

St Stephens (Saltash) C P School

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Well the biggest event this week is obviously the Harvest Festival and the disruption which occurred from the burst water main on Thursday. It was a very difficult situation and we decided that as we were all at the church and most families had a representative going to Harvest that we would continue and see if South West Water could connect us by the time we returned. It is always hard to make a decision that suits everyone. Working families really need us to remain open. As a working parent, being put into the situation of ringing work to say I couldn't come in was always something I dreaded. Whilst at the church, we were notified that water was being supplied as schools take priority. I was happy for parents to then decide if they wished take their children. We had a lovely day in school with those that chose to stay and the smaller class sizes resulting from children going home was enjoyed by the teachers. Thankfully, once we returned we had a supply and whilst it went off a few times and dribbled for a bit, there was no real impact on the running of the school. Thank you to those parents who have been supportive and I suppose the lesson is you can't keep everyone happy. For those who chose to take their children home, we hope you enjoyed time with your children and we have logged the absence as exceptional circumstances so it counts as authorised. I have to say that South West Water really were very focused on ensuring we had a supply quickly and efficiently and kept us well informed.

The Harvest performance was so good. I was so proud of the quality of singing and the way the children performed. They so enjoy it and in the week where the Chief Inspector of schools is discussing the need to ensure schools have a broad and creative curriculum, our Harvest performance is such powerful evidence of how, as a school, we do ensure we value all aspects of the curriculum. Miss Hall and Mr Hambly are an asset to our school.

Again, I had some bad news from Fordingbridge who are constructing our MUGA. They apparently need two days to put on the canopy roofing material and it can't be windy. This means as it was windy on Wednesday, they left and will only return when the forecast gives two clear days. This is so disappointing as I am desperate to complete the project but there is nothing I can do but wait. I am watching weather forecasts with fingers crossed.

We did have some good news in that it has finally been sorted who is responsible for the restoration of the adventure play and this week the children have been helping me to decide the pieces we want to buy. Monkey bars seem to be top of their list! Now I have to decide exactly where I want it placed and then put in the order. It is great to have finally managed to get this sorted.



Thank you and well done to all the children who entered our sugar free baking competition for last week's healthy schools week. We had an amazing range of entries and all the cakes and biscuits were naturally sweet and tasty. The school council had the very difficult job of tasting them all and deciding who the winners were. They finally chose Lucy and Henry C as very close runners up for their delicious orange cake. Milo Z-M in Year 2 was chosen as the overall winner for his amazing chocolate cake.

Reminder - Deadline for secondary applications is 31st October.

Please be aware that late applications will mean you are unlikely to get your first choice. Saltash.net community school is always oversubscribed.



Dates for your diary

15th October

EYFS Open Morning
to support home learning
9.15am - 10.15am

18th October

Halloween Disco Infants
5.30pm - 6.30pm
Halloween Disco Juniors
7.00m - 8.00pm

19th October

INSET Day
No school for pupils

22nd - 26th October

Half Term

27th October

Festival of Remembrance
at Saltash Wesley - 7.30pm

30th October

EYFS Open Afternoon
to support home learning
3.15pm - 3.45pm

3rd November

Kalan Gwav from 2.00pm
Warfelton Field

7th November

Nasal Flu Vaccination
Year Foundation to Year 5

16th November

Wear something sporty
£2 donation for
Children in Need

29th November

Foundation and Year 6
National Child Measurement
Programme

10th December

KS1 Show Dress Rehearsal

11th December

KS1 Show
1.30pm - 2.30pm

12th December

KS1 Show
10.00am - 11.00am

13th December

KS1 Show
6.00pm - 7.00pm

14th December

EYFS Trip to Theatre Royal

17th December

EYFS Nativity Dress
Rehearsal (am)

EYFS Christmas Party (pm)

18th December

EYFS Nativity
1.30pm - 2.30pm
Year 1/2 Christmas Party
Year 3/4 Christmas Party

19th December

EYFS Nativity
9.30am - 10.30am
Christmas Carol Service
1.30pm - 2.30pm

'Excellence is in Everyone'



