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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/Carers,

A very warm welcome back to the Summer Term here at St Stephens— long may the sunshine continue. I think all the children have grown over the Easter break and I'm impressed that they have come back to school with real enthusiasm, a mature purpose and a focus on achievement. Great 'Learning Powers' 'in action' from day one will ensure successful outcomes for all, whether that be building lifelong memories, improving their own learning and performance or independently managing different situations. All the staff have planned and are ready to support and implement another term, where new knowledge is learnt and key concepts are revisited and built upon. Your child's new Summer Curriculum Overview can be accessed on the school website –go to the tab that says 'Children' and scroll down to your child's year group and their information page. If you cannot locate the information please do not hesitate to speak with your child's class teacher. This half term also sees our Year 2 and Year 6 pupils sitting the Standardised Assessment Tests (SAT's). I know many of you have attended a meeting with your child's class teacher last half term so many questions or concerns have already been answered. If you would like further information I have put a link to the most recent government information available for parents below and on the 'Key Information' tab on the website under 'Assessment'.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/key-stage-1-and-2-national-curriculum-tests-information-for-parents>

The children from Year 2-Year 6 are now on the Accelerated Reader Program so we know they are selecting books from our revamped Library that will not only match their ability, but will also challenge them and develop their vocabulary. I have been delighted to see how keen they are to take a short, electronic quiz that assesses their understanding of what they have read and how proud they are when they achieve 100%. Every time they achieve 100% they earn a raffle ticket for a prize draw that will take place half termly – I am thrilled that so many local business' have donated prizes for this exciting reading journey we have now embarked upon. Our new Class 7 conservatory has also been built over the holiday—a wonderful improvement that the children are benefiting from daily – thank you to Mrs Walsh for coming in over the Easter break and reorganising the furniture and getting the room ready for the start of term.

My door is always open if I can help in any way – either catch me in the playground in the mornings or make an appointment at the office for a more convenient time. Please keep checking our website, Twitter feed and class blogs to find out about all our learning – as usual never a dull moment in Team St Stephens!

*Maura Furber*

## Attendance

Wk Ending 5th April

CLASS F	98.3%
CLASS 1	93.7%
CLASS 2	95.8%
CLASS 3	93.2%
CLASS 4	96.5%
CLASS 5	97.3%
CLASS 6	95.2%
CLASS 7	87%

## School Improvement

Over this half term we shall be focussing our staff development time reviewing and identifying our curriculum's key aims, moral judgements and school values in line with the new **Education Inspection Framework put out for consultation by Ofsted**. It makes interesting reading. **The report is structured by reference to the three 'I's**.

The Three 'I's: **intent, implementation and impact**

**Intent** – the extent to which schools demonstrate a rich and varied curriculum, one which is not simply focused on teaching to the tests or achieving good exam results.

**Implementation** – that teachers present all aspects of this broad and balanced curriculum (not just English and Maths) and are visibly encouraging discussion and the whole-hearted engagement of pupils, without an over-concentration on outcomes and with a far greater emphasis on processes.

**Impact** – that learners develop detailed knowledge and skills across the whole curriculum. It follows that there will be a greater emphasis on the behaviour and attitudes of pupils and a much less single-lens approach to data.



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## Minions!

To finish our Stone Age to the Iron Age topic, Year 3 went to Minions to look at the Cheesewring, Hurlers and Rillaton Barrow.

Despite the glorious sunshine around the trip, on the day it was extremely cold and unbelievably windy! However, we still enjoyed our time on the moor and learnt some interesting facts from our Blue Flag tour guide.



## Year 3 Topic

On Tuesday 23rd April, Year 3 took part in a topic day to kick start their new topic; The Ancient Egyptians. We completed lots of research using different sources (books, ipads, documentaries, Mr Gilbert!) and painted a lovely Egyptian sunset picture as well as some other activities. See the website for more photos!



## PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE our grounds need you!

It is now the time of year when we would like to re-vamp the pots and garden as part of our outdoor learning. Any donations of plants however big or small would be so gratefully received by the children. Many thanks!



**Road Safety** It has been brought to our attention that several children are running out of school at end of day, across the road in front of and between parked cars. We are very concerned for your children's welfare and safety. Please ensure that you know where they are at all times at pick up—they are your responsibility once they have been dismissed from school. Parents of children from years 5 and 6 who walk home alone, please could you reiterate this to them. Thanks.



