

St Stephens (Saltash) C P School

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We began this week with an assembly welcoming the Royal British Legion into school as the school was presented with our certificate of affiliation. It was a pleasure to welcome the members of the Legion who explained to the children how we are being recognised as we support the Legion in their work with service families and in the important role of honouring the lives of service men and women. So we are now affiliated and have a lovely certificate to celebrate.

Also this week, our Sugar Smart award arrived. This is really important in our continuing drive to ensure our children are aware of healthy eating and can make informed choices. This is a new award and we are one of the first schools to be recognised as having passed the rigorous criteria in showing an ongoing commitment to promoting health. Well done to Mrs Kriskovic who coordinates Healthy Schools for us.

I was glad on Thursday, whilst stood in the rain and cold at the gate, that the staff had decided to postpone the Key Stage 1 trip to Looe beach. Hopefully the weather on Tuesday will make the trip an exciting enjoyable and event that it should be. Fingers crossed for some sunshine.

I was discussing with the Year 3/4 team on Monday how we can try to ensure more children are reading at home. There seems to be a real drop in this area with the vital job of listening to children read outside of school hours. I asked the staff to check how many children had read even once over the weekend. Of the 93 children in the three classes, only 18 had read. I am sure more did and it was not recorded in their reading records but even allowing for this, I am sure you agree this is quite shocking. We might be an increasingly digitised society but reading is still critical. If you can't read and understand what you read then the world will pass you by. Children need to love reading and they need to know how much this is valued by their parents. Reading with your child, even if it is not a school book, should be a pleasure. Spend just a few minutes reading and switch off the electronic devices. It will make a difference to the children in every way.

The SSSCPs Got Talent auditions started this week to huge excitement and angst. The auditions will run for quite some time and there will be several rounds. It is just meant to be a light hearted attempt to allow the children to show off what they enjoy and there is no expectation on children to take part unless they choose. When we have chosen the best few acts from each team, we will have a whole school event and will invite parents of those children to attend if they wish. I am very glad I am not a judge as the children are so passionate and it will be so hard to choose.

Can all parents please note that we have updated our school policy around mobile phones. There has been an update to the guidance provided to schools from the Government. This safeguarding guide is updated as a result of serious case reviews and suggests that phones should be kept out of school. Therefore, we are now collecting phones from any visitors to our site during school hours. Please be aware that you will be asked to hand in your phone if you are entering the building. Can we remind you that the playground at the start and end of the day is part of our site and ask that you do not use your phones. I wonder if we could manage not to use a phone for the 10 minutes it might take to collect the children?



Clean Air Day
Save the date

Are you passionate about our environment? Can you help to make the air that we breathe cleaner and remind others of this important message? If so, we would like you to create a poster all about promoting clean air. Be as creative as possible and use whichever materials you like. Your poster must be no larger than A3 and must be back in school by Wednesday, 19th June. This is an in school competition with the very best posters being placed on display within the school and reception area. Good Luck!

What an amazing few days the Year 6 children had on their residential at Porthpean last week! They had the opportunity to take part in high rope activities, mountain biking, kayaking, canoeing and have a go on a giant stand up paddle board as well as coastering and team building games. They also had fun playing in the tent field, including a mass pillow fight and a disco before hot chocolate and biscuits before bed. A very busy and tiring time but behaviour of all children was fantastic throughout. We hope to be able to share the photos we took on the children's Google accounts shortly. Please don't share any photos without the express consent of all the children in a photo. Lastly, a big thank you to all the staff who volunteered their free time to take the children.

Thank you to the parents and children who attended the Mayor Choosing Ceremony last night. The children sang beautifully.



We were delighted to welcome John Smith from Saltash Rotary Club to assembly recently. The Club run a writing competition each year, which we enter with our Year 6 children. The theme was someone who inspires me. Our children did exceptionally well and we had three who achieved regional awards. Congratulations, Emilia N, Jamey E and Connor W. The judges were so impressed with Jamey's entry that they sent him a special letter.

Dates for your diary

18 June

Year 1 and 2 trip to Looe

19 June

Class photos

20 June

Clear Air Day

21 June

Year 6 activity day at Duchy College

24 June

EYFS Fluoride application

25 June

Special Menu

1 July

SSSCPs Got Talent Final

1.30pm-3.00pm

2 July

Year 6 Taster Day at saltash.net

3 July

Bag2school collection

5 July

Summer Fair

12 July

School Reports issued
Summer/Leavers Discos

16 July

Year 5/6 Show

(Timings TBC)

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



SSSCPs Got Talent FINAL - Parents of finalists will be invited to watch the performance on Monday, 1st July 2019 from 1.30pm-3.00pm. Year 3/4 have already held their auditions with the remaining year groups being held in the near future.

