



Dear Parents/Carers,

Well the weather has certainly changed. The summer has definitely gone and now is the time for warm clothes, waterproof coats and I think hats and gloves will be soon! Please can we ask that your child comes into school ready for all eventualities as we do like to be outside as much as possible throughout the day, especially during break and lunchtime. A plea also for all items of clothing to be named. We have a HUGE amount of jumpers, sweatshirts and PE kit left every day and if named they are easily returned. If your child has lost an item of clothing please check with their class teacher first and then if not claimed after a week items get sent to the front office. If they are not claimed for 3 weeks we place the items in the Pre-Loved Uniform cupboard for the PTFA to sell on again. Unfortunately the weather got the better of us this week -we were very sad to postpone the PTFA Sponsored Run/Walk a Mile but it does give you extra time to collect more sponsors and we will aim to do it NEXT Friday (7th October). Lots going on so please make sure you note down **‘Dates for Your Diary’** later in this newsletter. Great to see visits linked to our curriculum offer happening so early in the term. Check out Y5 and YF sections on the newsletter. Its wonderful to put the knowledge and skills learnt in class into a real life context, it really enriches the children’s understanding. Thank you for your contributions that enable these opportunities to happen- as I’m sure you are very aware the cost of transport is currently very high! As always this newsletter showcases just a small amount of what we get up to at St Stephens -don’t forget to check out the school website and Face Book page to find out more!

Have a great weekend

Maura Furber

School Improvement @Team St Stephens

Would you like to be a school Parent governor?



Do you have a little spare time to volunteer? Would you like to do something worthwhile that represents your community? Are you keen to do something rewarding that will help benefit the next generation? Do you have a desire to contribute to our children’s education and ensure they get a good start in life? Are you over the age of 18 years and would you like to be part of a team that supports a school to achieve this? Do you have a wider interest in education or a specific role that would benefit from your experience as a governor?

We are looking for people who are self-motivated, enthusiastic and objective with an enquiring mind. You may bring life skills or skills you have gained through work, and we are also looking for governors of all ages. You do not need to be an expert in education but will be willing to learn as training and induction is provided, and you may learn new skills that will help you in your work life. You will also be willing to listen and work as a team.

If you are interested to learn more about being a Parent governor at St Stephen's Community Academy please contact Toni Martin on governance@andaras.org or the Chair of Governors, Joan Heaton, on chairssca@andaras.org, who will provide you with more information and arrange to meet. Thank you.

Childrens Rights

This week the Steering Group, democratically elected by their classmates, had their first UNICEF meeting with Mrs Hobbs and Mrs Furber. Together they have composed this message to share their Going for Gold vision in the school community.



St Stephens UNICEF Steering Group-Going for Gold

R: Rights. We may be small in size but our Rights are not!

I: In this school, in our community, in Cornwall, | in our country ...Internationally.

G: Guardians of the future world, in our school and at home. We will share our Rights.

H: Happiness. We listen, we hear you and we share ideas. We are hopeful for the future.

T: Together. Rights belong to every child. We celebrate individuality and inclusion.

S: Speak. Every child has the Right to have their voice heard.

Geography Fieldwork.

This term Year 4 are doing Wild Tribe every Thursday. We have been learning about the compass points as part of our Geography curriculum and we looked at which direction parts of the school are in.



We have learnt to use a compass and line the needle up with North to find out which direction we are facing. We then combined our Geography and Art skills to sketch a picture from our school and say which direction our scene was. Great co-operation, leadership, communication and planning in action.



Music session with Ukuleles

Year 1 are really excited to have the fabulous Mrs. Gilbert on a Friday afternoon to teach us music. We are currently exploring how to strum using ukuleles, how to count different beats and listen to different note sounds.

We are really enjoying our music lessons so far!



Geography Knowledge and Skills in Year 2



As part of our geography unit learning about the human and physical features of Cornwall, we investigated the similarities and differences between maps and aerial photographs.



DATES for your DIARY

- **Samba band practice** for Launceston Carnival in school hall: Saturday 8th October. Details in letter from Ms Gilbert to follow
- **Parent /Carer meetings** : Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th October 3.15-6.00 p.m.
- **Harvest service** : Friday 21st October. More details to follow.
- **PTFA Halloween Disco** in school hall. Details to follow . Friday 21st October.
- **Half term**: 24th -28th October. Return to school 31st October.
- **KS1/EYFS Christmas Nativity** : 6th and 7th December a.m. Details to follow
- **KS2 Carol Service**: 12th December @ 1.30 @ St Stephens Church
- **End of Term**: 16th December . Return 4th January

Dates
for your



Foundation Class Visit Bear Museum

This week we went on our very first school trip. First we all got on a bus and travelled to town. We enjoyed looking out of the windows to see what we could see on the way. Lots of us saw where we lived, some of us spotted the river and duck pond and most of us saw the castle at the top of the hill.



Once we were in town, we all got off the bus and went to the bakery. All of us had to use our manners as we asked nicely for a biscuit. We then had to pay. We then got back on the bus and went to the Charlie Bear Museum on Pennygillam Industrial Estate. We ate our biscuits and then looked around the museum.



There were so many bears to look at! Some were tiny, and some were enormous. We also had to find the clues to the



code to get into the bear's secret cave. Luckily, we found all of the number clues and got to visit the secret room before we all got back on the bus again and travelled back to school.



