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Multi Academy Trust

St Stephens Community Academy Fortnightly Family Newsletter

"Together towards a bright, positive and successful future"

Mrs Maura Furber Headteacher



Dear Parents/Carers,

Once again life at St. Stephens has been incredibly exciting and productive. You will see in the newsletter how many enrichment activities have taken place over the past two weeks; from music workshops in the ARB to bread making with the school kitchen team in Reception, visits to the recycling centre in KS1 and swimming and dance workshops in KS2. We have also been delighted to welcome our recently appointed Mayor, Mrs Margaret Young, into school to meet our newly elected Pupil Forum and answer their questions about her role and responsibilities. Many thanks to all of you who donated and bought cakes in our bake sale this week. Your contributions will be used to help fund Christmas enrichment activities. Also a huge thank you for our Harvest donations-the foodbank are always so grateful for your kindness. Once again it has been my pleasure to meet with so many of you in the playground at the start and end of the day. May I just remind you that when your child is 'given' to you at the end of the day they are your responsibility-it has been brought to my attention that some pupils are rushing out of the playground without a responsible adult. Your children's safety is a key priority in our school. I very much enjoyed meeting with our school governors this week to discuss where the school is now and our next steps to improve our teaching and learning progress and attainment. Being a governor is such a worthwhile and rewarding role to have in a school—we currently have a vacancy for a **parent governor on the panel**. If this is something you would be interested in please contact the main office for more information. This is our last newsletter until after half term so may I take this opportunity to thank you for all your support during my first half term and I wish you and your families a happy and sunny half term break. *Maura Furber*

Summer Reading Challenge Last week, Andi Snook from Launceston library came and presented the children, who had completed this year's Summer Reading Challenge, with a celebratory certificate. A big well done to these children who have shown a fantastic commitment to reading. Look out for their photo in the Cornish and Devon Post.



Staffing News.

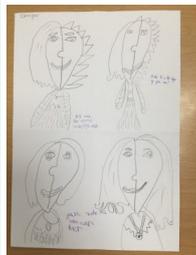
After half term we are delighted to welcome Miss Victoria Vincent into our school team. Miss Vincent has been appointed to work in Year 3 (Thursday and Friday) alongside Mrs Lumby (Monday-Wednesday). This vacancy has been created due to Mrs Kari Gilbert being successful in her application to join the county music team. Mrs Gilbert's passion for the creative arts cannot go unnoticed and we wish her much luck and happiness in her new role. Fortunately for us we still get to benefit from Mrs Gilbert's wealth of experience as she will remain leading after-school clubs and outside learning two afternoons a week. I am also delighted to inform you that Ms Sharon Neale has successfully completed the Primary Lead Development and Accreditation Programme and is now a National Centre for Excellence in Teaching Maths Accredited Professional Development Lead. Congratulations Ms Neale—how lucky St. Stephens are to have your expertise within the team.

Attendance

Wk Ending 5th October

CLASS F	97.2%
CLASS 1	92.7%
CLASS 2	99.6%
CLASS 3	92.8%
CLASS 4	95%
CLASS 5	99.3%
CLASS 6	91.9%
CLASS 7	82.2%

Year 3's Visible Learning, based on Austin's Butterfly and through Picasso inspired faces, demonstrating our resilient learning powers.



A big thank you to everyone who supported our **cake sale** this week – we raised a total of £72.66 which will be used towards our KS1 Christmas show.



Attendance Reminder Your child will now be marked as “late” if arriving after 9am and before 9.15am. Any children arriving after this time will be marked as “unauthorised”. We would also like to remind you that if your child is absent from school you are to inform the school office by 9.30am on the first day of absence and subsequent days.



Holiday Request Holiday authorisation cannot be made. We can only grant it in very limited exceptional circumstances for which there is a very tight criteria . We ask kindly that parents do not discuss this with each other as individual cases are personal and comparisons cannot be made. We further ask that this information is not shared on any social networking site.

If the school is not informed, your child’s absence will be marked as “unauthorised”.

Medical Appointments

If your child has a medical appointment during the school day please ensure they are away from school for the minimum amount of time. We register children twice a day, at 9am and 1pm, so please try to make sure they are in school at those times, so that their attendance is not affected.

Parent Consultations—Mon 15th and Tues 16th

October

Please take this opportunity to come and speak with the teachers regarding your child’s progress. Sign up sheets are in the office reception.

