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# St Stephens Community Academy Fortnightly Family Newsletter



**“ Embracing Learning; Inspiring Ambition;  
Celebrating Individuality.”**

Friday 20th May 2022

Mrs. Maura Furber -Headteacher



Dear Parents/Carers,

As I write this newsletter to you the rain is still pouring down but it didn't dampen our spirits on Monday when we started our Jubilee Celebrations. Although we weren't able to have our finger buffet fit for a queen in the school grounds the children still enjoyed the special event and a huge thank you for all the effort that went into the red, white and blue dress code for the day. This week we have also been counting the sponsor money that you've all been collecting for our Sports for Champion Day; 40% of the money raised goes to help support future athletes and 60% is given to the school to spend on PE resources. Just to remind you that the elite high jump athlete, Robert Mitchell, will be coming to school on Tuesday 24th May to inspire the children and put them through a circuit training experience! We hope you have been able to collect sponsors for this event. It's not too late to send money in or pay online via our school Crowd Funder page <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/ststephensacademy>. Every little helps-we do appreciate it.

This week also saw lots of children demonstrating our values of Confidence, Determination, Leadership and Creativity through a day of dance (Y1-Y4) based on our Jubilee theme with a visiting professional dancer and via our visits to the Woodland Centre created by the Trust. This is based at Lewtrenchard and every class will have the opportunity to visit and experience new outside learning experiences.

As usual lots of clubs well attended and Ms Gilbert is very excited that Samba club is starting this week -all places already filled! Next week also sees our Y6 pupils having swimming lessons every afternoon. Unfortunately they are the only class having this opportunity this year due to the increase in coach costs. I do hope this becomes more affordable in the future as its something we value so much.

Everything crossed for a sunny weekend ahead and I hope you have time to relax and get outside without a broly and waterproofs!

Take care and see you next week -this will be the last week before half term. Half term is Monday 30th May - Monday 6th June inclusive. So the children return on Tuesday 7th June at the usual time.

Best wishes and thanks as always for all your wonderful support.

*Maura Furber*

## School Improvement .“ Embracing Learning; Inspiring Ambition; Celebrating Individuality”



Recently we have been revisiting and focusing on our school culture -what makes St Stephens the wonderful school it is! Our vision and school values are key and something we weave into our teaching and learning opportunities across the school.

Our school values are on the sails of our Capabilities Curriculum logo. Ask your child about them and see how they demonstrate them at home too.



### Cooking up a storm with Chartwells-Perfect Pasties!

In Design Technology, Year 3 have been asked to design their own pasty. This was linked to prior learning in history.

As part of our design process, we needed to research the history of the Cornish Pasty. We learned that to be called a Cornish pasty, a pasty must be made in Cornwall. We looked at the traditional ingredients and why a pasty was a popular lunch amongst miners.

We then tested three existing products. We tried a traditional steak, a cheese and onion and a chicken and mushroom pasty. We rated them based on appearance, taste, pastry, amount of filling and whether they would make a substantial lunch for a miner.

We then had to design a pasty we would like to make for a miner, list the ingredients and consider what it would look like. This week we actually got to make them. It was great fun and we had to use all our learning powers: **Resilience, Reciprocity, Reflectiveness and Resourcefulness.**



Do you think the Queen would like a pasty for her Platinum Jubilee party?

### Outdoor Explorers



Through our theme of 'Explorers', Year 2 were set the challenge of building a shelter for a mini explorer.

The shelter had to be water proof and withstand the 'wind'. They could only use natural materials that they could find.

A great opportunity to demonstrate our school values of Communication, Friendship, Confidence and Leadership



### Finger buffet fit for a Queen!



We started our Platinum Jubilee week dressed in the colours of the Union Jack, the school was filled with red, white and blue! At lunchtime we had planned a finger buffet picnic in our school grounds but unfortunately the weather decided not to play nicely! This did not dampen the St Stephens spirit and picnics were held in the classrooms whilst the red, white and blue bunting flapped outside in the wind and rain! A BIG thank you to our wonderful kitchen team for providing our celebration buffet that was enjoyed by all.



### History Celebrations



We have been busy learning about the Queen's Jubilee

We have been:

Painting shields with shape stamps

Painting Union Jack flags to display in the classroom

Designing and building castles with wooden blocks

Playing with the castle in our small world play



Using Numicon pieces to complete the castles

Making obstacle courses for the knights outside using the large loose parts

We have also read the story 'Rapunzel' during drawing club.

We had great fun on Monday at our celebration lunch. We had to line up in the hall and choose our party food.

We then sat in the classroom to have our lunch with our friends. We also had music on, it felt like a real celebration!



## Woodland Skills Centre

Our Trust has secured a wonderful piece of land near to Lewtrenchard Primary School to host outside Wild Tribe workshops and enhance their life skills e.g. fire lighting and sawing. With enrichment funding each class of children have been given the opportunity to visit the centre.

