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St Stephens Community Academy Fortnightly Family Newsletter



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Monday 4th May 2020



Mrs. Maura Furber -Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well I genuinely cannot believe how the weeks are flying past –you have all been doing an amazing job supporting your children’s learning and well –being at home. If you have any problems locating information or you need some advice please do not hesitate to contact me via the email ststephens@andaras.org or your child’s class teacher via our on-line learning platforms. I have also set up a new information/advice tab on our school website called ‘Coronavirus Information’ -I hope this helps. Our amazing staff team made the front page of the Cornish and Devon Post this week—a HUGE thank you for their dedication and absolute commitment to support the children and families that they miss every day. They are working long hours and supporting their own families too. You will probably have heard in the news people talking about schools re opening . This is certainly not something that will happen overnight and will need very careful planning, strategic implementation and consideration because my duty of care to all at St Stephens is paramount especially in such unprecedented times. So we can’t say yet when we’ll be able to open the school fully, but rest assured that we’ll continue doing our utmost to keep your child learning and our school community connected. I am aware many of you are concerned about transition into new classes if we do not open until September . PLEASE rest assured as soon as we know dates and schedules we will inform you –a planned transition for all of us at St Stephens will be critical. Take care, stay safe and keep in touch. *Maura Furber*

School Improvement– Governors.

We are incredibly lucky to have such supportive governors to help lead our school whilst also being critical partners to ensure we offer the very best provision for our pupils at St Stephens. Throughout this unprecedented time I have been keeping in touch with them as usual and I would like to share some of their kind words with you.

I just wanted to say how proud I am to be associated with St Stephens. This is a very difficult time for everyone. The staff has put a lot of time and effort into providing online learning, interesting activities and maintaining contact with pupils and their families. From reading the newsletters I have been so impressed with the photos sent in showing all the challenges and activities you have undertaken. I know the staff have appreciated the supportive parental comments they have received. It proves that school, pupils and families working together can achieve great things. Keep up the good work Team St Stephens.

Ann Nicholson (Chair of Governors)

What a strange time this is for all of us. I'd like to compliment the staff for their hard work preparing and checking tasks for the children. Also, well done to the children who are carrying out and submitting the tasks. I'm not forgetting you parents, thank you for supporting your children and the school. If we all play our part, together we'll ensure the children will continue to thrive despite all that's happening.

Peter Jones (Vice Chair of Governors)

What a mammoth task it must be for the staff to restructure teaching during Covid-19. It looks as though you are doing a splendid job under difficult conditions. The children are continuing their education and the staff are rising to the challenge. I am sure that you will all be looking forward to returning to your lovely school when it is safe to do so.

Joan Heaton (Co-Opted Governor)

Through these very strange and difficult times, we are all having to adapt and find new ways of doing things, I am extremely proud of St Stephens’ staff, children and their families for working so well together to keep up with valuable learning, whilst also supporting each other’s emotional needs and well-being. Please continue to enjoy this rare and special time with your family, making memories, having fun and keeping yourselves safe. We look forward to seeing you all soon.

Laura Osborne (Parent Governor)





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The Skills Toolkit

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Time for Parents/Carers Home Learning!

Online learning platform to boost workplace skills launched .

Free courses are available through the new online platform, the Skills Toolkit. This platform signposts to free, high-quality digital and numeracy courses to help people build up their skills, progress in work and boost their job prospects and confidence whilst at home. Courses on offer cover a range of levels, from everyday maths and the use of email and social media at work to more advanced

training. All courses are available online and are flexible so that people can work through them at their own pace.

The Skills Toolkit can be accessed here

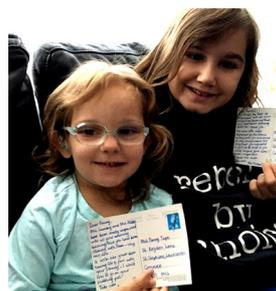
<https://theskillstoolkit.campaign.gov.uk/>

Celebration Assembly-Remote Style!

As we are unable to all come together on a Friday afternoon to talk about our learning, review our School Value and British Value of the week and applaud our super stars in each class we have to celebrate slightly differently! The staff and I have been overwhelmed by all the imaginative and creative ways you have been learning at home. We really appreciate all your hard work and effort –we can see this by the evidence you upload onto J2E, via emails sent or on Visible Me . A HUGE WELL DONE everyone and an ENORMOUS THANK YOU to your family for supporting you. However each week the teachers have been selecting one or two people for a special recognition—just like normal.

