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# St Stephens Community Academy Fortnightly Family Newsletter

*"Together towards a bright, positive and successful future"*



Friday 28th April 2017



Dear Parents,

Welcome back from the Easter break, we hope you all had a lovely time. The children have returned well to school. It is great to see children looking smart in their school uniform. Please can I remind everyone to name label clothes as this does really help clothes to be found. Please can we remind everyone that school uniform is required at all times, including appropriate black footwear. We have had a real focus on driving standards in behaviour and politeness across the school. It is lovely to see and hear children talking in a polite manner to each other and staff. We continue the focus on zero tolerance of this. I had the privilege of visiting Lanhydrock with Year One last week, and I know this term is full of exciting activities for all the classes, including visits to North Petherwin and Werrington for our ADMAT events. Please book in the dates for our parents events this term, including our sports afternoons. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Regards, Mrs Saunders.

## Academy School Improvement:

The focus has been on pupil progress meetings with teachers to ensure all children are continuing to make good progress. We also have been visited from our Academy School Improvement Officer to re-view some of our actions.

### Attendance

Wk Ending

21st April 2017

CLASS F	967%
CLASS 1	95.5%
CLASS 2	99.1%
CLASS 3	99.6%
CLASS 4	95.9%
CLASS 5	94.2%
CLASS 6	94.4%
CLASS 7	92.9%

### Diary Dates:

Tues 2nd May	Return to school
Tues 2nd May 2.45pm	Chartwells open session—healthy lunches
Tues 2nd May 3.30pm	PTFA Meeting
Weds 3rd May 3.20pm	KS1 2Simple parents information session
Thurs 4th -Fri 5th May	Year 5 Residential London
Fri 5th May 9am-10am	KS1 Parents open morning for maths
Mon 8th-Thurs 11th May	KS2 SATS
Fri 12th May 3.30pm	PTFA Film Club
Mon 15th May 2.30pm	KS2 Assembly - Online Safety with Jane McFall



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### **Congratulations!**

Congratulations to the children who have been successfully interviewed by Mia and Jasmine in Year 5 for our Friendship Leaders. The interviews were very successful. Mia and Jasmine created their own interview questions and conducted a very fair but rigorous process. The Friendship Leaders will be in role at lunchtimes to ensure that all children are having a happy and positive lunchtime experience. This is a great example of pupil voice taking place across our school.

### **Community Governors– A fantastic opportunity**

We have two vacancies for Community Governors for SSCA. Please share the word with the local residents. We are full with Parent Governors but if you know of someone who would like to support the school by attending one afternoon meeting a half term and regular visits to school, please ask them to contact us at St Stephens. Mrs Saunders, Head of School would like to meet them and give them a tour of our fantastic site and explain more about the role.

### **Multiskills**

On Wednesday Year 2 went to Launceston College to take part in a Multiskills event. They participated in activities such as dance, parachute games, throwing and catching, jumping and many more. Have a look at the Year 2 blog on the website for more photos and a video of the dancing.



### **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.

### **A MAGICAL MUSICAL PERFORMANCE!**



Huge congratulations to Year Five, who just before Easter, gave a wonderful performance of THE MAGICAL MUSICAL TREE by Luke Carver Goss & Ian McMillan. This was one of five short operas performed at Launceston Town Hall, after a day of rehearsals – and weeks of hard practice.



Following the success of the event, the icing on the cake came when our school was the one chosen out of 25 schools nationally, to take part in interviews with a theatre critic – the purpose being, to promote the 'Snappy Opera' company to their sponsors. Our Year Fives were highly commended for their enthusiasm, energy, commitment and positive attitude to the project as a whole. We are extremely proud of their achievements and the way in which they have represented St Stephen's school. Well done Year Five!



### **Sports Clubs**

Now that the summer term is upon us we are changing our sport clubs to reflect the summer sports that are played throughout the UK and across the world. This means that we have had to stop some of our other clubs to ensure that we have enough members to staff to lead this. Some of the clubs that are available are athletics, KS1 multiskills, running club, cricket and dance (Wake and Shake).

### **Pupil Forum**

Watch this space! St Stephens are writing our own 50 Things list (adapted from the National Trust).