Class F—Harvest

Class F’s current topic is ‘Harvest’. On Tuesday 9th October they worked as a class to bake some bread rolls with Chartwells, who provide our school dinners. They listened to and discussed the story ‘The Little Red Hen’ beforehand so they understood the process of turning corn into flour and then bread. They worked independently to knead their dough and enjoyed seeing the final product which looked and smelt delicious! The rolls were the centre piece of our school Harvest display.



PTFA

The PTFA are delighted to announce that, thanks to Julia Warne and Linda Gliddon from our local Santander branch in Launceston, our total raised for this year’s Summer Fayre has increased to a massive £2356.60! This is due to the £1000.00 in match funding that has been awarded. Julia and Linda supported the PTFA with organising ahead of the event and attending on the day to run stalls. So thank you! All PTFA funds are valuable in supporting your children with extra resources and experiences in school.

Thank you to those who attended our AGM on Wednesday, we do need parents to support us and come to any open meetings we hold. There is no obligation to volunteer, but as all parents/carers are automatically members, we ask you to attend to stay informed and share ideas.

Our next event is our Halloween Disco on Friday 19th October, children should be bringing home forms today....If you do not receive one, please ask at the school office as they always have spare copies available. KS1 children who attend the Plymouth Argyle club until 4.15pm are welcome to stay in school and change ahead of their disco starting at 4.30pm.



Harvest

What another fantastic display to celebrate Harvest again this year. Thank you to everyone: families, pupils, staff, Tescos and our kitchen team, who have kindly donated harvest produce for our celebration and harvest sale this year. Chartwells also prepared a wonderful Harvest lunch for us this year enjoyed by both pupils and staff.



All monies raised will be for our chosen charity this year: Launceston Foodbank.

Summer Fair

Does anyone have any photos from Summer Fair, of the performances that were on stage ? If so, please could you contact Kari Gilbert – we would like to add them to the Performing Arts photo display. Thank you.



Can you help ? Any donations very welcome.

Samba Band need clean car-wash sponges and clean old towels for drum strap padding.

Straw for chicken bedding.

Good quality junk for making outdoor instruments e.g. water tanks, drain pipes etc.



Cello / violin lessons.

If anyone is interested in starting group cello / violin lessons, please contact Kari Gilbert through the office, for further details.



Belated WELL DONE

To Adam – who has now left us for Year 7 and College! Adam achieved a remarkable Distinction, in his LCM Music Theatre exam at the end of the Summer Term. Adam had to learn two songs, create a programme for his performance, and discuss the pieces with his examiner. And all this after SATs! Huge well done to Adam – College have gained a talented student.



Performing Arts Clubs

Well done to Choir and Drama Clubs, for making a great start on their respective projects :

Song Fest for Choir (performance in March); Romeo and Juliet for Drama (performance date yet to be arranged).

Mayor Margaret met the Pupil Forum for a question and answer session and a walk around the school.



Fantastic Forest Schools

What an amazing set of Wild Tribe sessions we have had this half term, starting with bow and arrow making in Years Five, Four and Six, and then fire making / campfire cooking with Years Four and Five. It has been very noticeable how well the children have progressed from session to session – in terms of independence and also practical skills. We look forward to continuing Wild Tribe through the next half of the Autumn Term ... so get your wellies ready, as the weather will most likely not be on our side!



Bodmin Recycling Centre

On Tuesday 2nd October, Class 1 enjoyed a super trip to Bodmin Recycling Centre as part of our topic and looking after our planet. We had a tour of the facility and learnt lots about the recycling process. We also made junk models and played a recycling game. A huge thank you to our parent helpers.



STARTS
THEATRE
presents

DISNEY'S

Aladdin

Directed by Mark Sidey
Musical Director Jane Warwick

JNR

AUDITIONS

7-14 year olds
(Must be 7 by January 10th 2019)

Sunday December 9th
Starts Studio, 10am-4pm

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Wed 29th May- Sat 1st June

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Forest School Holiday Club

Spooky Halloween Holiday Club - October 2018

Monday - Spooky lantern making using tin cans, glass jars, hammers, nails and natural materials

Tuesday - Haunted house den building. Learn how to build your own fires.

Wednesday - Pumpkin carving and gooey slime activities.

Thursday - Campfire cooking using Autumn ingredients. Yummy soup and scrumptious cinnamon apples.

Friday - Autumn crafts making spiders, and cobwebs. Potion making in magic cauldrons!

Tiny Tots, Sheers Barton, Lawhitton, PL15 9NJ

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The Stage