

An Daras
Multi Academy Trust

St Stephens Community Academy Fortnightly Family Newsletter

"Together towards a bright, positive and successful future"



Mrs. Maura Furber -Headteacher

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the last half of the summer term. Fingers crossed for days full of sunshine as we have so many sporting events and outdoor opportunities planned. This week sees groups of pupils across the school participating in a Multi-Skills Festival, Football matches, a Cricket tournament, Athletics events...alongside all the sport 'in-house' include swimming lessons and after school clubs such as Zumba! We really are providing the opportunities for our pupils to be meeting the National guidelines of 30 minutes activity daily.

Our school value this week has been 'Creativity' and I have been delighted to see evidence of this whenever I walk around the school, from science investigations where the pupils are predicting the outcomes through to pupils 'thinking outside the box' when met with a maths challenge. Music and drama remain a real strength –we are so lucky to have weekly instrument lessons with Mrs Gilbert (cello and violins this half term) and I have been so impressed with the drama group's focus and spirit during their current rehearsals for their roles in the Royal Shakespeare Schools Programme of Romeo and Juliet. The actual performance will take place in Launceston Castle grounds on Friday 21st June. We have also spoken with all the pupils regarding the 'Performance Stage' at the Summer Fayre on June 22nd –sign up lists are around the school. They can choose to showcase their talents in a variety of ways including dancing, singing, playing an instrument, telling a joke or even a magic trick or two. I'm delighted to also say that Mr.Dodds, one of our parents who is an Elvis Tribute singer, will also be performing. Our school samba band will be playing during the opening of the Fayre .

On a different note completely I have to inform you that Miss Moore (Foundation Class) and Mr Bullock (Class 4) will be leaving St Stephens at the end of this term. Mrs Hunt returns from maternity leave and so Mr Bullock will be taking up another teaching post within the MAT and Miss Moore has decided to pursue different opportunities in her career. They will both be missed immensely by staff, parents and pupils alike and we thank them for all their dedication and team work-they will be welcomed back anytime.

Maura Furber

Attendance

Week Ending 7/6/19

CLASS F	97.9%
CLASS 1	93.5%
CLASS 2	97.1%
CLASS 3	98.2%
CLASS 4	93.3%
CLASS 5	93.3%
CLASS 6	93.3%
CLASS 7	96.3%

School Improvement

Lots more building work and repairs underway at St. Stephens in the ICT suite and Key Stage 1 toilets!

In the ICT suite the walls have been painted, a new floor has been laid and carpeted, brand new computer tables and electrics have been installed. We received 30 brand new computer monitors last Friday and hopefully by the end of next week we will have the keyboards and then our IT support can get us wired up for the next century!

The Key Stage 1 toilets have been gutted, the flooring ripped up and we are now cleaning and drying the area before the new floor is levelled, lino is laid and the toilets put back together again. I can assure you they certainly 'smell' a lot better already!



A huge thank you to the An Daras MAT for ensuring our budget could address these areas that needed to be improved and updated.



Message from our CEO

After a busy and enjoyable decade plus one it is with sadness that I am announcing the relinquishing of my Executive Head Teacher role at St Stephens as from 1st September 2019. I am immensely proud of the hard work and commitment shown by pupils, staff and governors over this period - which has allowed the school to serve its community so well. St Stephens has a unique ethos which really does value all pupils and goes beyond all expectations to ensure it is an inclusive and forgiving setting. During my 11 years first as Head teacher and then Executive Head Teacher the school has tackled each new challenge with a positivity and an openness to change whilst still retaining its core values and beliefs.

The formal named Head Teacher role will now be passed into the very capable and enthusiastic hands of Mrs Furber, who has a very clear long term vision for the school and its pupils. Alongside Mrs Furber, the local governing body and staff are fully committed to continuing to make St Stephens an exciting and welcoming school for pupils of all needs and abilities.

With the steady expansion of the Multi Academy Trust I will now be focussing full time on my primary role as Chief Executive Officer of An Daras to ensure all schools in the group are doing their very best to provide high quality provision for pupils in the Launceston area. This means I will continue to work with Mrs Furber and the local governing body on strategic initiatives, school improvement, quality assurance and staff training. I look forward to regular visits to St Stephens to see how the school is progressing and to catch up with pupils about their learning and their successes.

