

St Stephens (Saltash) C P School

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Summer has finally arrived and we have all been so hot! Still we shouldn't complain and the children love being outside when it is like this. Please can I remind everyone how important it is that children have sun cream applied in the mornings before school and that they wear a hat. They are outside for an hour at lunchtime and they rarely stay still or in the shade so it is essential they are well protected from the impact the sun can have. Many parents send children into school with sun cream which is really helpful but please can you name the bottles so we know how to match the correct cream with the correct child. The children were all given the opportunity to try out golf this week and most of them really enjoyed this. We are focusing on PE at present and the staff were discussing in our weekly INSET session on Wednesday how we can ensure we are meeting the extra requirements for the 30 minutes of daily activities. We are going to add an active session to the school which will be at the beginning of each day and will be teacher lead using a 10 minute fitness App. This means children come into school and are active immediately so hopefully they will be buzzing for learning. We will try this from September and then review as we go to see if it works.

The holiday club we are running for the three days in July is now sorted. We will have a choice for the children of inside craft and cooking or outside with Mr Nowlan doing a range of physical activities. We have sorted the charges now as some parents asked for extended days beyond the hours we anticipated. An email will be sent shortly with all the details to those parents who registered their interest.

The PTFA have paid for the new sound system which was installed in the hall this week. It is so brilliant and we can't wait for the Year 5/6 show as it will be the first official use. It makes hearing the children perform a real pleasure and makes a huge difference. Thank you to the PTFA as without their efforts organising such a range of activities and events, we would not have these extra things that really enhance our school. I know they are very busy sorting the discos and Summer Fair, so please feel free to offer any help as I know they would appreciate it.

We have attended so many sporting events in the last week that the children should be exhausted. The Year 2 children were a credit on a hot day walking to and back from Burraton. They had a brilliant time and it was a great way to experience competition. I'm so proud of our footballers, girls and boys, who went to Plymouth last week to a competition where the coaches commented on how well behaved and sporting they were. In order to ensure as many of our children engage in sport which is so beneficial for their mental and physical health, we are extending the range of clubs we offer next term. We have organised that Argyle will run a Touch Rugby club and that our Dance teacher, Gemma Nicholson, will run a fitness class based on gymnastics and flexibility. She will also run a Cheerleading club on a Wednesday lunchtime. We have recently completed a survey of our children and I am surprised how many don't attend a club of any sort. Have a look when the list goes out and try to encourage them to try something new. The Tennis club is going really well and I hope these other clubs will also take off.

We have now pretty much sorted classes for next year so please make sure you have spoken to teachers about any issues we might not be aware of. The notification will be sent out on Friday, 12th July so you know who your child's teacher is next year. The final summary reports will also go out on that day. This year the attendance trip will just be for children across the school who have 100% attendance. They will go to Jump and the class with highest attendance will have a reward they choose in school. We felt this is fairer as the class winner can have several children in with not great attendance. Letters are going out soon to notify parents.

Dates for your diary

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
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

Well done to all of our footballers who took part in the competition at All Saints Academy, you did us proud. Particular congratulations go to our plucky girl's team, who won a signed Southampton Shirt for being the most resilient team in the tournament.



We are proud to announce that we have now received our Silver Award for our Eco-School. The children of St Stephens have worked very hard to maintain their motivation to look after our planet. Well done to you all. Now we can focus on achieving our Green Flag award status. Congratulations St Stephens!



Our children are continuing to care about their environment and here is Mason and Ekco collecting rubbish on their way to school. Mason said "we need to clean this up so it doesn't end up in the ocean". Great work children, we are so proud of you.

Our Year 2 children went to Burraton School on Tuesday for a Multi-Sport Festival. Every child participated in 16 different sporting events including: basketball, egg and spoon, tag rugby and many more. They had a great morning in the sunshine and made St Stephens School proud!



'Excellence is in Everyone'



Ebrin R. of Nursery for trying really hard with her learning!

Jacob B. of FAM for his excellent sentence writing.

