



**Mrs. Maura Furber -Headteacher**

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been wonderful to see so many more children back at school over the past few weeks. I'm so sorry that we are unable to bring all the children back and we do appreciate how hard you are all trying to keep home learning going. The latest government briefings indicate that all children are expected to be back in school from September. When we have clear workable plan and of what will be happening at St Stephens we will share the details with you ASAP. Like you we are receiving many mixed messages and conflicting guidelines-please rest assured we will continue to adhere to our robust risk assessments and your children's well being and safety are paramount. I hope you have all enjoyed watching and listening to your child's new class teacher and reading information about next year on the 'Transition Tabs' (on your child's Class Information section on the website.) After much consideration we have decided to invite all the children back for a session to meet their new teacher in their new classroom. You will all have received a text from me telling you the day and time your child has been given to come in. If you haven't received this please get in touch with me via phone or email.

Again lots of great learning to share in this newsletter both at school and at home. We have all been so impressed with the number of you who took part in the Cornwall Virtual School Games—please see the next page for some photos and information. It's so important to remain physically fit during this time and this was the 'wake-up' many of us needed to get back on the fitness path. Thank you for your fabulous support with this event—I know Mrs Hooper is currently planning a virtual St Stephens' Sports Day so look out for more information soon.

Don't forget to keep checking out our school website and look at the opportunities and ideas available on the class information pages and via our online platforms and texts.

<https://www.ststephenscornwall.co.uk/web> @ADMAT\_SSCA (Can I just remind you that you do not need to 'log in' to the school website)

Take care, stay safe and keep in touch.

*Maura Furber*

## School Improvement

We are delighted that our new 'Outside Classroom' is starting to take shape in our wonderful school grounds.

Thanks to our fantastic PTFA two poly tunnels were bought and delivered—one to use as an outdoor learning space (big enough for a class) and one to use for plants and vegetables.

Unfortunately a week later lockdown commenced!

During our wider re-opening we are so grateful to Mr. Hunt and Mr. Gilbert for taking on the challenge of building the structure...I can assure you the instructions were not the easiest to follow! A HUGE thank you to them for their time and hopefully both tunnels will be ready for the new school term in September.

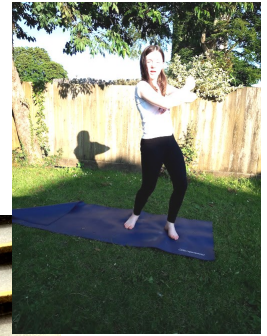


When we return our Wild Tribe Sessions will be based in our school grounds—our vegetable beds need care and replanting—it would be great to use the things we grow to cook with. We need to identify all the amazing plants and trees in our environment and replant and care for them—lots of gardening teams in action. Our pond needs clearing and repaired—lots of exciting improvements to make in our beautiful grounds.



## Cornwall Virtual School Games

Last week 83 children from St Stephens took part in The Cornwall Virtual School Games. This ran from Monday 22nd - Friday 26th June and had over 10,000 participants and nearly 40,000 individual results registered, which is AMAZING!



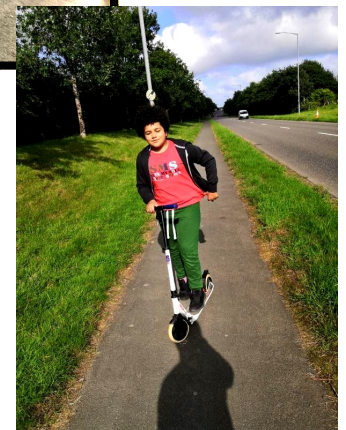
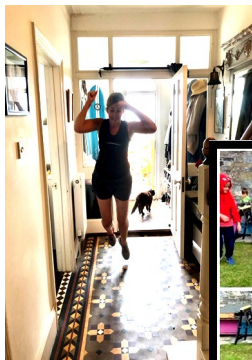
During this week children took part in 14 individual activities including; athletics, bowls and boccia, dance and gymnastics, volleyball and tennis and throughout the whole week 'Making Up The Miles'.

By getting involved in this year's Games young people across Cornwall and their teachers and parents had the chance to learn something new, connect with their friends from school and family, get physically active and give some of their time to gain points for their school.



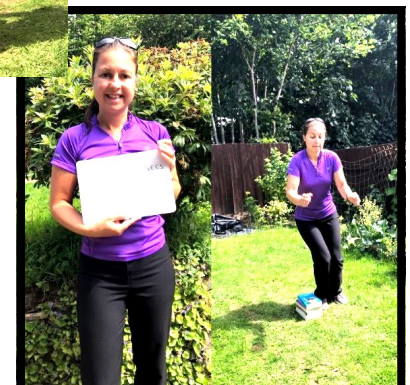
We are extremely proud of all of the children, siblings, parents, carers and staff who took part and represented the school.

