

St Stephens (Saltash) C P School

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St Stephens Got Talent final was this week and it was so lovely to see children performing their various talents in front of a very appreciative audience. The children were superstars and although it took a lot of organising, I think it was worth it. We do try to organise events to appeal to all of the various activities children might enjoy.

It was so sad that we had to cancel the attendance of our school at Area Sports. We just couldn't get enough children who would attend. It is disappointing that this type of activity is not highly valued. Taking part in sports for your school should be something everyone aspires to, not something they want to avoid. Sport is vital for health and wellbeing and we are spending a lot of resource in time from staff to offer as many and as varied opportunities as we can. It is very frustrating that we find it so difficult to get children to compete. The value for the children is so enormous even when sometimes they need to be pushed a little to do it, they always surprise themselves and really enjoy it. Thank you to those parents who are happy for children to compete and who see the huge benefits this has on resilience and mental health. We are offering a huge range of clubs so that children can experience activities they might not otherwise consider. Please try to support us when we ask for children to attend events to represent their school.

The new parents meeting for our 2019 intake was excellent. It was really well attended and we are so looking forward to welcoming these families into our school.

Wednesday saw a surprise visitor as we had a random spot check on kitchen hygiene. But as we all know, Mrs Connors is wonderful and was given a 5 rating again - well done Mrs Connors and her team.

We were planning to send class lists next week but Mrs Cheney felt we needed to add more time for transition activities so we managed to finalise the lists and get them out yesterday. By now you should all know which class your child is in next year. Please speak to school staff if you need to raise any issues. We will be working with children over the next few weeks to ensure they are confident to start the new academic year.

It was so enjoyable to see our Year 2 children play their first interschool football match. They did very well and seemed to enjoy it despite losing the match. Well done and keep playing.

As a school we took part in this year's pilot multiplication test. The test will be compulsory next summer for all Year 4 pupils so we felt we would like to see what the test would be like. It was really tricky and I am so glad we did it as we have learnt a lot about how important it is we train the children in the art of responding to questions in the six seconds of time they are allowed. They found it really hard to recall facts despite being able to do this in a class situation so the conclusion we draw is that we need to do even more work on table fluency. Hopefully, we can ensure that by working together in home and school we can really secure rapid recall of tables. Lastly, don't forget our Summer Fair this afternoon, we look forward to seeing lots of you there.

Dates for your diary

5 July

Summer Fair TODAY
3.15pm-5.00pm

12 July

School Reports issued
Infants Disco
5.30pm-6.30pm
Juniors Disco
7.00pm-8.00pm
Year 6 Leavers Disco
6.00pm-8.00pm

16 July

Year 5/6 Show
1.30pm-2.30pm
5.30pm-6.30pm

22 July

Achievement
Assemblies
EYFS and KS1
9.00am-10.15am
Years 3 and 4
11.00am-12.00pm
Years 5 and 6
1.00pm-2.00pm

23 July

Last day of term

4 September

First day back for all

St Stephens Got Talent pictures!



A fabulous day was had by our talented Quad Kids teams at the finals of the Cornwall Games last Friday in Bodmin. The children put in some fabulous performances and it was wonderful to see such passion and determination. Particular mention must however, go to Rosen H for stepping in at the 11th hour and Merryn H, a Year 4 pupil competing with the 5/6 athletes, you really are superstars. Although our teams didn't come home with any medals, just to have qualified was an amazing feat, a huge well done to them all, we are incredibly proud of your achievement.

Here are the attendance figures for June. The whole school average for June was 96.5%, the same as the expected percentage.

The class attendance figures for June were:

5/6 VJ - 97%	1/2 CB - 99.2%
5/6 6P - 96.1%	1/2 NB - 94.9%
5/6 LM - 97.7%	1/2 SK - 98.5%
3/4 SH - 97.2%	1/2 AP - 97.7%
3/4 TB - 94.8%	FAM - 92.7%
3/4 PH - 96.5%	FCW - 96.1%

June winners:

1st 1/2 CB, 2nd 1/2 SK, 3rd 5/6 LM

As a reminder, please ensure that if your child is absent from school due to illness, please let us know as soon as possible on each day of the absence by calling the school and leaving a message on the absence line.

