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# St Stephens Community Academy Fortnightly Family Newsletter



Friday 2nd October 2020

“ Embracing Learning; Inspiring Ambition; ”

Mrs. Maura Furber -Headteacher



Dear Parents/Carers,

Another two weeks of learning have flown by at St Stephens and I'm delighted to say that the percentage of pupils attending is remaining above or at the national level –97%. Well done as I know this is the term of coughs, colds and sniffles! I'm also happy to say that our internet and phone system is now up and running , that also means that School Money (school dinner orders/breakfast club/Preschool fees) is also operational again. A HUGE thank you again for your patience with the system– I personally am overjoyed not be running the office through my mobile phone!! As if this wasn't enough to contend with our water tank split last week –you really couldn't write this could you? Again many thanks for your support and understanding –fortunately we only had to shut for the one day –we were so sad after waiting so long to get all the children back to be asking them to return home.

Clubs have been a big success and are well attended weekly. We are currently running Zumba, Homework, Athletics, Netball and Football clubs There is still some spaces so please contact the office if your child is now interested in joining any and to check which 'bubble' can attend which activity.

The children have enjoyed being outside in this wonderful autumn weather and making full use of the school grounds and newly built outside classroom. We are delighted to welcome two new additions– a pair of white pigeons, to keep the hens and ducks company. A group of community helpers have also cleared our school pond area so we can now fence it and set about re-establishing a special wildlife area.

As the weather becomes colder please can I remind you to ensure your child has a warm, waterproof coat, gloves and hat as we do like to be outdoors. With that in mind our wonderful PTFA have ordered 100 new clipboards for use in our outside provision– thank you so much as always.

Don't forget to keep checking out our school website to look at what we have been up to on the class blogs and information pages for updates and via our online platforms and texts.

<https://www.ststephenscornwall.co.uk/web> and our Twitter account @ADMAT\_SSCA

Don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or queries.

*Maura Furber*

## School Improvement– Remote Learning Consultation

The Department of Education has asked that schools must have a remote teaching contingency plan ready by the end of September, according to new government guidance. The Department for Education says it expects schools to give pupils access to high-quality remote resources, and to provide printed resources such as textbooks and workbooks to pupils without internet access.

"Where a class, group or small number of pupils need to self-isolate, or there is a local lockdown requiring pupils to remain at home, we expect schools to have the capacity to offer immediate remote education," the guidance says. At St Stephen's we are putting together a contingency plan should schools be asked to close again. We will also endeavor to provide home resources should a 'bubble' be closed temporarily or should your child be at

home isolating but not unwell for 14 days. Our contingency plans will be sequenced in a way that is linked to the school's curriculum expectations. Many thanks to you who have completed the online survey to express your preferences for your children on home-learning programmes –this will shape what we offer so your needs can be catered for as best we can.



## Our New House Captains

I am delighted to inform you that the children in each class have now all listened to the candidates manifestoes and have voted via secret ballots for their new House Captains.

The results were counted and verified by Ms Neale -and they were close!

It is with great excitement I can now inform you who has been elected ...

Zig Zag House (green) - Leo

Roundhouse (red) -Emily

Priory (blue)- Kieran /Merryn

Castle (yellow)- Hayden

I know they will be amazingly positive and hardworking -I'm looking forward to working with them -they are responsible for ensuring the children's voice in our school is heard.

I would like to thank Merryn who has stepped up to the role of Priory House Captain (1 point difference in votes) as Kieran and his family are sadly relocating to Bristol this week. We wish them much happiness in their new home and school.

Congratulations to everyone who put themselves forward.

British Values in action.



Dear Team St Stephens

*So far this year has been tricky because of Covid-19- six months of time has gone by just like that! Well done to you all for persevering through all the struggles. We as House Captains hope this is the best year yet and you try your hardest. We hope you achieve your goals - we will be here to support you all the way.*

*Yours sincerely*

*Hayden (Castle), Emily (Roundhouse), Leo (Zig Zag) and Merryn (Priory)*

## Parent /Carer Consultations-Autumn Term

After much discussion and our risk assessments reviewed, we have decided that **we will send home a short paper report just before half term with our assessment in the key areas of learning and targets for your child.** As much as we would love to do face to face meetings the logistics for this are currently unmanageable. If you have any on-going concerns please either speak with your child's class teacher at the end of the day or email [ststephens@andaras.org](mailto:ststephens@andaras.org)



Please may we ask you NOT to use J2E messenger for personal concerns/questions to the class teacher about your child as this learning platform (Y1-Y6) is currently just being used for uploading homework. If we go into a lockdown situation again this is when the messenger platform will be used by the class teacher once more. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Last week Mrs Furber's assembly was all about World Peace Day. We discussed individual and community responsibility in creating a peaceful place to live. This has particular importance in our world currently where kindness, responsibility and tolerance of others is key.

World  
Peace Day  
21st September 2020

Just Give Peace A Chance. <https://www.peaceday2020.com/>



### Forces in the Classroom-Science in Action

We had a lovely afternoon finding out how things move in class 7. We used ramps to see how far or fast our cars could go. We used a pulley to see how high we could get our toys. We bounced on the trampoline, pushing with our legs. We found that on some toys we have to pull on the levers to make them move.



