



Mrs. Maura Furber -Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

I genuinely cannot believe that we have come to the end of the Summer term. It has been a term like no other and certainly not one we could have ever anticipated in our lifetime. Whilst there has been many aspects that have made us sad – a school without all the children in is certainly not something we will ever love-there have also been many positive aspects that we must be grateful for. As a team we have learnt to be more creative to ensure our home and school communication is kept alive – **we thank you greatly for your support, kindness and resilience with home learning.** Our relationships with you all have become more embedded – the care and compassion between home and school have been inspiring. I would personally like to thank the amazing team at St Stephens who have gone above and beyond to maintain this. Whilst providing excellent home learning and teaching those children who were able to return to school, they have also sent videos, daily texts, messaged, telephoned families and marked via our on line platforms, all alongside home educating their own children and coping with the CV19 restrictions. With no end of year Assessment Data to report I also think this has highlighted what we as a school team and you as parents hold dear-the values that our school community is built on. Our school strapline has never been more poignant: **“ Embracing Learning; Inspiring Ambition; Celebrating Individuality.”** Quite simply **THANK YOU.** Despite our concerns, restrictions and personal worries we look forward to a strong, productive and positive return in September.

It has been wonderful to see your children during our transition sessions this week – we hope this will help them to realise that school is a safe and inspiring place to return to and life will return to ‘normal’. We know it will be tricky for some children to return in September as they have been at home for such a long time. We know the idea of returning to school (getting out of PJ’s and up before 9.00!) for many will be a shock to the system but please rest assured **we are ready.** The care and nurture of your children is of paramount importance to us alongside establishing the school routine – normality is key and we know you will support us with this. I know the teachers have provided the children with information for their first theme in September – please take time to get them ready for this and 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.

Take care and enjoy making new memories with your children during the Summer break and we can't wait to open our doors to you all on September 7th 2020.

Maura Furber

School Improvement

We are delighted to inform you that the Trust bid for a new heating system for St Stephens has been successful. This is fantastic news as our current system is definitely not fit for purpose anymore and our site manager, Bob Wilson, has spent many hours trying to fix and adapt the current system to ensure we all keep warm! The date for the work to commence has yet to be confirmed but we are delighted with this news. As mentioned previously we are also having all the ‘old’ windows replaced –this will also make a huge difference both aesthetically and economically – no more nasty draughts! This work was due to commence just before the school had to close due to CV19 so we are very happy this work will now commence in the summer holidays. We are also very fortunate that our telephone system is being updated and our old server is being replaced. This has been very much needed to enable our communication and IT capacity to meet our growing demands. This again will be happening over the summer holiday. All systems go!



St Stephens Community Academy Virtual Sports Day

A Huge thank you to Mrs Hooper for organising and co-ordinating our Sports Day this year. A slightly different event with some children participating at school in their 'bubbles' and many of you taking part in your own gardens or public spaces with friends. Wherever you participated we are extremely proud of all of the children, siblings, parents, carers and staff who took part and represented their house teams.



We hope you all enjoyed it as much as we did and a huge congratulations to **Castle** our sports day winners this year— you absolutely stormed it Team Castle—worthy winners indeed.



The final scores at 2.00p.m. were ...

Castle - 4770 points

Roundhouse - 2872 points

Priory - 2411 points

Zig-Zag - 1735 points

The Sports Day Cup was awarded to the Y6 pupils from Castle who were in school on the day. As you can see they were delighted .



Transition Sessions.

It was simply wonderful to welcome so many of our St Stephens' children 'back to school' this week for a transition session to meet their new teacher in September and catch up with friends they haven't seen for a very long time. They had the chance to talk about what they have been doing at home and tell their new teacher a little bit about themselves. The children got to see what their new classroom lay-out will look like in September as new government guidelines suggest, where possible, the children will all sit facing forwards. Team building activities and fun was had by all. September can't come soon enough –**we have missed you all so much.**



Fond Farewells

Not only do we say a fond farewell to our fabulous Year 6 this week we also say goodbye to three of our amazing teaching team members. Class 3 teacher **Mrs Mead** joined us in January for two terms – little did we know what those two terms would involve! We are delighted to say she will be remaining in our Trust and is teaching a Year 3/4 class at North Petherwin from September. We also have to say goodbye to **Mr Woodward**, our Learning Tutor, who has decided to retire and spend more time with his family and his love of cycling. Another teacher retiring is **Mr**



Parkin our keyboard teacher. Again he has decided to spend more time with his family and having the time to travel. We are very fortunate that Mrs Gilbert will be taking on his current pupils alongside future ones. A **HUGE**

THANK YOU goes to them for their time, dedication, care and fantastic contribution to our school and the pupils they have worked with. We will miss you VERY much and wish we could say goodbye properly. Please don't be a stranger to us you will always be welcomed back.

Pre-School Farewells.