We hope you all enjoyed it as much as we did.



We would like to say a HUGE thank you to Mrs Hooper for publicising, organising, encouraging and coordinating all the Team at St Stephens virtually AND in person!

Definitely leading by example .





By now you will have received a text directing you to the Transition Invitation letter on the school website (copy below) and a text to confirm the day and time that your child can visit to meet their new teacher. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school. Parents/carers are NOT expected to stay. We will direct you to the correct classroom door for drop off and pick up. We can't wait to see everyone back albeit it just for a morning or afternoon before the summer holidays.



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Dear Parents/ Carers,

#### TRANSITION INVITATION

After much thought and careful consideration of our risk assessments alongside the needs of our children we would like to offer 'transition' sessions for our YF to Y5 pupils. This decision has been made so they can meet their new Class Teacher and Learning Support Assistant before the summer break. To enable this to happen our last school day with the current Pre-school, YF, Y1, Y4 Y6 and Key Worker 'bubbles' will be on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July

As we can only offer sessions with 15 children at any one time we have decided to split each class in half by alphabetical order. I will text you individually to confirm the day and time for your child to attend the transition visit if you wish them to. The plan is as follows:

#### MONDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JULY:

- Current Class 1 pupils transition into Class 2. (Group 1 10.00-12.00 and Group 2: 1.15-3.15)
- Current Class 2 pupils transition into Class 3 (Group 1: 9.45-11.45 and Group 2: 1.00-3.00)
- Current Class 5 pupils transition into Class 6 (Group 1: 9.30-11.30)

#### TUESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JULY:

- Current Class F pupils transition into Class 1. (Group 1 10.00-12.00 and Group 2: 1.30-3.30)
- Current Class 4 pupils transition into Class 5. (Group 1: 9.30-11.30 and Group 2: 1.15-3.15)
- Current Class 3 pupils transition into Class 4 (Group 1: 9.45-11.45 and Group 2: 1.00-3.00)
- Current Class 5 pupils transition into Class 6 (Group 2: 9.15-11.15)

The children will meet in their NEW CLASSROOMS for September.

We have decided not to invite the Pre-school children in at this time for their transition into Class F as many of the children come from different settings and this increases the risk of infection. A phased entry into school is being planned for September.

#### Y6 LEAVERS DAY

As we promised on the day we had to close our school, we would love to invite all our current Y6 pupils back to school on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July (9.00a.m.- 3.00p.m.) Ms Neale will be sending you a message on J2E so you know what to bring and a text to remind you nearer the time. We would love you all to attend so we have a proper chance to say goodbye and wish you good luck on your next adventure.

Maura Furber

*Mrs Furber*

Headteacher



We have been so impressed with all your art work that you have been sharing with us that the final challenge of the term is going to be a "Portrait Competition".

Read our poster to find out more. We can't wait to see your entries.

## St Stephens Community Academy



**Why not give it a go...**

**A prize to be won for KS1 and KS2!**

**Paint or draw a portrait of someone you spent lockdown with**

Draw or paint an A4 or larger size portrait of someone you have spent lockdown with. Include lots of detail and try to use your skills of creating texture and showing light and dark.

**Entries close Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July**

Once you have finished your amazing artwork, please post a picture of it on J2e.



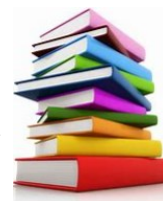
### BOOK EXCHANGE CHANGES

Thank you to everyone who came to swap their children's books last time – it was so lovely to see you and catch up. With many children now back in school and able to change their books we are happy for those of you with children still at home to come in any day between 10.00 - 2.00p.m from the week beginning the 6th July 2020.

**(1 adult only in the Reception Area at a time please)**

This will be carefully monitored on each day and will be in the Main Reception area. Quick drop off books in 'returned' book box and pick up new ones to share

Thank you .



## Goodie Bags for our New Starters in September



I would like to say an ENORMOUS thank you to the wonderful Foundation team for planning and preparing these beautiful goodie bags that will be delivered to each of our 30 new starters in the Reception Class in the coming weeks. We are so sad that our

normal transition sessions and personal visits to different settings cannot take place this year. So inside this little bag are some bits to keep the children busy and know we are thinking about them. There is also a wonderful video for the children to watch on the website that shows them around their new school and a new starting school brochure sent home already. The Reception children will have a carefully planned

phased start in September.

We can't wait until you start your next adventures with us at Team St Stephens



Our well being and self esteem is so important ALWAYS . This wonderful calendar for July produced by Relax Kids gives us all something positive to say everyday –perhaps you and your family can identify examples that illustrate these statements each day together.