'Excellence is in Everyone'



Eloise S. of Nursery for excellent listening and learning during group sessions.
Ella-Louise N. of FAM for her kindness during art day (showing others how to make a jellyfish!)
Lily H. of FAM for her creativity during our 'Under the Sea' art day.
Corey E. of FCW for challenging himself and persevering with his learning about money.
Lacey D. of FCW for settling in well to our school.
Oscar M. of 1/2 NB for focussing on his Maths learning and deepening his understanding of arrays.
Layla H. of 1/2 NB for excellent hot-seating in English. Layla related to the character in the story with enthusiasm.
Joseph C. of 1/2 CB for his fantastic attitude to learning, especially when building 'arrays' in Maths.
Tommy S. of 1/2 CB for sharing some wonderful facts about different food chains.
Lillie-Rose N. of 1/2 AP for her amazing positive and bubbly attitude.
Ryan H. of 1/2 AP for his continued effort in his writing and Maths.
Noah H. of 1/2 SK for trying very hard with his joined up handwriting and making super progress.
Louie T. of 1/2 SK for writing an excellent description of the horrid character in our story.
Jacob H. of 3/4 SH for brilliant perseverance with problems in all areas of learning, especially Maths.
Millie H. of 3/4 SH for superb resilience with her reading in school.
Leah A. of 3/4 SH for taking excellent pride in all of her learning and focussing on her presentation.
Riley A. of 3/4 PH for being an amazingly absorbed and enthusiastic learner.
Pippa T. of 3/4 PH for making links to her learning last year to explain weathering.
Jack L. of 3/4 TB for writing an imaginative explanation text.
Lily B. of 3/4 TB for writing a lovely explanation text.
Anya D. of 3/4 TB for settling in well to life in her new school.
Jessica P. of 5/6 LM for being super focussed in her theme learning.
Lily B. of 5/6 LM for persevering with her Maths learning and not giving up.
Archie W. of 5/6 GP for excellent focussed learning during literacy.
Seb H. of 5/6 GP for excellent attention to detail when creating his theme learning.
Bethany M. of 5/6 VJ for a super drawing of a Spitfire in art.
Reece S. of 5/6 VJ for excellent ideas and contributions in poetry writing.

Do you have any spare socks for our Foundation children that you could kindly donate? Our children love playing with water outside and often end up with wet socks! Thank you

We have been contacted by one of our parents whose mum was recently diagnosed with cancer. With this news, the family are trying to turn a negative into a positive and are arranging a Charity Funday in aid of Cancer Research UK on Sunday, 21st July (11am to 5pm) in Penzance. The family would not only like for lots of people to attend, but also to take a stall at the event. If you are interested, please contact Jamie Nicholls on 07482 830036.

Do you want the chance of winning **£50 a month**, then you need to join **St Stephens (Saltash) C P School 100 Club**. If you are interested, please pick up a letter from the school office or from the PTFA on a Friday when they are selling ice lollies.



Our Foundation children releasing our home grown butterflies.



Our Nursery and EYFS children had a wonderful time dressing up for their 'Under the Sea' theme day this week.

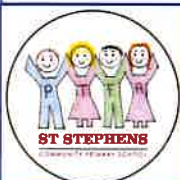


Please note, the following Clubs are cancelled next week:
 Coding Club on 18th June
 Eco Club on 18th June
 Chrome Book Club on 21st June

On Tuesday last week, six children from Year 6 went to Plymouth University for a Mathematics Masterclass. The children did three challenging activities: **Problem solving** - making shapes, cracking codes and working out missing numbers in formulas, **magic squares** and lastly, **plotting graphs and shapes** on a scientific calculator. All the children really enjoyed the day and said it was the 'best day ever'. Well done children.

Did you know that air pollution affects your breathing and damages your health? Did you know every year up to 36,000 people die from air pollution in the UK? But our air pollution crisis is solvable. There are simple steps that we can take to avoid toxic air and cut down the pollution we make. **Clean Air Day** on Thursday, 20th June is a special day of action to talk about air pollution. It's a moment when thousands of people up and down the country will be taking part in events, making personal pledges and walking to school instead of driving. Here are some actions that you can do to help: 1) Give your car a day off, 2) Don't allow your car to idle and 3) Walk, cycle or ride your bike to school.

Eight children from Year 5 went to **Trethorne** for a day out which was kindly hosted and paid for by the Rotary Club. All of the children said that they had a fantastic day and were really lucky to be picked for this opportunity. The children saw lots of farm animals with the goats being their favourite as they were very friendly. The children also spent time in the play barn and really enjoyed the climbing wall. The children who attended were very well behaved and were a credit to the school.



If anyone is interested in having a stall at this year's **Summer Fair** on Friday, 5th July, please contact friendsadmin1@ssscp.org.uk. The cost of a stall is £15.00.

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