### **House Teams**

We have launched house teams. All children and staff are in a coloured team– red/ green/ blue and yellow. Children will earn house points from lunchtimes and sports events. We will be counting points in school and soon on our website. Ask your child what house team they are in!

### **Lunchtimes**

Mrs Murphy has been leading a team to review our lunchtime provision as we head into the Summer Term. Starting the week of Monday 15th May, all children will eat lunch before 12.30pm. After 12.30pm all children can be outside using our extensive grounds. Children can be engaged in structured sports activities, gardening activities, creative experiences and many more opportunities.

### UNICEF

This week in school we have been focusing on **Article 29** of the Convention on the Rights of a Child: *'Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures, and the environment.'*

Your child will be bringing home a copy of their 'Class Charter' for you to see. These charters were created by the pupils and are reviewed on a regular basis. They can also be viewed on our school website.

Our 'Steering Group' will be undertaking a 'Narrative Walk' of the school next week to assess how UNICEF, 'Rights Respecting Language' and charters are displayed and how prominent they are across the school. The information collected from this narrative walk will be used as evidence towards our Level 1 Award.

We are continuing to focus on our 'Rights Children of the Week' this term.

The 'Rights Child of the Week' over the past two weeks has been:

**Lilly (Year 1)** for looking after class mates when they fall over at playtimes.

**Scott (Year 4)** for welcoming a new child to the school and helping him settle in.

**Well done to Lilly and Scott and all the children who were nominated by their class over the past two weeks!**

### **Maths Challenge Day at St Stephens Community Academy**

On Friday 21st April 4 schools from the Andaras Academy Trust: Windmill Hill, North Petherwin, Werrington and St Stephens, joined together to participate in an amazing Maths Challenge Day at St. Stephens Community Academy. Daniel Simons, from the Cornwall and Devon Maths Hub, enthused the pupils in their learning of maths through a range of games and challenges. The challenges included making an origami Jackson Cube, calculating the code to open the treasure chest and trying to find out the sequence required to perform a maths card trick. "It was a great day- learning maths and spending time with children from the other schools." "Today was the most fantastic maths we have done." Class 6 pupils (St. Stephens Community Academy).

### Fidget Spinners

We understand that some children are coming to school with Fidget Spinners. We kindly ask that children do not come into school with these items. The reasons are that children will play with a fidget spinner by spinning it in their hand or putting it down and watching it spin on a table or the floor, producing a low ball-bearing whirr.

Although these gadgets are advertised to help children relax and to 'fiddle' to relieve stress. We have found children are distracted by this toy as it makes it difficult for them to focus and concentrate on their learning. For the pupil who is using the spinner, they focus on the gadget itself, and not their learning.

We therefore ask parents to ensure these are kept at home to enjoy and not brought to school. Children who bring them into the classroom will have them removed and handed back at the end of the day.

For Children who are finding it difficult to relax and need something to fiddle with, please can parents contact myself and we can discuss support to meet your child's needs. Mrs Bartlett, SENDCo



### Autism Awareness Week

At the end of March the ARB took part in a Sponsored Bounce to raise money for World Autism Awareness Week. We had a great time bouncing. The children and staff all bounced for at least 5 minutes continuously. Mrs Steele and Miss Carew even did seat drops!

As a result of our fundraising we raised : **£286 !!!!!**

We thank everyone who donated for all their support. We are looking forward to doing more fundraising in the future for our own ARB, in order to help us buy much needed resources.

### Online Safety Day

Jane McFall will be doing an Online Safety Day for children and parents on Monday 15th 2017.

Details to follow.

### Red Nose Day

The children raised a tremendous £156.87 for charity. Well done all!

### PTFA Meeting

**Tuesday 2nd May at 3.30pm**

All parents/carers are welcome to join the committee members to discuss our upcoming events.

### End of Term Awards

**Hudson KS1 PE Cup: Andrew Year 2**

**KS1 Art Trophy: David Year 2**

**Hudson KS2 PE Cup: Jake & Lewis Year 6**

**KS2 Art Trophy: Natasha Year 3**

### Patchwork Parenting Course



Following the success of the previous two courses, we are now able to offer our third Patchwork Parenting Course. As we all know as parents, parenting is not always easy! This course is designed to share ideas and gain additional skills to help with everyday situations. Please feel free to bring along a friend or family member, it's fun and informative! Course starts on Thursday 18th May, 9.15 for 9.30 and finishing at 11am, light refreshments provided. Venue: British Legion in Launceston (opposite Cornish & Devon Post building at the beginning of Dunheved Road). Transport can be provided from the school. Crèche available and Sharon Baxter will be attending every meeting. Any queries please do speak to Sharon Baxter, PSA.