A day of mixed emotions as we said farewell to our group of pre-schoolers that will be joining Class F in September. Our year was unexpectedly cut short but we worked together to facilitate some marvellous home

learning. We were fortunate to be able to welcome back our leavers for the final weeks of term. All the children have showed immense resilience and have made

us really proud. To mark this very unique leavers day we spent the morning making party crowns, in the afternoon we played games, enjoyed the sunshine and had some delicious party food. Before leaving, the children were given their learning journeys, a poem from us and some treats to remember us by.

A big thank you to our families for the generous and thoughtful gifts. We hope you have an extra special



summer together and we can't wait to see what new adventures the children will have in September.

The Pre-School Team

ACHIEVEMENTS

Lots to celebrate as usual at St Stephens.
Here are just a few achievements over the past two weeks.

YEAR 4 Rock at Writing



Just before lockdown, children in Year 4 entered a competition called Ridiculous Writers. They had to choose a 'crazy combo' as their title and write a story, no longer than 100 words about it. For

Have you read the one about the **GANGSTA BOGEY?** Or the **SINGING BISCUIT?** What about the **CLUMSY WIZARD** or the **FORGETFUL CHEF?** No? Well, today could be your lucky day!

example:

Year 4 came up with brilliant ideas and were excited to get started. After planning and a first draft they wrote up their stories in best on the competition sheets and posted them off. We have just received letters and certificates for those children whose stories have been chosen to be published in a book! These can be collected on transition day and for those parents who would like their child's story to be published there are details of how to give permission on the back of the letter. The deadline has been extended until the 24th July. I just want to say a massive congratulations to all who entered and how proud I am of their imagination and writing skills. Mrs Hunt.

Charity Bike Ride

A huge well done to Ayla in Year 3 who cycled over 55 miles with her mum to raise money for the Tamar Otter Sanctuary. Her target was £100.00 but she reached over £400.00.

What an amazing achievement Ayla we are all so proud of you and we know the Otter Sanctuary will be so grateful for your support.



Blue Peter Badges.



Emily in Class 5 received 2 Blue Peter badges last week, her silver badge and her 2020 sport badge. This brings her current total to 6 ! Amazing Emily –we wonder what you are aiming for next?

Charity Walk by Kacie-Lou in Year 3

"On Saturday 20th June I did a Sponsored Rainbow Walk to raise money for Children's Hospice South West. We walked from Launceston to Lifton and it was 4.16 miles and it took us 1h 39m. I did it with my Mum, my Auntie and my Cousin. We raised £360.00. My legs were very tired at the end. I needed a sit down."





Mrs. Furber's Art Competition

We have all been so impressed with the entries for the final Art challenge of the term.

The "Portrait Competition" asked you to draw or paint a portrait of someone who you spent 'lockdown' with. It was a very difficult decision with so many entries as you all demonstrated such great skills.

Finally I decided that the KS1/ EYFS Winner should be Eloise for her wonderfully colourful and joyful drawing of her sister Tiegan.

The KS2 prize was awarded to Kacie -Lou for her detailed pencil drawing of her mum with excellent shading effects.

We can't wait to see what you create with your prizes!



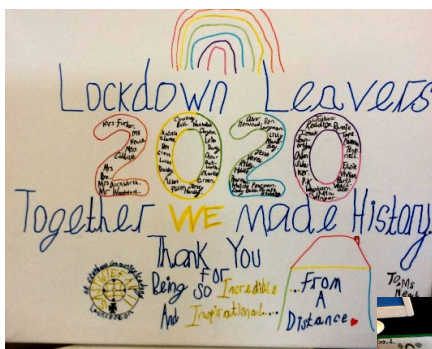
Good Luck to our Sensational Sixes .

Wow we are so going to miss you! What a fantastic Leavers Day – full of fun, memories and laughter. It was a Leavers Day like no other – no special assembly with family and friends invited but what wonderful things you got up to instead! An **enormous thank**

you to Ms Neale for

organising the whole event and the Year 6 team for their fantastic dedication to the children during these unprecedented times.

Also a huge thank you to our wonderful PTFA for organising the fantastic hoodies and leavers gifts and Mrs Gilbert and her community 'junk band' for 'sending off' our children in style.



We wish you all much love, luck and laughter in your future adventures and achievements. Come back and tell us all about them when you can. Once a member of Team St Stephens ALWAYS a member of Team St Stephens.



Plymouth Argyle Community Trust Summer Roadshows

Argyle Community Trust is delighted to announce the launch of our Summer Roadshows for 2020.

Spaces and venues are limited at this time and we have a new, improved web booking system.

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TRANSITION from Y6 into Y7

Launceston College September return plans

Launceston College is looking forward to welcoming students and staff back to College after the summer break. Term starts for students on Monday 7 September. Specific return plans to accommodate any ongoing COVID- 19 restrictions will be posted here for students and parents before the start of term. Until then please enjoy a well-deserved and relaxing summer holiday.

Best wishes,
Mrs Burn

<http://www.launceston-college.cornwall.sch.uk/parents/year-6-7-transition/>