

St Stephens (Saltash) C P School

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Now we are breaking up for the holiday the weather has turned cold. Still, I am sure parents, children and staff are looking forward to a very well deserved rest and time to enjoy the outside. This week we welcome Miss Rapier to our school as an LSA in the 5/6 team. We also have to say goodbye to Mrs Watt and Miss Palmer who are leaving us. Good luck Mrs watt and Miss Palmer and welcome Miss Rapier!

The Easter bonnet parade today was lovely. Thank you so much to everyone who took part. We really do have some very creative and clever families who can construct great creations. The pictures will go on the FaceBook site and we found it so hard to judge that we even had to go and buy more eggs so everyone was a winner. It is lovely to keep some of these traditions alive in our community.

It really has been a busy term and Thursday saw the PTFA organise a magic show for the children. The children had an amazing time and were so excited. The PTFA were very busy serving hot dogs and drinks and selling uniform. A huge thanks to this group of volunteers who are doing an incredible job of not only raising funds but also putting on events that the children can enjoy. It is really not easy. There was a huge amount of work involved in setting up the show and it was very frustrating that parents did not complete the slips in the time given. This made it so complicated and difficult to get children into the show and know who had permission and who didn't. It was a shame that some children missed this free event and that staff in school had to spend time compiling additional lists and sorting more food. Thank you to the PTFA for giving their time freely and making this a special event for the children.

It was lovely this week to welcome parents into the open art afternoon. The children do love it when they can show their classrooms to parents. We do try to do one afternoon a term so will look at a date for next term. I am so impressed with some of the art the children have finished. We are completing our termly change of all the displays at present and some of the learning on show is incredible! The pictures, paintings and writing across the school show how hard the children and staff are working. It is very important that we value outcomes which is why we take the time to ensure learning around the school really is to a very high standard. When you are in, just look at what is around. Every child will have something somewhere to be proud of.

Songfest this year was a brilliant event. Miss Hall took the children to perform in Plymouth Pavillions and they were fantastic. A huge thanks to the parents who supported by taking their children and to Miss Hall for her time and energy in what was an incredible performance.

Please can I ask parents to ensure children are wearing school shoes. I will ask the staff to chase where we are seeing multi coloured shoes or trainers. School uniform is very important and is a part of the expectations we have, so please support us in ensuring your children come to school in the correct uniform and with PE kit. The PTFA uniform shop has some very high quality uniform to purchase if you are needing to replace items.

We have noticed a down turn in behaviour this week and are hoping it is just that everyone is tired and needs a holiday. I do think the hour change has a big impact on the children. Can we remind children that rough play fighting always leads to problems. The children are fascinated when I can show them their disputes on the CCTV cameras. It is actually really useful in sorting arguments! We now have cameras covering most areas. These were installed as a safeguarding and insurance measure but have really helped with sorting playtime problems.

Dates for your diary

23 April (Tuesday)

First day back for all

26 April

Nursery and Foundation trip to the Aquarium

30 April

Special Menu

1 May

New intake September 2019 parent information session

5.30pm-6.30pm

6 May

Bank Holiday

8 May

New intake September 2019 - child session

12.00pm-12.30pm

13 May

Year 6 SATs Week

15 May

New intake September 2019 - child session

12.00pm-12.30pm

22 May

Sports Day

New intake September 2019 - child session

12.00pm-12.30pm

27 May

Half term

3 June

Back to school for all

5 June

New intake September 2019 - child session

12.00pm-12.30pm

5-7 June

Year 6 residential trip to Porthpean



Here are the attendance figures for March. The whole school average for March was 96.8%. The expected percentage for attendance is 96.5%.

The class attendance figures for March were:

5/6 VJ - 96.9%	1/2 CB - 96.6%
5/6 GP - 98%	1/2 NB - 98.6%
5/6 LM - 96.1%	1/2 SK - 98.3%
3/4 SH - 98.3%	1/2 AP - 97.3%
3/4 TB - 95.3%	FAM - 94.1%
3/4 PH - 96.4%	FCW - 95.3%

March winners: 1st 1/2 NB, 2nd 3/4 SH, 3rd 1/2 SK
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.

