



**Mrs. Maura Furber -Headteacher**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well what a difference a couple of weeks can make and what a change in the weather!

I am writing this newsletter as we prepare to re-open our school doors to further groups of children in Y4 and Y6 week beginning 29.06.2020 as we now have the staff to enable this to happen. This week more Y1's and YF's have meant the original 'bubble' has had to split into two due to the increase in uptake. Its wonderful to hear so many voices back in our school again and more classrooms filled with laughter.

A huge thank you again to all the parents and carers who have followed our two metre distancing requests during drop offs and pick ups. May I just remind you that it should only be **one adult picking up and dropping off** to ensure social distancing can be adhered to and so all families feel safe. We follow a strict safety routine in the classrooms too—we will not compromise your child's safety and a robust cleaning schedule is followed every hour. I think it was a complete surprise to us all when the government announced that schools would not be open to any other children. I know you are all doing an amazing job of home schooling and it must seem like a long time until the summer holidays. A HUGE thank you for your continued support. We have noticed a little bit of a drop in pupil participation –we totally understand this but hope with all the work the teachers are setting the children and your on-going wonderful help they will continue to impress us all. Lots of great learning to share in this newsletter – in school and at home. I will endeavour to update you as soon as possible if there are any other changes that will affect our school and your child. 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

Take care, stay safe and keep in touch.

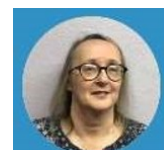
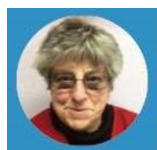
*Maura Furber*

### **School Improvement– Local Governing Body Working Party.**

I am in contact with our governing body weekly . Their support and role as a critical friend is essential to ensure we safeguard your children during this very unprecedented time. They also ensure the well-being of the staff who are working long hours to provide the best education they can for you remotely. This is indeed something we never thought in our lifetime would happen and all of us are having to be very adaptable. During lockdown we have met remotely as a full governing body and also in a working party to ensure we have a clear strategy for future targets and provision. I can voice my thoughts and together with the staff we can ensure our plans going forward are realistic, robust and fit for purpose. Your children will always be out number one priority.

**If you wish to contact a governor during the present situation the following are the best options:**

- Contact via school secretary or Mrs. Furber
- Email Chair of Governors on [sscachair@andaras.org](mailto:sscachair@andaras.org)



## TWITTER FEED



Here are just two examples of our Twitter feeds recently. Check out St Stephens

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A big congratulations to Ayla, our half term comp winner, chosen by our Chair of Governors Mrs Ann Nicholson, for her Frida Kahlo inspired art. We also decided, that because all of the entries were so amazing, each child would receive a new book for their effort. Well done everyone!



8:44 AM · Jun 15, 2020 · Twitter Web App



Year F showed great resilience in their home learning when making model boats and then seeing if they floated or not.



9:28 AM · Jun 9, 2020 · Twitter Web App

## Studying Fossils in Class 7

We had an amazing afternoon studying fossils. We looked at fossils of sea creatures, dinosaur bones and shark teeth. We used the magnifying glasses to really look carefully at the detail. We found out that these were millions of years old.

We then had a go at making our own fossils by pressing dinosaurs into clay. We could see the prints they made very clearly.

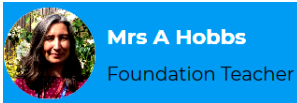




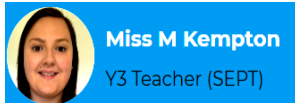
## Class Teachers Next September

I'm delighted to confirm who will be the class teachers next September –let's hope we will be back to normal by then. The teachers will be sending 'Transition' video messages to their 'new' classes on Monday 29.06 2020

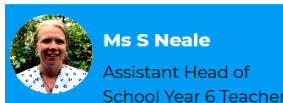
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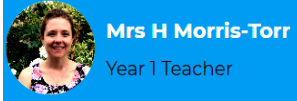
**Mrs A Hobbs**  
Foundation Teacher



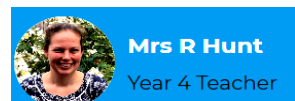
**Miss M Kempton**  
Y3 Teacher (SEPT)



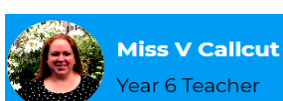
**Ms S Neale**  
Assistant Head of  
School Year 6 Teacher



**Mrs H Morris-Torr**  
Year 1 Teacher



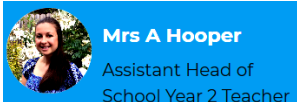
**Mrs R Hunt**  
Year 4 Teacher



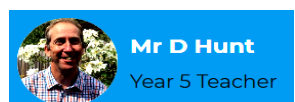
**Miss V Callcut**  
Year 6 Teacher



**Mrs L Lumby**  
Foundation Teacher



**Mrs A Hooper**  
Assistant Head of  
School Year 2 Teacher



**Mr D Hunt**  
Year 5 Teacher



**Mrs K Walsh**  
ARB Teacher

Mrs. Lumby will be on maternity leave for the majority of the school year.

## Music Challenges

Year 2 were set the home learning challenge of arranging some drinking glasses on a table. If they hit them with a pencil what sound did they make? Is each different? They then added different amounts of water to each glass. How did the sound change? They went on to compose a song to play on their water xylophone. You can see videos of the children performing their songs on the Class 2 blog on the school website.