This week Year 5 and Year 6 were the lucky ones. The rest of the school will be visiting over the next few weeks.



What a great opportunity to put some of our school values into action.

Communication, Confidence, Planning and Problem Solving, Relationships and Leadership and in true St Stephen's style...Determination.



## Staff Development and Congratulations

A HUGE Congratulations to both our Assistant Heads of School who have been recognised for their skills, expertise and professional standards.

Mrs. Amy Hooper has successfully secured a position as a Literacy Specialist in the Kernow English Hub .

This means that she will be supporting schools all over Cornwall , especially in phonics and early reading. This does not mean that she will be leaving St Stephens , she will be supporting other schools on planned days throughout the year. This is so valuable for Mrs. Hooper's own professional development but also incredibly fortunate for our school and the Trust. This means our staff will be able to have the most up to date training and guidance from the Department of Education.

Ms. Sharon Neale has been an NCETM Mastery Specialist Teacher and NCETM Accredited Professional Development Lead across the county for the past 5 years . Her dedication and professional 'mastery' of the maths curriculum has now led her to be a member of the Association of Teachers of Mathematics.



How wonderful to know that such a high caliber of teachers work at our school and that our staff and children benefit from this on a daily basis. Definitely something to recognise and celebrate at Team St Stephens.

## Day of Dance for Y1-Y4 classes

We have been really fortunate to have had dance sessions with a professional dancer called Sally Knight who is the Artistic Director of Cscape Dance Company. Sally taught each group a dance based on the Platinum Jubilee. We thought about how we could represent different events that are happening and how to use circles to compose a duet around crowns, hats and orbs. We use unison, canon and group movements in our dance to build up to our performances to each other.



Sally left the following comment : “Didn’t get to say goodbye at the end of the day, but just wanted to say thanks for having me and a huge thanks and well done to your fantastic children and thanks to your teachers!

The children were all super creative, fabulous team players and with amazing behaviour to boot, so an absolute pleasure to work with!”

Watching the children in action I think we can definitely say they loved this enrichment opportunity.



## Parent Teacher Friends Association (PTFA) Updates

The PTFA are arranging a few events over the summer term. We feel now is a good time to get events started up again to help raise extra funds for resources and enrichment activities for all the children at St Stephens Community Academy.

**Friday 27th May at 2.30pm** – We would like to welcome all parents to a Meet and Greet. Refreshments of tea, coffee and cake will be available free of charge. We will introduce ourselves and give you an insight in to what we do and why we do it.

**Friday 17th June** – Crazy hair day with a suggested donation of £1. The children really enjoy these days.

**Friday 15th July** – SUMMER RAFFLE DRAW, prizes include 1st, 2nd and 3rd cash prizes. Refreshments will be available, and there will be some entertainment. This will be an after school event. Tickets will be sent home with children in advance. More details will follow.

**We look forward to seeing you all at the ‘Meet and Greet’ NEXT Friday @2.30 in the school hall. Come along , no obligation to join just find out our plans and share any ideas you have.**

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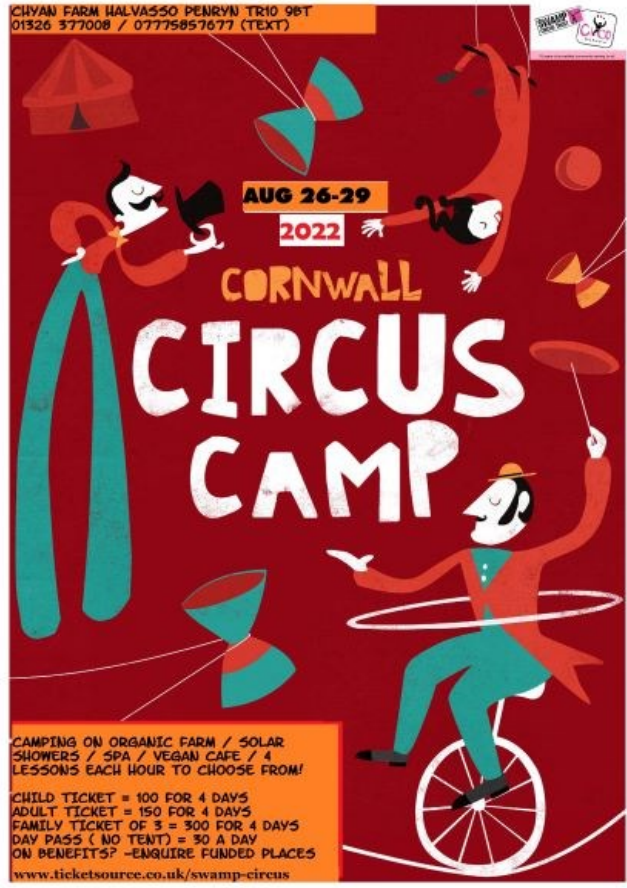
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