### Communication and Language in the Early Years.



Last week we have been learning our class story ...  
"We're Going on a Bear Hunt."

Class F went on their very own Bear Hunt!

"We can't go over it, we can't go under it ...  
UH OH ...we'll have to go through it!"



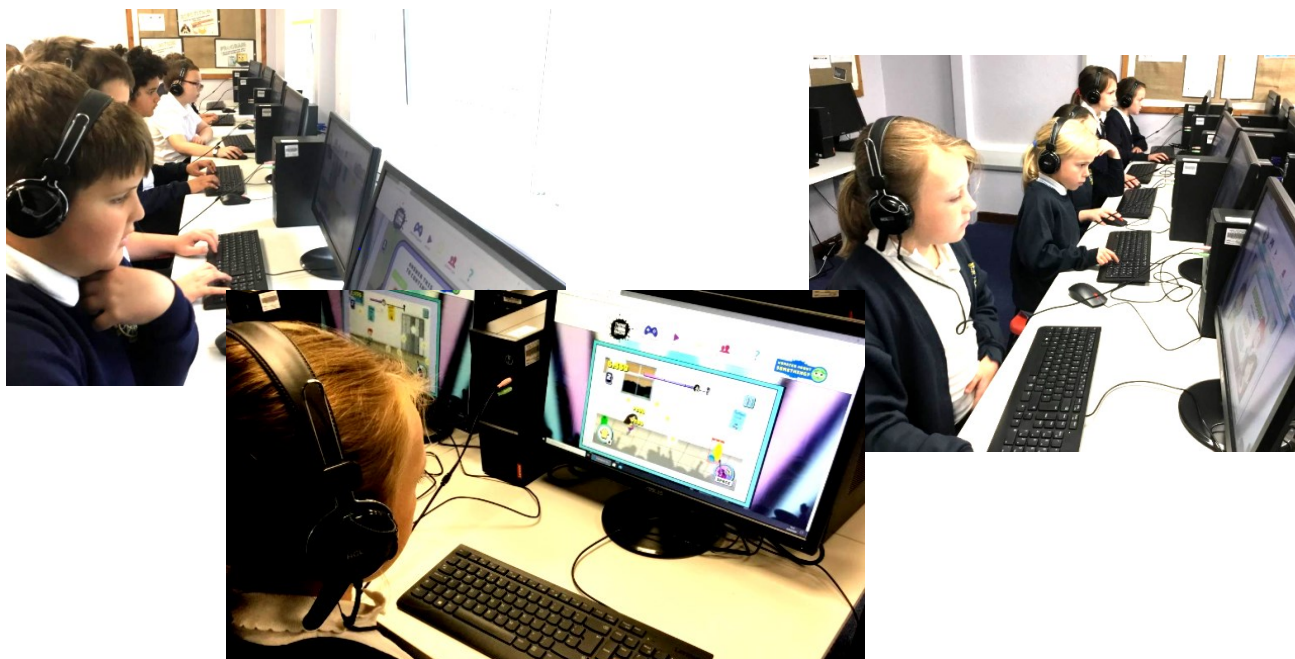
## Computing in Year 5

As part of each block of Computing there is always a Online Safety section. Year 5 have been looking at "Think you know and tried Band Runner."

These activities are available at home if you want to play them with your child.

They are a fun way of looking at online safety.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/band-runner/>



## Year 3 - Wild Tribe

What an amazing afternoon! Not only were we the very first class to use the outdoor classroom, but we were treated to a fantastic display of nature. We discovered that 5 Speckled Wood butterflies, which are often found in woodlands had hatched and made their home in our polytunnel. We could identify them by their dark brown wings liberally speckled with cream dots. It was truly an awe and wonder moment.



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## School Crossing Patrol vacancies in this area

Do you have time to spare or know someone that does?  
Concerned about children's safety,  
and would like to do your bit for  
the community?

**Then becoming a School  
Crossing Patrol may be  
for you!**



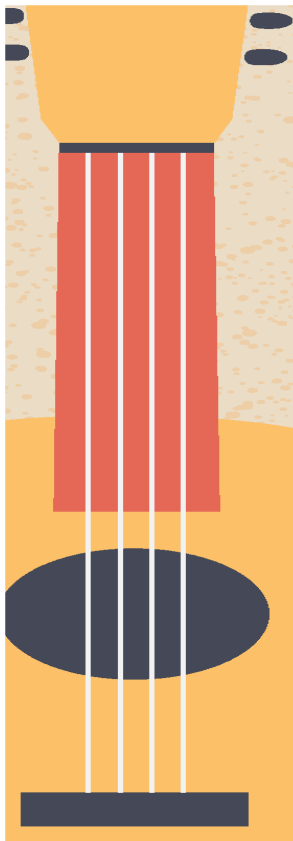
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## GUITAR LESSONS

Are you aged 7 or above?

Would you like to learn to play an  
instrument in a fun and friendly group at  
your school? (individual lessons also  
available)

Then come and join us and begin your  
musical journey!

For more info contact Tom Lintell  
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