Life Skills in Year 6



Wow, what a wonderful few days some of Class 6 pupils have had learning how to ride safely on our roads



A massive thanks to Jenny from Arena/Bikeability who was excellent- all pupils who participated demonstrated resilience and resourcefulness and were successful in completing their Level 2 Bikeability-



WELL DONE



Class 5 visit to Rosemoor– Science in Action!

Year Five were excited to go to RHS Rosemoor, near Great Torrington, to experience the fantastic gardens and also have a workshop provided by the incredible team there. The workshop was on Plant life cycles as part of our science study of living things and their habitats. Year Five primarily look at the life cycles of plants and different animal groups including humans.



Rosemoor's education team have some fun and interactive ways of demonstration plant reproduction and also gave the class an opportunity to study different plants in and around their amazing collection.



The children demonstrated our school values of Determination, Planning and Problem Solving, Communication, Relationships and Leadership throughout the trip and they were a credit to their school by showing good manners and positive learning behaviours at all times.



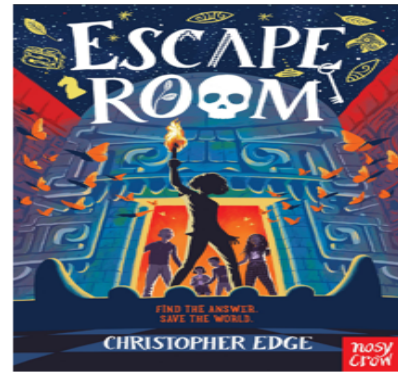
A big thank you to RHS Rosemoor and our very own PTFA who both helped fund the cost of travel to the venue. With their help, our children's educational experience is so wonderfully enriched.

Reading for Pleasure Assembly

For last week's KS2 assembly, Mrs Hooper shared the text *Escape Room* by Christopher Edge.

'When twelve-year-old Ami arrives at The Escape, she thinks it's just a game – the ultimate escape room with puzzles and challenges to beat before time runs out. Meeting her teammates, Adjoa, Ibrahim, Oscar and Min, Ami learns from the Host that they have been chosen to save the world and they must work together to find the Answer.'

The latest mind-blowing novel from award-winning author Christopher Edge, *Escape Room* is a thrilling adventure that challenges readers to think about what they've done to save the world today.



For this week's KS1 assembly, Mrs Morris shared the story *Orion and the Dark* by Emma Yarlett. Mrs Morris chose this book because it links to the text Year 1 are using in their English learning, *Leo and the Octopus* by Isabelle Marinov and *Chris Nixon*.

'Orion is scared of A LOT of things, but most of all he's scared of the dark. So, one-night Dark decides to take Orion on an adventure.'

This is a brilliant and completely stunning picture book for children that tackles the widespread fears of darkness beautifully and cleverly.



Launceston Library's Fun Palace 2022

at

LAUNCESTON TOWN HALL

Saturday 1st October

For all ages

10.00am – 4.00pm

'By local people for local people.'

Bringing culture to the heart of the community'

FREE to enter; FREE to take part

Everyone Welcome!



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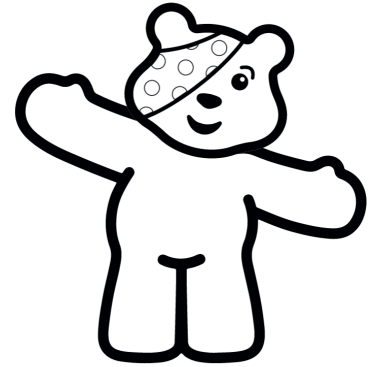


Pudsey Bear Colouring Competition for Children in Need

Greggs and BBC Children in Need celebrate their 16th year of partnership in 2022. Greggs colleagues get behind BBC Children in Need each and every year. With a whole host of weird and wonderful activities to raise money whilst having plenty of fun along the way. This year Greggs in Launceston are holding a children's colouring competition and we hope that St Stephens children get involved. We will be emailing out the children colouring sheets that they can colour at their leisure, and return to Greggs @ Pennygillam before the 19th October. There are 3 categories to enter; 4-6 yrs., 7-9 yrs. and 10+ yrs . It is 50p to enter ,which is payable when the colouring is returned to the shop. They will also require the child's name, their adult's name and phone number, to contact them if they win. There is a prize for each category.



Please note that Greggs will have their own blank colouring sheets for customers to colour while they eat in store.



Charity Bingo - Friday 11th November 2022

Kindly held at Trethorne Golf Club

Doors open 6.30pm - Eyes Down 7.30pm

£8 for 8 games, £2 for Cash Flyer round, £10 total per person to play all games

Prizes for 1 line and 2 lines, and Full House prize of Sunday Roast Hamper for the main 8 rounds, kindly donated by **Warrens**

Butchers and Tesco! Cash prizes on the night for the cash flyer.

General raffle - lots of prizes - £1 per strip

PLUS—a grand prize raffle to win a PS5!!!

£1 per ticket for this amazing prize to take away on the night! All raffle tickets available on the night only.

Pre-bookings only, contact via email below.

Tickets are non-refundable.

Email - daveparishmarathon23@hotmail.com or 07972743028

All funds raised go to SANDS, the still born and neonatal death charity. Thank you for your support.

