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St Stephens Community Academy Fortnightly Family Newsletter

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Wednesday 20th December 2017



Dear Parents,

Thank you so very much for the support you have shown to our recent Christmas events. The children did themselves proud which was fantastic. We have had a lovely end to the term with various rewards and termly celebrations. It has been a busy term of events. We look forward to the new year as we have our Shanghai teachers coming to visit from Monday 15th January. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff for their time and commitment to the school. Their on-going dedication is truly commendable. We would like to wish you all a pleasant and peaceful Christmas break.

Regards, Mrs Saunders

Academy School Improvement:

We have been looking carefully at the children's assessment information to inform our plans for the Spring term. The children have done themselves proud and have worked especially hard this term. Please do get in touch with your child's class teacher if you would like to talk through in more detail. Our next parents meetings are at the end of the Spring term.

Attendance

Wk Ending

8th December 2017

CLASS F	97.1%
CLASS 1	95.6%
CLASS 2	96.9%
CLASS 3	92.7%
CLASS 4	97.1%
CLASS 5	95.9%
CLASS 6	98.6%
CLASS 7	88.3%

Key Diary Dates

Mon 8th January 2018	Back to School
Mon 15th January	Shanghai Teachers visiting for two weeks
Tues 23rd January	Swimming starts –class tbc
Fri 9th February	PTFA Valentine Disco
Mon 12th-Fri 16th Feb	Half Term
Tues 27th Feb	PTFA Film Club
Thurs 1st-Fri 2nd March	Year Three Residential, Slapton Sands
Fri 23rd March	PTFA Easter Bingo
Mon 26th March	Parents Evening
Tues 27th March	Parents Evening
Wed 28th March	Outdoor Learning Day



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Thank you to both Miss Sillifant and Mrs Walsh for their hard work and time with us at St Stephens. We wish them both the best of luck in their new roles. Miss Sillifant has changed roles and is going to work as a leader at a local pre school and Mrs Walsh is going to a full time position. We will miss you both.



After School Clubs

A club letter will be coming out in the New Year, but please note that due to the Shanghai teachers visiting us, clubs will not start until the week beginning 22nd January.



PTFA

The PTFA would like to thank everyone for their support this year. Our recent events have been very successful and have raised valuable funds.

After school cinema: £74.00

Tuck Shop: £57.40

Disco: £194.80

We also raised **£34.00** at our Tea and Mince Pie event after the Carol Concert, which we will donate to the church as a thank you for having us!

We were delighted to help KS2 out with their recent trip to the cinema by funding the buses and we have started with our £100 donation to each class for their chosen extras!

We look forward to seeing everyone at our events next year and would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas.

From the PTFA



Christmas Events

Junk Band

Our Junk Band played really well at late night shopping last week—a big thank you to all involved and a massive well done!



KS2 Carol Service

Congratulations to all of KS2 for a fantastic carol service yesterday—the repertoire consisted of not only class songs but also soloists and groups. Everyone tried their hardest and performed really well. We raised £69.91!



KS1 Nativity

KS1 performed a fabulous Nativity Play last week on two consecutive days. We received many compliments on the standard of singing and speaking—so well done to you all. We raised £86.23 over the two days!

So that's a total of £156.14 for Launceston Foodbank—thanks for all your support.



Road Safety Art Competition

Congratulations to Elsie and Nataly whose work was commended for their entries into the National Road Safety Art Competition

Pre School

Can we remind everyone that our first day back is Monday 8th January.

All the staff and children would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.



Online Safety over Christmas



For Parents

Welcome to the bonus Christmas edition of the Scomis Essentials Online Safety Newsletter.

Be prepared!

If you are buying your child a new mobile phone, games console, tablet PC set up the device before Christmas Day.

UKSaferInternet Centre recommends:

- Look at the device before Christmas day
- Install parental controls and safety settings
- Set up parental controls on your home internet

The following links provide detailed guidance:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers/parental-controls-offered-your-home-internet-provider>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/guidance/e-safety-checklist-getting-your-kids-tech-devices-set-up-safe/>

Buying an internet connected toy?

Don't forget Internet connected toys also present risks and challenges!

- Ask questions about the toy in the shop **before** you buy:
- What information does the toy collect?
- Where is the information collected stored?
- Will the toy take pictures and/or store recordings of the child?
- Does the toy require location services to work?
- Can location services be switched off?
- Does the toy require a password?
- Who can interact with the toy?
- Are parental controls available?
- How are parental controls accessed?

Find out more:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/tech-gifts-christmas>
<https://iconnewsblog.org.uk/>

Review the checklist from 'Which'

To help keep your family safe the consumer organisation Which has compiled a smart toy checklist of the things you need to be aware of before buying a connected toy and once you've brought one home. Access via the link below:

<https://www.which.co.uk/documents/pdf/connected-toy-safety-469632.pdf>

Smartphones – Remember!

- Smartphones allow easy access to apps
- Risk of accidental exposure to inappropriate content
- Easy to post to social media accounts from a smartphone – revealing information about location and other personal details

Australia's Office of the eSafety Commissioner

Has produced a useful guide for parents:
[Visit the Safety Christmas Gift Guide >>](#)



STOP PRESS! Yubo – previously Yellow!



- Advertised as a dating app for teenagers
- Does not verify ages upon sign-up.

'Yubo is a social app to meet new friends and have fun with them.'

Don't forget! Help and advice from CEOP for parents concerned about who their child might be talking to online.

- Stay calm!

Find out more:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Concerned-about-your-child/>

Talk to a professional at the NSPCC's helpline on 0800 800 5002 and Childline (0800 1111).

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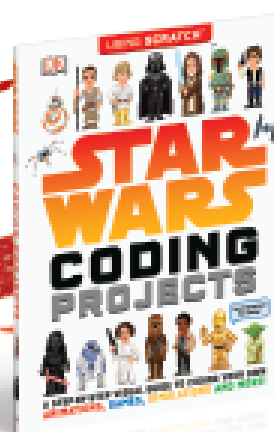
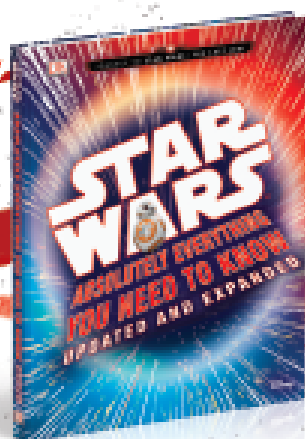
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