Regards

Will Hermon

CEO ADMAT

Shakespeare rehearsals This week our actors recommenced their rehearsals for their roles in the Royal Shakespeare Schools Programme of Romeo and Juliet .The actual performance will take place in Launceston Castle grounds on Friday 21st June. Many thanks to Ray from Launceston College Drama department who joined Mrs. Gilbert to help with directions and developing character roles. I'm already impressed...updates regularly so keep a look out!



What amazing home learning is happening in **Class F!** Jessy and Kaleb were bursting with pride to share their wonderful models with us this week. They could explain how they designed and made their buildings and why they used different resources. Many thanks for all the support you as parents/ carers give your children at home to support their project learning in school. In Jessy's words... "My mum tells me I'm very creative".

Individual Liberty and Mutual Respect well and truly in action at St Stephens.



A visit from 'The Cornish Caretakers'

We enjoyed a fantastic day this week with Kernow King and 'The Cornish Caretakers'. Year 6 had a workshop looking at Cornish heroes and famous Cornish people (such as John Couch Adams who discovered the planet Neptune, Bobby Leach, the first man to go over Niagara Falls in a barrel, Rowena Cade, builder of The Minnack and Emily Hobhouse who pioneered healthcare in Africa), followed by a whole school play called 'Cornish Caretakers', which was fantastic and very funny! The children (and staff!) all enjoyed the characters and have learnt lots about their local heritage and history. A big thank you to Kernow King and the team.



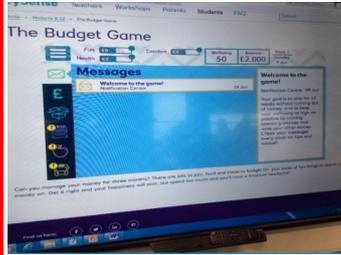
Information about Class Teachers next September.

I am delighted to inform you who the teaching staff will be in September 2019. The children will obviously be familiar with these members of staff already and during transition days they will find out more information about each other.

We aim to make the 'move' into a new school year and class an enjoyable and productive process for all. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

- ◆ Year F: Mrs Hobbs(2 days) and Mrs Lumby (3 days)
- ◆ Year 1: Mrs Morris-Torr
- ◆ Year 2: Mrs Hooper
- ◆ Year 3: Miss Vincent
- ◆ Year 4: Mrs Hunt (4 days) Mrs Calcutt (1 day)
- ◆ Year 5: Mr Hunt
- ◆ Year 6: Ms Neale

This week is 'My Money Week' when pupils will be working on activities on money, ranging from the recognition of the different coins, combining different combinations of coins to make the required total and



learning about the importance of managing a budget and calculating the 'Best Value for Money' options. **Follow the link on our website news page for some exciting and educational games on Money.**

Computer Tables Available!

We have several large computer tables that are available for a voluntary donation to our school funds. Perfect for a workbench, large desk for art work or even a computer! Please enquire at the main office or see Mrs. Furber if you are interested.



Violin and cello lessons

We have been beginning to learn the basics of how to play the violin and cello. Mrs. Gilbert has been giving the children the opportunity to take part in something they often wouldn't be able to.

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Our Focus for learning this term is Animals-naming, grouping and finding out how to look after them. We have created artwork, been on animal hunts and read lots of animal stories.



Colouring Competition

Armed Forces Day Cornwall

St Michaels Hospital Celebration Day

St Michaels Hospital, Hayle

22 June 2019

12:00 - 16:00



Poppy Planting



If you would like to enter our colouring competition please colour in one of our pictures provided or you can draw your very own picture to colour.

All entries are to be submitted to us on the day.

Small prize for every entry

Winners will be announced at the end of the day

1 Winner and 1 Runner up for each year group

Lots of other fun activities/competitions take part in on the day.



Guess how many sweets



Poppy Pebble Painting



Name the Teddy

If you would like to enter please go to the office for a copy of the colouring page.

