



An Daras
Multi Academy Trust

St Stephens Community Academy Fortnightly Family Newsletter



"Together towards a bright, positive and successful future"

Friday 3rd March 2017



Dear Parents,

Welcome back after half term. I would like to say a huge thank you for all the well wishes and congratulations that I have received from everyone. We had a very lovely wedding day and mini moon break. The children are doing especially well with remembering my new name— hopefully I will follow suit too! The children have come back very refreshed from their half term break and there is a great learning atmosphere across the school. Thank you to those parents who have attended our parent information meetings for Year 2 and 6. Hopefully you are now fully informed on those National Assessments. Year 5 have been working on their opera project and some new clubs have started this half term, so its already looking a full diary with exciting learning opportunities and special events! Please note down the upcoming events in your diary. Hopefully you all received your paper diary date letters. Please keep your details updated in the office as we really cannot send out communications if we do not have your updated details.

Regards, Mrs Saunders

Academy School Improvement: We have been focusing on pupil progress meetings this fortnight. This is where the class teacher meets with Mrs Saunders to discuss class progress and attainment. We are pleased to share the children are doing really well with their learning in all subjects.

Attendance

Wk Ending

24th February 2017

CLASS F	87.1%
CLASS 1	84.8%
CLASS 2	93.8%
CLASS 3	99.3%
CLASS 4	92.9%
CLASS 5	96.1%
CLASS 6	93.8%
CLASS 7	81.3%

Parking and Traffic

You are all aware that sadly traffic outside of our school gets very busy. We have recently been informed by the Council that our painted school marking lines will be refreshed and we will be getting a new parking sign to remind people to not park on our school markings. We also recommend that people do not park on the corner of the road as this blocks drivers vision. Please can we request that people do park considerately and not block in our neighbours. We also remind people that our parking is for our staff and people with parking permits. Please help us to keep a safe site.

Social Media

Hopefully you received our recent letter providing information about our social media policy for staff, children and parents. This policy can be found on our website. Whilst social media is a valuable tool, it does need to be used with care and consideration towards the organisation and their staff.

Please do contact the class teacher with any queries that you have in the first instance. If you would like further information please then contact either Mrs Baxter (PSA) or Mrs Bartlett (SENDICO). Finally, then Ms Neale or Mrs Saunders as Senior Leaders. The Governors are also available should you have any further queries.



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01566 772170

Half Termly Writers

Year 6 Jake
Year 5: Mia
Year 4: Jamie
Year 3: Jamie

Half Termly Maths

Year 6: Toby
Year 5: Stanley
Year 4 Logan
Year 3: Ben

Attendance Reminder

Attendance at SSCA is important and we still have children who do not have 97% plus as an attendance figure. Let us know if we can help.

Online Safety

We understand that some children may be accessing You Tube. We would strongly advise that they do not do this unless supervised by an adult. We would encourage children to use the Children's You Tube instead. Please can parents check their controls on tablets and mobile phones to ensure that children are unable to access inappropriate material on Facebook.

There is a wealth of information to support parents in keeping their children safe online. Some useful websites are the NSPCC <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/> and Think U Know <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>.

We are hoping to hold a Parent's Online Safety Information Session in the near future - date to follow.

Uniform

Please can we remind parents and children to come into school and check our overflowing lost property outside Year 2 and 3. We will try to send out texts to remind you all to collect items. We will soon move this to outside Year F to help keep our school tidy. We also will be displaying uniform at some of our events to help you. Please do ensure all belongings have names on them. It is essential that children wear the correct school uniform and are well presented. Please do see the school office or Mrs Baxter if this is difficult. Many thanks.

Diary Dates:

6th—7th March	Class 3 Residential
7th March	2.45 pm Class F Assembly
9th March	2.45pm Class 3 Assembly
16th March	2.45pm Class 5 Assembly
17th March	9am Class F Trust Event
17th March	3.30pm PTFA Film Club

Pupil Forum

Marhamchurch primary school's pupil forum came to visit St. Stephens on Wednesday. The students shared how their pupil forums ran and what they have been up to. It was a beneficial visit and we are looking forward to seeing them again.



On Tuesday 28th February, Year F visited Tinhays Building Supplies in Newport Industrial Estate as their class topic is 'Builders'. The children had the opportunity to have a tour of the shop inside and outside to see all of the different items which they sell as well as asking all of the questions they had thought of. A big thank you to Tinhays for taking time out of their busy day to allow Year F to visit. Also a big thank you to our parent volunteers for accompanying us on the trip. The children learnt lots, listened well and behaved wonderfully!