*Accelerated Reader has well and truly landed.*

*This was the scene in our school at 8.35 a.m. today...some people didn't even have time to take their coat off before taking a quiz!*



*Remember to keep reading over the weekend everyone and be quiz ready on Monday.*

*Our prize draw for all the 100% tickets achieved will happen on Friday 24- May. The prizes are a session at i- Bounce and a family ticket for Launceston Steam railway.*

*Keep reading!*



*We are so immensely proud of this selfless act of kindness demonstrated by Ronnie in Year 5.*

*Ronnie has donated her hair to The Little Princess Trust. This act was inspired after she went to one of her little sister's hospital appointments. After seeing a little girl who was poorly and had no hair she asked her mother why this was so. After an explanation was given she turned around and said...*

*'Please can I give her my hair to help make her feel a bit better?'*

*Ronnie has been growing her hair for nearly a year to donate to this very special cause and she has just received a message from the Trust to say how incredible her donation is as they get very few donations of such long hair.*

*Not only is she demonstrating St Stephens School Values but the British Values of Mutual Respect, Tolerance of Others and Individual Liberty are well and truly in action. WELL DONE Ronnie. If you would like to donate to Ronnie's amazing effort please look for her 'Just Giving' page. She has currently raised an amazing £50.00*



### Pre School

Welcome to the Summer Term! The children have settled back to school well and we have also welcomed new children this term. This week the children have been busy decorating Easter Baskets and making chocolate nests. They were super yummy! Please don't forget that Easter Bonnets will be judged by Mrs Furber next Wednesday, 1st May, with prizes for the most creative entries.

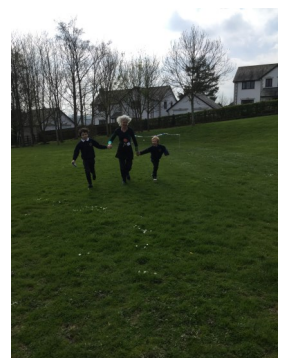
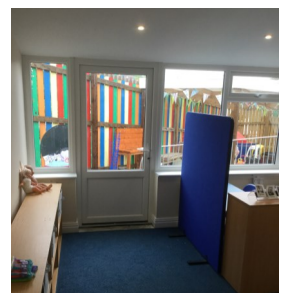
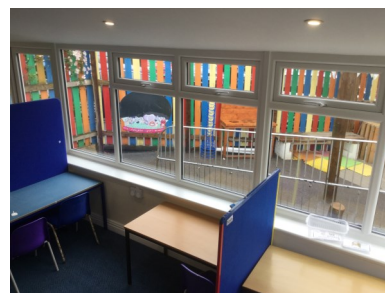
### ARB News

#### Conservatory update

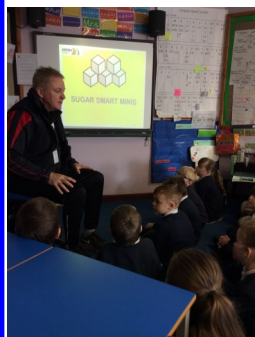
We are delighted that our old leaky conservatory has been replaced over the Easter holidays. We now have a beautiful (dry) new room with direct access to our outside area. We would like to express our thanks to all involved from Andaras and, especially, Horizon Launceston who worked so hard to get it finished in time for us coming back into school.

#### Sponsored Walk

We are so proud of the ARB children that were able to take part in the PTFA sponsored walk on the 29th March. They did brilliantly well and collected a staggering amount of money between them. Well done everyone!



Year 2 were fortunate to be able to take part in a day workshop, run by Arena, called **Sugar Smart Minis**. In response to a significant increase in the rise of both obesity and diabetes in children in the UK, Arena have developed a range of programmes which are all aimed at encouraging children to become Sugar Smart. In the Sugar Smart Minis programme, the children learnt all about the effects that sugar has upon your body (including your teeth), about the sugar content of different foods and drinks and about ways to keep your body healthy, such as exercise.



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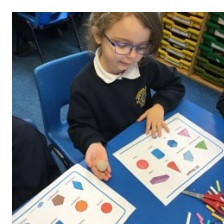


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*Year F and Year I completed a second 'Maths Day' today. They worked in mixed ability groups to complete various learning challenges. These included: creating shapes with straws/matchsticks, understanding number bonds to five by creating a story with animals, recording number bonds to 10 using painted beans and discussing various mathematical images. Lots of learning and maths discussions were had throughout the day!*



## Request Please:

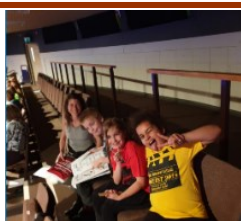


Key Stage One would love to be able to acquire some wooden electrical cable/wire reels (pictured here) to help develop their new outdoor large construction area. If you know any one who would be able to kindly donate these, please let a member of staff know. Many thanks.



## Songfest 2019

On 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019 'St Stephens Super Seven' performed with hundreds of other primary pupils on the stage of the Plymouth Pavilions in the Cornish Music Hub 'Songfest'. We



are so immensely proud of their wonderful stage presence, excellent behaviour and incredibly creative performance - they totally 'rock'.



St Stephens was delighted to host the **Spring Music Concert**. We welcomed pupils from



Werrington, Windmill and Egloskerry to join us for an evening of amazing music, singing and outstanding talent. A huge thank you must go to Mrs Gilbert who teaches across the schools - her passion and love of music is apparent in all those she teaches. Likewise Mr Parkin's keyboard groups and Mr Lintell's guitar students were so focused and oozed confidence - their teaching has really developed the pupils' creative talents. The hall was packed with family and friends. A special thanks also to our wonderful PTFA at St Stephens who provided refreshments free of charge.