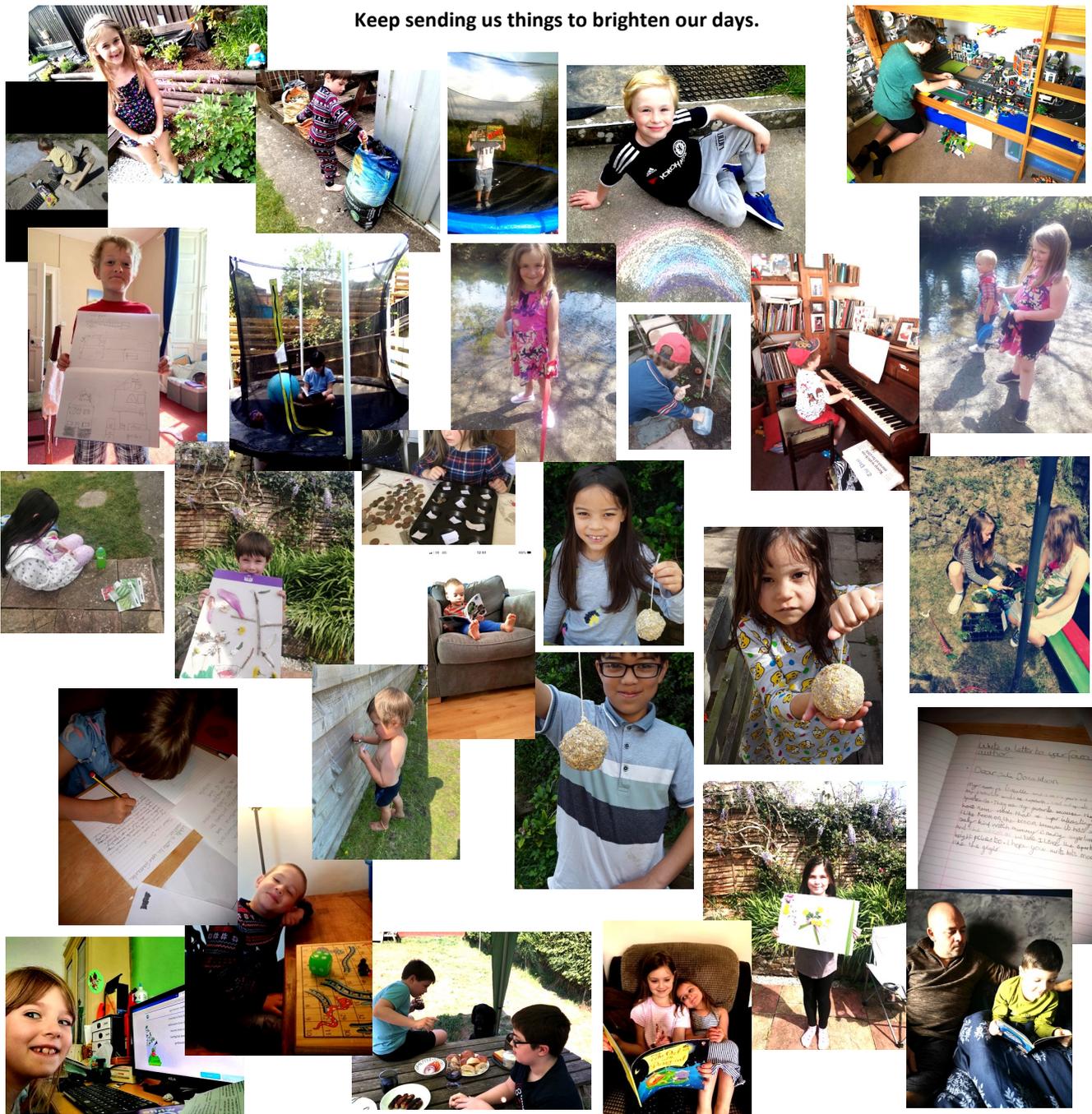
However instead of receiving a certificate in the hall you may have been one of the lucky ones chosen to receive a special postcard through the post.

I wonder who will be this week?



Thank you everyone again for all your amazing home learning that you are sharing with us .This page shows just a small snapshot of how amazing you all are at working hard and persevering during this unusual time .

Keep sending us things to brighten our days.



WELCOME TO THE WORLD

Some uplifting and joyful news to share with you all.

We would like to congratulate Jasmine on becoming a big sister to Leo and Matthew and Christopher on becoming big brothers to 'Baby Willers'.

Two beautiful new babies born last week. How wonderful to have the family all home to help and give cuddles. That means the mum should get some rest!

We wish them much love and laughter in their new homes with their very proud big brothers and sister.

We can't wait to meet them



SPACE in Year 2!

Over the past couple of weeks the Year 2 children have been set challenges and learning projects linked to their new theme of Space. Alongside finding out facts and creating images of the solar system the children were set the art challenge "To follow the step-by-step guide from author Rob Biddulph to create an alien in the style of one of his books". We love the results. Great work Year 2.

Hello Mrs Hooper

I just watched the Maddie and Greg video on space. I found it very interesting and learned a few facts about the planets in our solar system.

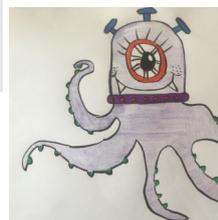
I found out that Jupiter is the biggest planet and that it has a red spot that is a storm. The storm is two times the size of Earth.

I learnt that Venus is the hottest planet it is so hot it can melt lead.

I also found out that the Earth is four times bigger than the moon and you have to travel ten times round the earth to reach the distance of the earth to the moon.

thank you for showing me the video

bye from Jacob



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