Morning Playground

We have kindly asked the children to not play football in the Key Stage One playground in the morning before school. A number of parents are concerned that children could get injured. Please can you support the children to be respectful until the gates open at 8.45am.

FAMILY FARM DAY
DUCHY COLLEGE
STOKE CLIMSLAND

Entrance costs
 £3 per adult
 £2 per child OAP
 Children under 3 are free.

SUNDAY 19TH MARCH
11AM - 3PM

Celebrate the arrival of spring at Duchy College's fun Family Farm Day event.

- Enjoy a tractor and trailer ride
- Handle newborn lambs
- Climb on the College's tractors
- See the cattle and piglets
- Farm quiz and more

This event will go ahead whatever the weather, so please come suitably dressed including sensible footwear.

Please be advised that women who are or might be pregnant should avoid contact with sheep and lambs. Please do not bring dogs to this event.

T: 0330 123 4784
 E: enquiries@duchy.ac.uk
 W: www.duchy.ac.uk

THE CORNWALL COLLEGE GROUP

World Book Day To link with our World Book Day celebrations, we would like to gather your opinions and views about your children reading at home. Please could you complete a short online survey for each of your children. This information will be crucial in helping us to move forward with supporting you and your children in reading at home. These links can also be found on our website.



Foundation and KS1 <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/PHSZ52C>
 Year 3 and 4 <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/3DYVJTB>
 Year 5 and 6 <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/3DTMQNX>

UNICEF

This week in school we have been focusing on **Article 28** of the Convention on the Rights of a Child: *'Every child has the right to an education.'*

Our steering group met this week to create a 'Visitor Charter' which outlines the responsibilities of visitors to our school. This charter is now displayed in the foyer by the school office on our UNICEF board. Our steering group have also ordered new blue caps which will replace the current 'yellow caps'. These are currently worn by some Key Stage 2 children when supporting children in the infant playground during lunchtimes. These 'yellow cap' children will now be known as 'Peer Mediators' and their role will be of a similar nature to their current one. This includes creating games for the younger children and trying to help them solve any friendship disagreements they may have.

Gardening Club – Key Stage 2

Any donations of plants (not seeds) would be gratefully received to plant up pots throughout the school. These should be passed to Mrs Fry or Mrs Grime. Many thanks.

Well done to the Year 5/6 football team who had a narrow defeat against St Catherine's. Both teams showed fantastic sportsmanship and team work.



Food Bank

We have been asked to share that Launceston Foodbank are looking for volunteers to help. Please get in touch with them with your CV. This would be a great opportunity for someone looking for work.

#40for40

40 PENCE FOR 40 DAYS

Can you take part in our 40 for 40 challenge this Lent

By giving up 40 pence a day for the 40 days of Lent you can raise enough to help support a local family in crisis this Easter.

All you have to do is find an old jam jar, or similar container and start collecting!

XXXXXXXXX.foodbank.org.uk

From Launceston College:

Year 6-7 Parents meeting Thursday 13th July 2017 at 7.00pm
 Year 6 induction days 17th and 18th July 2017

Year 6 – 7 Parent's Meeting: We would like to invite you and your child to meet their Head of House, tutor and other key Launceston College staff on Thursday 13th July 2017 at 7.00pm. On this evening you will be provided with an induction pack.

Parent Volunteer

Class F are looking for a parent volunteer to come in and listen to the children read. If you can help then please speak to either Miss Moore or Mrs Hobbs, or pop into reception.

FREE CAR SEAT SAFETY CHECK



FOR BABIES AND PRIMARY SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN



CAR SEAT'S & BOOSTER SEAT CHECKS TO HELP YOU UNDERSTAND NEW LAWS*

Checks take approximately 10 minutes but you may have a short wait



FREE ROAD SAFETY ADVICE*

The road safety team are not trained to offer advice regarding new i-size car seat regulations



FREE CHILD PRODUCT SAFETY ADVICE

***Trading Standards advice on nursery goods, toys, sun safety and child nutrition.**

DATE	TIME	VENUE DETAILS * OUTSIDE LOCATION*
Tuesday 21st March	9.30 am until 3.30 pm	The Children's Ark, Pendeen School, Church Road, Pendeen, Penzance TR19 7SE
Wednesday 22nd March	9.30 am until 3.30 pm	St Stephens Community Academy, Roydon Road, Launceston, Cornwall PL15 8HL
Tuesday 28th March	9.30 am until 3.30 pm	St Austell Children's Centre, Woodland Road, St Austell, PL25 4RA

Please turn up on the day or call 0300 1234 191 for more information