



### KS2 PAFC Football Tournament

Last week our Year 3 and Year 4 footballers represented St Stephens in an inter school competition. We are so proud of their sportsmanship, team work, resilience and co-operation. Their hard work and determination payed off ...3rd place overall. A tremendous result by a tremendous group of individuals. Well done Team St Stephens!



### Year 6 Singing

This week Year 6 have been rehearsing with Mr Murray, for their performance in the Year 6 -7 transition service next Thursday, at St. Mary's Church



### Year 3 and 4 Beach Trip

Year 3 and 4 enjoyed at trip to Widemouth beach with Arena where they played sports, went rock pooling, made volcanoes in the sand and toasted marshmallows in the fire.

A great time was had by all, and the sun even came out by the end of the day!



### ARB—Newquay Zoo

We visited Newquay Zoo on Friday 28th June. We saw lots of animals that we had been learning about. We saw lions, snakes, zebras, meercats, penguins and we got to stroke a goat in the Village farm. It was a fun day out with our friends.



### May Bank Holiday 2020

Please note there has been a change to the Bank Holiday date for next year—this will now be on Friday 8th May to coincide with the 75th anniversary of VE Day.

### Pre School

Last week we were able to finally release our beautiful painted lady butterflies, we have enjoyed caring for our caterpillars and watching their incredible transformation. We have learnt so much about growth this term, we hope that the children continue their learning through the holiday as their sunflowers and runner bean plants continue to grow and change.

Mother Alison visited this week, we listened to a story about baptism and what it means to be christened, we had lots of fun colouring in a baptism sheet and chatting about what we had learnt.



### Y6 Spanish Day



St Stephens

@ADMAT\_SSCA

Year 6 enjoying a Spanish Day at Launceston College as part of their transition to Secondary School.



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:

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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### Girl Footballers ....Future England Lionesses?



*On Wednesday the 'Lionesses' from St Stephens did us proud in the Annual Plymouth Argyle Tournament. The girls showed great team work and played with a great spirit. They really were a credit to their parents and the school. Mutual Respect, Tolerance of Others and Individual Liberty in Action! Overall 3<sup>rd</sup> Place. Well Done Girls!*

### New summer reading challenge at

Launceston Library

**MAKE AND TAKE  
SPACE  
CRAFT DAY**

**@ LAUNCESTON LIBRARY  
20TH JULY 2019  
10.30AM - 12.30PM**

Make your own Rocket  
Design your own Astronaut  
Spaceport Mascot Competition

LAUNCESTON TOWN COUNCIL DS Smith DS Smith Community

Launceston Priory Park  
Community Dig



26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> July, 10am-5pm



Join the Friends of Launceston Priory as we investigate the results of a geo-physical survey.

- Have a go at digging a test pit
- Undertake finds washing
- No archaeological experience necessary
- It's free to participate

Council for  
British Archaeology

For more details visit  
[archaeologyfestival.org.uk](http://archaeologyfestival.org.uk)

## MEGA Mondays

Meet Eat Games Art



Meet at St Mary's Hall, Launceston from 9am until 11.30am  
Eat breakfast & make a delicious packed lunch  
Followed by **Games & Art** – creative & active play

5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> August & 2<sup>nd</sup> September

**For FREE** – how Mega is that ?



Open to all children (who must be accompanied by an adult)

For more info & to register contact Revd Teresa Folland on 07932 385 995 or email [teresa.folland@gmail.com](mailto:teresa.folland@gmail.com)