- Henry C.** for being so caring towards other children in Friendship Time.
- Rose S.** of F AM for for amazing enthusiasm in phonics.
- Alfie B.** of F AM for his super effort in all of his learning..
- Maddie T.** of F CW for being kind to others and showing great sharing and leadership skills!
- Elsie W.** of F CW for excellent segmenting for writing.
- Marna T.** of 1/2 AP for amazing independent writing!
- Megan W.** of 1/2 AP for an excellent mature attitude since starting Year 2.
- Oscar M.** of 1/2 NB for excellent singing in the Harvest Festival and for persevering with his learning in class.
- Ayrton C-G.** of 1/2 NB for having a positive attitude to his learning and always trying his best.
- James C.** of 1/2 CB for his wonderful attitude to learning, especially when sharing his fantastic ideas.
- Charlotte I.** of 1/2 CB for her resilient attitude to learning, especially in Maths.
- Spencer T.** of 1/2 SK for having a much more mature attitude to all his learning - keep it up!
- Natasha J.** of 1/2 SK for writing an exciting story set in space with lots of description.
- Daisy J.** of 3/4 SH for amazing perseverance with her times tables!
- Alfie C.** of 3/4 SH for fantastic singing in Harvest Festival and being kind to his peers.
- Logan E.** of 3/4 PH for persevering with his handwriting and striving for his personal best.
- Frankie W-P.** of 3/4 PH for persevering with her handwriting and taking pride in her learning.
- Tahlia H.** of 3/4 TB for writing a fantastic defeat the monster story.
- Ryan S.** of 3/4 TB for writing a really well structured defeat the monster story.
- Amelie H.** of 3/4 TB for fantastic story language in her defeat the monster story.
- Daisy P.** of 5/6 LM for being absorbed in her learning and writing an excellent character description in English.
- Dario D.** of 5/6 LM for having a fantastic imagination in English to create a descriptive piece of writing and being fully absorbed in his learning in Maths.
- Theo B.** of 5/6 GP for reading 1 million words read in 'Accelerated Reader'.
- Ruby F.** of 5/6 GP for an excellent detailed puppet design.
- Reece S.** of 5/6 VJ for great participation in the sugar smart presentation.
- Emilia N.** of 5/6 VJ for super attention to detail in art.

Things we need for school projects:
EYFS would like small/medium cardboard boxes and egg boxes for craft/junk modelling. The whole school are embarking on a project for Remembrance Day and require clear, round plastic (washed) bottles. We also need pine cones and jam jars for a craft project.



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Amazing reading news - Theo B of 5/6 GP and Harvey M of 5/6 VJ have become **word millionaires** this week. This is incredible. They have read and quizzed a million words in less than half a term. I have also changed lots of karate reading cards and had the first yellow card completed this week. Well done all and keep reading. Well done parents for supporting children in this most important life skill.

Mischief Makers Summer Reading Challenge

Well done to three more of our brilliant children, Lilly C, Amelie H and George C, who successfully completed the Mischief Makers Summer Reading Challenge at the local library. A fantastic achievement!

School photos have been distributed - If you have any questions, please contact Professional School Photography - Phone: 0844 381 4230 or email: enquiry@pspschools.co.uk Please return your completed form and full payment to the school office by Wednesday, 17th October.



Steel Drums is cancelled on 15th October. Apologies for any inconvenience. Thank you

Science experiment - We put hard boiled eggs into a variety of different drinks to see how they would affect our teeth. After five days, our results were staggering. Coca-Cola had completely destroyed the shell and stained the egg. Surprisingly the orange juice had completely corroded the shell. The children have learnt lots about how sugary drinks impact on our teeth and were mortified that sugary drinks could have this effect.

Sharp
Alert
Secure
Kind
Brave

Have you got what it takes to be an Internet Legend?

We have four vacancies for children in year 5 & 6 to become internet superheroes - fighting for online security and helping others to become Internet Legends. If you think you have what it takes, you will need to create a Google Slides presentation explaining your knowledge and understanding of online safety, how you would ensure that all members of our school (both adults and children) are using the internet safely and why you are the best person for the job. Please share your presentation with Miss Mckenna on the Google Drive. Closing date for applications is the Friday after half term (2nd November) where you will present your applications to Miss Mckenna.

Good luck and remember...

Be sharp. Be alert. Be secure. Be kind. Be brave. Be an Internet Legend!



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