### Beach Safety Day

On Wednesday 19th April KS2 had a beach safety talk from two lifeguards from the RNLI. They discussed with the children how to keep safe at the beach and all participated in hands-on activities to raise awareness of the meanings of the flags that are seen on the beaches. They also learned what roles and responsibilities the lifeguards have and how they play an important part in keeping us all safe. We even had a chance to role play a day as a lifeguard. As you can see from the pictures below we made pretty good lifeguards!



### FLIC - Launceston Town Hall

Friday May 5th 2017 at 7.30pm. Doors open 7pm.

***A United Kingdom*** cert 12A, 111mins  
With David Oyelowo and Rosamund Pike

*Based on true events. Prince Seretse Khama of Botswana causes an international stir when he marries Ruth, a white woman from London in the late 1940s.*

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Friday June 2nd 2017 at 7.30pm. Doors open 7pm

**Showing as part of the Charles Causley Centenary Festival**

***Tin*** cert 12, 94mins  
With Jenny Agutter. Directed by Bill Scott of Miracle Theatre

*A drama set in Cornwall in 1895. A blatant swindle by the local bank threatens the life of a remote mining village.*

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Ticket prices for each film : - Adult £5, Concessions £4

Available on the door, at Launceston Tourist Information Centre, can be ordered online at Cornish Riviera Box Office - [crbo.co.uk/flic](http://crbo.co.uk/flic), or by phone on (01726) 879500



## Message from The Co-op Local Community Fund to our PTFA!

"we're pleased to let you know that your cause has been chosen for this round of the Co-op Local Community Fund.

The funding for your cause will come from Co-op Members. We give 1% of everything our members spend on Co-op branded products and services to a local cause they choose – and they'll be able to choose your cause from 9 April to 7 October 2017.

An online guide (<https://membership.coop.co.uk>) can be accessed from the link on how to sign up to the PTFA funding cause. If you have a Co-op Members card you can log on to your account and choose which group gets your money... If you don't choose then your money gets split between the 3 groups. We also get a share of the 5p bag money, which I believe is set at £970 for the funding period. The more Co-op members that choose St Stephens Community Academy PTFA the more money we get."



**Family Fun Day**  
If you go up to the woods today  
**Sunday 30 April 2017**  
11am - 4pm

**Wheal Martyn**

oh! **£5** per adult and **£2** per child  
Price includes admission to the museum and grounds

The atmospheric Wheal Martyn grounds will be brought to life with an array of activities, entertainment, food, fun and festivities

**ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:**

- Teddy Bears' Picnic  
Bring along your favourite teddy to join in the fun
- Den Building • Bouncy Castle
- Camp Fire Building and Cooking
- Marshmallow Toasting
- Make Bird Feeders
- Screech Owl Sanctuary
- Laser Tag • And much more!!

**ENTERTAINMENT:**

- Re:Chaired at 11am
- Cornwall College Theatre Group

**ALSO:**

- Explore the 16 acre site, woodland walks and nature trails

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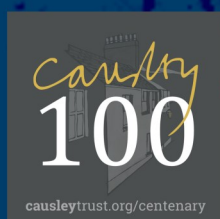
*"If I didn't write poetry I think I'd explode"* - Charles Causley

**Calling all artists inspired by Charles Causley...**

**We are pleased to launch the children's art competition, which is being run as part of the Charles Causley centenary celebrations. Entries must be inspired by a Charles Causley poem.**

*Deadline for entries to arrive at Launceston College - 19th May 2017. Prizes donated by Specsavers Launceston.*

*The competition is open to all primary aged children within the Launceston area. Entries must be either A2 or A3 in size and be able to be displayed as a wall hanging. Please ensure that the entries can be attributed to the artist in your school, and include the age of the pupil to allow entry into the correct age class. Once the winners have been announced, parents can decide whether they wish the name of the child to be published.*



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