Ella-Louise N. of FAM for a huge improvement in her attitude to learning.

Evony D. of FCW for fantastic reasoning when experimenting with capacity!

Noah S-V. of FCW for challenging himself when learning about capacity!

Archie M. of 1/2 NB for taking care in his art presentation and really focusing on the patterns that the artist had portrayed.

Thomas G. of 1/2 NB for settling into St Stephens confidently and using great imagination in his story writing.

James P. of 1/2 CB for his great perseverance with his letter formation and handwriting this week.

Arwen T. of 1/2 CB for showing great resilience when finding a half or a quarter.

Freya W. of 1/2 AP for her super effort to spell correctly and persevere with her writing.

Olivia W. of 1/2 AP for her fantastic independent writing.

Faith E. of 1/2 SK for always being kind and helpful to other children.

Jack P. of 1/2 SK for trying his best and making super progress in reading.

Phoebe R. of 1/2 SK for writing some very scary character descriptions!

Barney C. of 1/2 SK for fantastic progress in reading this term.

Alfie C. of 3/4 SH for wonderful support and empathy toward his peers during collaborative learning.

Ruby F. of 3/4 SH for her positive attitude toward any problem and taking risks in her learning.

Isabel S. of 3/4 SH for fantastic resilience with vocabulary choices in her explanation text.

Emilia T. of 3/4 PH for her fantastic absorption and for sharing her superb ideas in history.

Beth H. of 3/4 PH for persevering with her handwriting which is now consistently joined.

Hattie W. of 3/4 TB for being much more settled and focussed on her learning this week.

Roxanne E. of 3/4 TB for writing a super explanation text using everything she has been learning.

Alfie S. of 3/4 TB for fantastic learning in Science this week.

Liam W. of 5/6 LM for amazing focus to achieve a wonderful WW2 poem.

Sonny T. of 5/6 LM for persevering to achieve an extended piece of writing.

Maddie J. of 5/6 GP for working hard and being focussed on her learning.

Aisha M. of 5/6 GP for consistent perseverance.

Harvey M. of 5/6 VJ for excellent perspective work in art.

Emma L. of 5/6 VJ for a really positive attitude and effort in all areas.

On Friday, Year 6 had an exciting day out at Duchy College. They took part in a range of activities including animal care, forest schools, planting, sports and equestrian games. They also took a tour of the College in a tractor driven trailer and explored a range of diggers and farming equipment. A fantastic day was had by all and several children have had an inspiring insight into agricultural and animal careers for the future. The sun shone and the children's behaviour was a credit to the School.



Andrew W and Bethany M, along with a team of young people from The Core, (and a little help from staff!) worked hard to make their very own cardboard boat to enter into this year's Regatta 'Cardboard Boat Race'. They named the boat "Rainbow Warrior" which was in keeping with the eco-theme of the event. They did fantastically well and paddled like mad coming 2nd overall in the Race (despite the rain!). Well done everybody!

In the first week of the Summer Holidays (29/07 - 03/08), Mr Hambly will be running 'Drum Star 2019'. This opportunity is open to drummers of all ages from children to adults and from beginners to experts. This is a week long course where all applicants will receive five (45 minute) drum sessions across five days (one per day timetabled). On the final day the applicants will be recording a live DVD of their learning from the week. Applicants will also receive a Drum Star T-shirt and a pair of drumsticks. The cost of the week is £85. There are a limited number of spaces available for the week. For more information or to book your place, please ask at the school office or email mhmusicpro@gmail.com. Thank you

Please note, the following Clubs are cancelled next week:
 Story Club on Monday 1st July
 Activity Club on Thursday, 4th July



The PTFA will be selling raffle tickets TODAY (at the same time as ICE LOLLY FRIDAY) for the Summer Fair.



Bag2school bags have now been distributed, please return them on Tuesday, 2nd July ready for collection on 3rd July. The bag contains all the information you need regarding acceptable items and those items which cannot be included. If you need additional bags, please let the school office know. Thank you



If you require this information in a different language or format, please contact the school office.