In this hot and sunny weather, please can all children come to school with a sun hat, sun cream applied and a clear water bottle with water to drink. It is concerning to see so many children without a water bottle in this hot weather. Thank you



'Excellence is in Everyone'



Archie B. of Nursery for participation during carpet time. Well done!

Thomas G. of FAM for always giving 110% to every task he undertakes.

Jacob S. of FAM for his outstanding manners and kindness towards the residents at the local care home.

Joseph A-A. of FCW for challenging himself with his story innovation.

Finley C. of FCW for fantastic explanations when solving missing number sentences.

Isabelle K. of 1/2 NB for persevering with her learning, especially in PE.

Kai M. of 1/2 NB for being a good friend and persevering with his learning.

Victoria Z. of 1/2 CB for designing a fantastic 'Bug Hotel' in D&T.

Barney P. of 1/2 CB for writing his wonderful and exciting story in English.

Ava W. of 1/2 AP for a superb attitude and concentration towards her writing.

Spencer M. of 1/2 AP for persevering with his column subtraction and addition.

Angel P. of 1/2 SK for writing an excellent progress task with a super description!

Natasha J. of 1/2 SK for creating an excellent water colour scene with great skill and attention.

Erica G. of 1/2 SK for listening carefully and making some very respectful comments in our P4C time.

Ellie M. of 1/2 SK for trying her absolute best (and succeeding!) at improving her handwriting.

Isla T. of 3/4 SH for amazing perseverance in all areas of her learning.

Lily C. of 3/4 SH for showing fantastic empathy toward younger children at lunchtimes.

Daisy J. of 3/4 SH for excellent perseverance with using a range of vocabulary in her learning.

Logan C. of 3/4 PH for being a kind classmate and helping others with their learning.

Daisy T. of 3/4 PH for being an enthusiastic learner and for making links in her learning.

Lowenna W. of 3/4 PH for being a mature, focussed and sensible learner this week.

Amelie H. of 3/4 TB for being a helpful member of the class and supporting others.

Tilly W. of 3/4 TB for always trying her best and giving 100% to her learning.

Porsche C. of 3/4 TB for always being absorbed in her learning.

William C. of 5/6 LM for focusing to meet his writing targets.

Tudor V. of 5/6 LM for fantastic focus during learning time.

Alfie W. of 5/6 GP for taking a risk and volunteering to be a judge at St Stephens Got Talent.

Finley J. of 5/6 GP for making an excellent start to life at St Stephens.

Destiny C. of 5/6 VJ for consistently great attitude and contribution.

Eric W. of 5/6 VJ for always taking an enthusiastic approach to learning.

Bags2School - You raised a fantastic £100 for your donations of clothing etc. so a BIG thank you. All additional funds raised are so gratefully received and allow us to purchase extra learning materials or put towards theme learning days out to keep costs down for those attending.



Over the past few weeks, Activity Club has designed and made a puppet to use within a story. They collaboratively worked together to create their ideas and supported each other when making their puppets.



The following **After School Clubs** have now finished: KS1 Homework, KS2 Homework, French, Pokemon and Forest School.

The following Clubs will finish next week (week commencing 8 July 2019):

Choir, Netball, Eco-Friendly Gardening, Story, Activity, Coding, Athletics, Eco-Club, Boys Football, Mindful Colouring, Basketball, Steel Drums, Activity, Girls Football, Chrome Book and Hockey.

We are currently putting together our timetable of Clubs for the Autumn Term and will have this available when we return in September.

Year 1 Forest School pictures



September EYFS children Try a School Dinner Day



In line with the school's Debt Policy, please ensure all accounts are running with either a zero balance or a credit before the end of term. Thank you

Area Sports - It is with great disappointment that we were forced to withdraw from the Area Sports competition that took place recently. This event gives local schools a fabulous opportunity to compete against each other and put into practise all of the training and skills that the children have learnt in both P.E lessons and after school clubs. This is an event in which we have previously performed very well and have on occasion won. Unfortunately this time we have been unable to field a full team due to so many children dropping out. This is particularly sad and disappointing for those children, parents and staff, who have worked tirelessly towards events such as these and we appreciate the effort that they have put in, in order to attend.

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