

# St Stephens (Saltash) C P School

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Our Plastic Free Day on Wednesday was successful. It was so lovely to see so many families getting on board by sending even less plastic in packed lunches and snacks. We had lots of children with paper wrapped food and others who had some very suitable reusable plastic pots and containers. The children have also been completing a beeswax design for a competition to win lots of wax food wrappers for school. Their designs reflect their concern and interest in the natural world around us.

We welcomed other local schools here on Tuesday for the Quad Kids festival. Again it was so good to see how well our facilities support sport and how the other schools enjoyed the ease of using the school site. I was also delighted as the Year 3/4 and the Year 5/6 teams both won their age groups. Well done to all of the team members.

Next week is Key Stage 2 SATs week. We have prepared the children well and we know they can do well. I hope that they don't worry and it really is just like normal except we have to cover all the displays in the classrooms and they get a free breakfast to share with their friends. The Key Stage 1 team have only a few of their tests to finish and then the phonics tests come in June. This is a really busy term and that's before sports day, trips and residential.

Mrs Silva called into school briefly this week to let us know how much she is missing the children. We reassured her we will not forget her whilst she is having treatment but were all willing her to be better as soon as she can.

I have been asked to look at holiday care again. I did run Friendship Club for the last few INSET days but it was not well attended. Therefore, I will send a letter out next week to ask parents what they need and would use. We could run a club for up to three weeks which was activity based. So craft, cooking and sports. If you would use a club, could you let us know as if we get 20-30 children it would be possible to run it at a very low daily cost and if you would, when in the holiday it would be best placed. There is a grant I can apply for if I have enough interest which would make the club be able to run for just a few pounds but I won't do this unless we feel it would be worth the huge amount of work setting up a holiday club.

Next week sees the next Census Day. Please could as many of you as possible persuade your children to take a school meal on this day as the head count really does matter to school funding. We are always funded in arrears for school meals and so if numbers are low, we will have less paid back from the Government than we have paid out. The special menu is actually one Mrs Connors feels the children will really enjoy.

We will be advertising in the coming weeks for apprentices to join our LSA team so if you know anyone who is looking for an apprenticeship, please point them in our direction. We also need to expand our office team. We are looking to appoint a part time person who wishes to become a school business manager. This person will need to be prepared to study for the qualification, which is necessary for this position, over the next few years. Look out for the advert if you are interested. Can I also remind parents that large and elaborate hair bands are not part of the school uniform. We seem to have some creeping back. Hair is also best tied back as we do seem to have Headlice back. Can parents please check hair regularly and we do contact parents where we see Headlice.

## Dates for your diary

**13 May**

Year 6 SATs Week

**16 May**

School Census Day

Special Menu

**21 May**

Year 5/6

Flambards trip

**22 May**

Sports Day

KS2 - Morning

EYFS and KS1 -

Afternoon

**27 May**

Half term

**3 June**

Back to school for all

**5-7 June**

Year 6 residential trip to Porthpean

**13 June**

Year 1 and 2 trip to Looe

**19 June**

Class photos

**24 June**

EYFS Fluoride application

**2 July**

Year 6 Taster Day at saltash.net

**3 July**

Bag2school collection

**5 July**

Summer Fair

**12 July**

Summer/Leavers Discos

**22 July**

Achievement Assemblies

**23 July**

Last day of Term



On Tuesday, St Stephens were delighted to host the annual Quad Kids local heats. With teams of 3/4 children competing in the morning and the 5/6 children in the afternoon, the children took turns to participate in sprinting, throwing, jumping and in a long distance run. It really was a wonderful competition and an opportunity for some of the children who do not always have the opportunity to take part in sporting events, to participate. We are very proud of how both of our teams performed, not only did they both finish in 1st place in a closely fought competition, but the sportsmanship, exemplary behaviour and support for their fellow athletes was a joy to see. In addition in the individual results, we were delighted that Harvey M and Lily B finished in 1st place overall, Freddy T in 2nd and Katie S and Alfie C in 3rd. Well done to all of those that took part and a huge thank you to all of the visiting schools and staff for attending. As overall winners, we look forward to proceeding to the next stage in the competition. Good luck team St Stephens!