## Name that Face Quiz -So how did you do???? Check out the answers and see how many you got right.

- 1 Mrs Hunt (Y4)
- 2 Mrs Cowling (Y4)
- 3 Mrs Hobbs (YF)
- 4 Miss Whitley (Pre-School)
- 5 Mrs Fry (ARB)
- 6 Mrs Coole (Y1)
- 7 Mrs Bartlett (SENDCo)
- 8 Mrs Morris-Torr(Y1)
- 9 Mrs Steele (ARB)
- 10 Mrs Furber (Headteacher)
- 11 Mrs Paul ( Safeguarding Manager)
- 12 Mrs Mayer (YF)
- 13 Miss Buckland-Rowe (Y5 and YF)
- 14 Mrs Grime (Librarian)
- 15 Mrs Mead (Y3)
- 16 Mr Hunt (Y5)
- 17 Mrs Baxter (Family Support)
- 18 Mrs Southall (ARB)
- 19 Mrs Duckworth (Y2 and Y6)
- 20 Ms Peerless (Pre-School)
- 21 Mrs Hooper (Y2)
- 22 Ms Walsh (ARB)
- 23 Mrs Bye (Y6)
- 24 Ms Neale (Y6)
- 25 Ms Calcutt (Y4 and Y6)





## Outside Learning

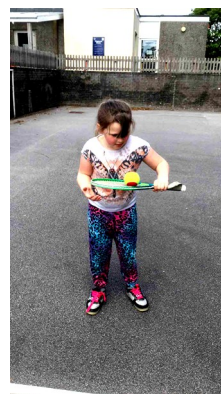


At St Stephens we know how important it is and also highly recommended by medical experts to be outside as much as possible.

We are incredibly grateful for the support of Arena Sports, who have been working with our different 'bubbles'. Each group has their own adult who meets the children outside. The adult leader comes with all their own resources and equipment that are then cleaned and prepped for their next visit to our school.

Robust risk assessments are in place for all activities.

The children in Year 6 have been particularly enjoying their Wild Tribe adventures and the KS1 team have been practicing their tennis skills. Future Wimbledon champs in the making!





**ANCHORS**

**AWAY!**

**Free Online Holiday Club**

Thursday 23rd - Sunday 26th July

Facebook Live broadcast  
at 11am each day with  
competition results  
live at 3pm

Free craft and activity pack for each child in primary  
who registers by 1st July (See facebook for details)

[facebook.com/bridgekidslaunceston](https://facebook.com/bridgekidslaunceston)

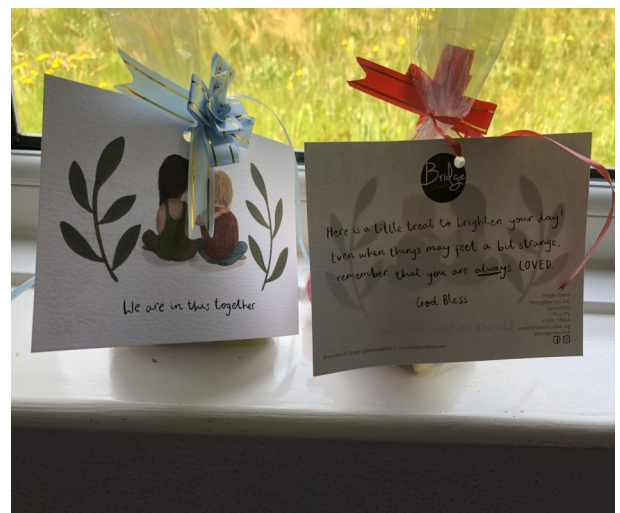

Contact: [mark.blencowe@bridgechurchuk.org](mailto:mark.blencowe@bridgechurchuk.org)

**BRIDGE CHURCH**

We would like to say a huge thank you to our friends at Bridge Church in Launceston who provided beautifully wrapped bags of treats for our Key Worker children. This group of children have been in school continually, even during the half term and Easter break to enable their parents to do their important jobs during this pandemic.

The little bags were very well received and the hand written message: a ray of hope. We most definitely are all in this together. We all need each other for support and kindness during this tricky time.

Thank you Bridge Church.

**30% off for parents!**



These books are ideal for **learning at home**, and we have a great offer to help parents – just give them the code **BANANAS30** and they'll enjoy **30% off the retail price** at [cgpbooks.co.uk](http://cgpbooks.co.uk), until September 30\*.



**BOOK EXCHANGE**

Thank you to everyone who came to swap their children's books last time – it was so lovely to see you and catch up. The next book swap will be on the week beginning the 22nd June 2020

Monday 22nd June @ 10.00-2.00pm.	Mrs Paul	<b>Surnames :A to D</b>
Tuesday 23rd June @ 10.00-2.00pm.	Mrs Furber	<b>Surnames :E to J</b>
Wednesday 24th June @ 10.00-2.00pm.	Mrs Furber	<b>Surnames :K to N</b>
Thursday 25th June @ 10.00-2.00pm.	Mrs Furber	<b>Surnames :O to S</b>
Friday 26th June @ 10.00-2.00pm.	Mrs Furber	<b>Surnames :T to Z</b>

This will be carefully monitored by the member of staff listed on each day and will be in the Main Reception area. Quick drop off books in 'returned' book box and pick up – a walk through rather than a drive in!!

Thank you .