'Excellence is in Everyone'



Emmy L. of Nursery for excellent Maths learning with numicon.

Milly L. of F AM for her kindness and always being a super friend!

Jasper W. of F AM for his amazing effort with his sentence writing this week!

Riley P. of F CW for perseverance with name writing.

Noah S-V. of F CW for contributions to our learning about the Easter story.

Oliver L. of 1/2 AP for his effort level in his handwriting.

Tayah-Pip M-B. of 1/2 AP for her fantastic understanding of time.

Evelyn P-S. of 1/2 NB for focusing on her letter formation and presentation.

Amelia G. of 1/2 NB for beautiful presentation and making sure all letters are formed correctly.

Max G. of 1/2 NB for remembering facts about Mary Anning and contributing to class discussions.

Oscar M. of 1/2 NB for his excellent record of home reading and for his ideas during carpet time.

Lilly-May P. of 1/2 CB for creating wonderful sentences about Mary Anning in English.

Molly-Mae P. of 1/2 CB for showing great perseverance when solving 'length' problems in Maths.

Barney C. of 1/2 SK for creating a dinosaur print with fantastic care and concentration.

Caitlin L. of 1/2 SK for her amazing attitude to learning and taking a pride in all she does.

Phoebe R. of 1/2 SK for making a fantastic effort to improve her spelling and succeeding.

Ruby F. of 3/4 SH for a fantastic effort in all areas of the curriculum.

Bella P. of 3/4 SH for amazing progress with her reading and always persevering.

Frankie W-P. of 3/4 PH for being a self motivated learner and passing her 4 times tables.

Toby I. of 3/4 PH for his fantastic independent writing in English.

Jacob M. of 3/4 PH for being a sensible, mature member of the class.

Nathan K. of 3/4 TB for using excellent vocabulary in his Kapok tree story.

Eden S-V. of 3/4 TB for a lovely piece of rainforest art.

Justin P. of 3/4 TB for a well thought out piece of writing about the Great Kapok Tree.

Tuan E. of 5/6 LM for making fantastic progress with his reading.

Caylin R. of 5/6 LM for making exceptional progress with her reading.

Jessica M. of 5/6 GP for really lovely writing, applying all the things she has been taught.

Alfie W. of 5/6 GP for writing a descriptive and cohesive paragraph on Mayan food.

Thomas B. of 5/6 VJ for writing more independently in English.

Harvey M. of 5/6 VJ for a huge improvement in spelling.

Our Forest Tots children made journey sticks this week.



X Country - So we have had an exciting couple of weeks of x country activity and a fabulous way to finish the season. Firstly, huge congratulations to Merryn H who successfully qualified to run for the whole of south-east Cornwall in the annual Cornwall Games. This is a massive achievement and we were particularly proud that Merryn finished 13th in her race in a hugely competitive and demanding event. Well done Merryn! Secondly, last Friday we enjoyed a fabulous evening at Liskeard College, celebrating the annual x country awards. It was so lovely to see so many of our children attending in order to be awarded with their well deserved medals and representing our school so beautifully. An impressive 20 of our children completed a minimum of three races to achieve their medal and it didn't end there, our 3/4 girls brought home the silverware, with an incredible 2nd place team award out of a total of 34 schools. We are so proud of each and every one of you, a huge achievement, well done all of you and a huge thank you to all of the parents who have supported us this season.



Hub of Hope Mental Health Database - The Hub of Hope is the world's first of its kind mental health database bringing grassroots and national mental health services together in one place for the first time ever. Using the location of web browser or mobile devices, the cloud-based web application allows anyone, anywhere to find the nearest source of support for any mental health issue, from depression and anxiety to PTSD and suicidal thoughts, as well as providing a 'talk now' button connecting users directly to the Samaritans.

It is currently the biggest and most comprehensive resource of its kind, with more than 1,200 validated support networks already registered on the web app and this number increasing each day. It has been endorsed by the Samaritans and 25 other national mental health support organisations and trusts.

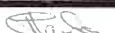
Find Mental Health support in your area here:

<https://hubofhope.co.uk/>

A photo from Songfest - the children had a wonderful time and thank you to Miss Hall for organising



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