# 'Excellence is in Everyone'



**Tillie L.** of Nursery for settling into Nursery and trying really hard with her learning.

**Lucas P.** of F AM for his independent attitude toward his Maths learning.

**Oscar C.** of F AM for his amazing knowledge of tricky words.

**Noah G.** of F CW for excellent morning writing. Well done!

**Taylor W.** of F CW for perseverance with writing and segmenting CVC words.

**Teddie L.** of 1/2 NB for independently writing sentences using his phonics with confidence.

**Evelyn P-S.** of 1/2 NB for growing in confidence in her everyday learning and showing great enthusiasm for her learning.

**Summer R.** of 1/2 CB for sharing some amazing facts about the Pacific Ocean in English and Geography.

**James C.** of 1/2 CB for his wonderful enthusiasm when discussing the world's oceans in Geography.

**Reuben K.** of 1/2 AP for perseverance in his writing. Well done Reuben!

**Lila F.** of 1/2 AP for settling into her new school so well.

**Reesa B.** of 1/2 SK for amazing confidence in all of our speaking and listening activities.

**Riley I.** of 1/2 SK for a fantastic attitude to learning and trying his best this week.

**Maisie B.** of 3/4 SH for her superbly positive attitude to all of her learning.

**Izzy H.** of 3/4 SH for amazing enthusiasm when discussing reusable plastic.

**Lily C.** of 3/4 SH for super perseverance with using description in her writing.

**Elizabeth A.** of 3/4 PH for her superb reasoning in History and for making links in her learning.

**Zach L.** of 3/4 PH for his flexible approach to solving complex Maths problems.

**Florence H.** of 3/4 TB for starting to experiment with a wider range of vocabulary in her writing.

**Abi B.** of 3/4 TB for always giving 100% to her learning and being a superb role model.

**Clark C.** of 3/4 TB for becoming more confident to offer his opinions in class.

**Evie F.** of 5/6 LM for taking risks with her writing and challenging herself to use powerful vocabulary.

**Harriet B.** of 5/6 LM for always having a positive attitude in all of her learning.

**Connor J.** of 5/6 GP for making links with his Maths and working really hard at improving his handwriting.

**Esme C.** of 5/6 GP for working and improving her reading.

**Emily B.** of 5/6 VJ for super improvement in arithmetic.

**Molly G.** of 5/6 VJ for taking risks and answering questions in Theme.

**Year 6 residential trip to Porthpean** - Polite reminder that you are able to make payments either in full or part on ParentPay towards the Porthpean trip and if you haven't yet returned your paperwork, please do so as soon as possible. We will be sending letters out shortly so you can order a Year 6 leavers hoodie.

**We need more Hockey Club members for our After School Club on a Friday. If your Year 5/6 child is interested in joining, please enquire at the office.**

## Census Day FISH AND SHIPS

16th May 2019



Battered Fish  
Quorn Dippers

Chips  
Peas  
Salad

Ice Cream  
Fresh Fruit Slices

Here is one of our children enjoying our Forest Tots session on a Monday afternoon. Please contact the school if you wish to find out more.

### Day Trips

Year 5/6 trip to Flambarde has yet to see enough confirmed payments so the trip may not go ahead unless we see a significant rise in monies received.

Year 1/2 trip to Looe, the letters have now gone out so you can pay for the trip on ParentPay.

The Year 2 children were learning about measuring this week and even Mrs Landers couldn't escape the ruler!



Don't forget our Mini Movers sessions on a Thursday morning. Please contact the school office to find out more.

The patrol site outside of ATS on St Stephens Rd and Warfelton Crescent will be unpatrolled until further notice. You may wish to make alternative arrangements for your children's journeys to and from school during this time. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation. Please note that even when a School Crossing Patrol is provided it still remains the responsibility of parents to ensure their child's safety when travelling to and from school.

We are always keen to recruit more School Crossing Patrols, Reliefs and Flying Reliefs. If you, or anyone you know, may be interested, please contact: Kaye Ellis, SCP Co-Ordinator East Highways, CORMAC Solutions Ltd on 01208 893140 or email [kaye.ellis@cormacltd.co.uk](mailto:kaye.ellis@cormacltd.co.uk)



**Club 100 needs more members!**  
If you are interested in joining, please ask the office for a letter. Thank you

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