Eco Club Competition Reminder

We have decided to extend the closing date for this competition until NEXT Friday -21st June. Thanks for all the brilliant entries to date

Please ensure all entries are clearly labelled with the name and age of the child.

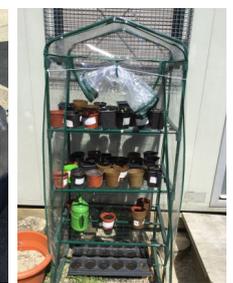
Thank you.



Pre School

During the summer term we are looking at how things grow and change over time. Last week we had some special visitors arrive at Pre School, we are very excited to welcome 35 tiny caterpillars (larvae), we will be caring for them and watching them grow and change, in a few weeks we will be able to release our butterflies into the school garden where they can continue their very special life cycle.

Our sunflowers, beans and strawberries are flourishing. This exciting enrichment has been made possible by a generous donation from our PTFA allowing us to buy extra resources to bring this valuable topic to life.



NOT LONG TO GO!!

Your dedicated PTFA at St Stephens Community Academy are working hard to make this year's event as successful as last year!

We do however need the support of your family and friends on the day to make this happen. Please come along and support your child's school. Spread the word! In the meantime, we have a few things to ask of you and tell you about...

Talent Showcase – Does your child have a skill they'd like to share?

We are inviting pupils to perform a special skill to our guests on the day on our outdoor stage, whether it's singing, dancing, playing an instrument, performing gymnastics or anything else entertaining! Please ask your child to see Mrs Gilbert in school if they'd like to sign up.

Best dressed vegetable – Get creative for our competition!

Our competition this year will be to create a fun vegetable character! Choose your vegetable, dress it up, give it hair, give it googly eyes, you could even turn it into an animal! Decorate it however you wish! It'll be 50p to enter, please bring your decorated vegetable and entry fee into school the day before the fayre (Friday 21st June), make sure it is clearly named and marked with which class you are in. Winners will be chosen by our special guest and revealed at the start of the fayre, as part of the grand opening.

**St Stephens
Summer Fayre**
Saturday 22nd June
11am - 3pm
Fun for the whole family!

FREE ENTRY
BOUNCY CASTLE
BOUNCY SLIDE
STALLS
RAFFLE
FACE PAINTING
FUN GAMES
BBQ
& LOTS MORE!

At
St Stephens Community Academy
Roydon Road, Launceston, Cornwall, PL15 8HL

Treasure map Tombola Cake Stall

Hook a Duck BBQ Tea, Coffee &
Cold Drinks

20ft Inflatable
Slide Punch Balloons Secondhand
Uniform Sale

Best Dressed
Vegetable
Competition Lucky Dip Sweets & Ice lollies

Showcase of
Talent! Nerf Shooting Stalls from local
Businesses & Crafters

Raffle (prizes
include some
fabulous family
days out!) Scavenger
Hunt St Stephens
Samba Band

Large Bouncy Castle Children's Play Area
Visit from our local Fire Fighters
with their Fire Engine!
Face Painting Plus many more great activities!

Table top sale - Do you have lots of unused/preloved toys, clothes, books, games or household items at home? You could make some money from them at our table top sale!

We have a few local businesses and crafters joining us on the day, but we are also inviting parents/carers to join us to sell their own unwanted, good condition items. Tables will be just £5 each and all profits made from your sales is yours to keep. To reserve your table, please send £5 into school asap marked clearly with your name, your child's name & class and a rough description of what you'd like to sell. (We will provide a large table for you to use)

Tombola – Are you able to donate an item?

We are looking for donations of new/unused items for our general tombola (gift sets, sweets, tins, bottles, tins of biscuits etc). If so, please send into school anytime from now until 21st June, any suitable items that you would like to donate. Many thanks.

THE PTFA ARE ALSO VERY PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT MEMBERS FROM THE PLYMOUTH ARGYLE COMMUNITY TRUST WILL BE WITH US ON THE DAY!! THEY WILL BE OFFERING SOME EXCITING ACTIVITIES AND DONATING PRIZES TO OUR RAFFLE!

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL THERE!

