

St Stephens (Saltash) C P School

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This has been an interesting week. The snow was very disruptive and made it very tricky for everyone towards the end of the week. We tried to update you as soon as we could and keep you informed and it was lovely to see supportive comments and receive emails thanking us for keeping you all informed. I am glad I was back from my meeting in Wadebridge before the snow started as that road was one of those where people were stuck for hours. Our Argyle coach, Gary, was stuck on the A30 for eight hours! We were lucky that all our staff except one, were able to make it into school. Mrs Crowley even caught the bus from her home in Callington! I hope that we don't get more snow but if we do, we will continue to keep you posted as much as possible.

We have really enjoyed using the MUGA this week. It has been so great to be able to get children outside at break and lunch. We have offered an alternative inside when it is really cold but most are choosing to go out for at least some of the time. Please can we reinforce that it is important for children to have outdoor PE clothing. Jogging bottoms and warm tops really are essential although we do have some children who really don't feel the cold and are wearing shorts all the time. We do make children take coats out and wear them but there are some who really don't feel the cold and continually take them off. I am hoping that the accidents will reduce as the surface is cushioned. London was a very successful trip. I have to say the adults were exhausted and the children did very well coming into school the next day. It was interesting to be in Parliament at such a busy time as it was buzzing and we spotted several famous people. Thanks to Mrs T Jones for organising the trip. The children really were so good and a credit to their parents.

We are looking to refresh our website as we need to have a separate but linked page for Nursery. This means we need professional photos taken so I just wanted to check if we have any parents who do photography before we commission someone else. Also we are going to create a Nursery prospectus and refresh the main school one so if we have parents who have digital printing or signage capabilities do let us know before I start searching outside the school.

On Wednesday, 40 children headed to London (leaving at 4am!) We had a fantastic day, with our highlights being a tour of the Houses of Parliament and seeing the dinosaurs in the Natural History Museum. Westminster was buzzing as we walked around, with many politicians and news channels interviewing MPs. It was a long day but we want to say thank you to all the children for being great and the staff that attended for volunteering your time to make it such a wonderful day.

On Wednesday this week, we took 18 Year 3/4 children and 18 Year 5/6 children to a sports hall athletics competition at saltash.net involving seven schools in the local cluster. The children took part in a variety of events that included relay races and a variety of jumping and throwing events. The children represented us superbly, were well behaved and had smiles on their faces all day long. We won several of our races with some amazing performances. Overall, our 3/4 team came 3rd and our 5/6 team came 5th. We are immensely proud of everyone who represented the school.



Mrs Connors made me a beautiful bouquet of cakes for my birthday - how lovely and they were delicious, thank you.



Here are the attendance figures for January. The whole school average for January was 97.0%. The expected percentage for attendance 96.5%.

The class attendance figures for January were:

5/6 VJ - 96.4%	1/2 CB - 97.5%
5/6 GP - 95.2%	1/2 NB - 97.9%
5/6 LM - 97.2%	1/2 SK - 98.2%
3/4 SH - 98.2%	1/2 AP - 97.1%
3/4 TB - 98.2%	FAM - 93.5%
3/4 PH - 99.3%	FCW - 95.3%

January winners: 1st 3/4 PH, 2nd 3/4 SH, 3/4 TB and 1/2 SK and 3rd 1/2 NB

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.

Dates for your diary

4 February

Year 2 Trip to Torquay's Dinosaur World

5 February

Year 5/6 Trip to Dartmoor Zoo

Chinese New Year Special Menu

6 February

EYFS Brighter Smiles information session 2.45pm-3.30pm

8 February

Year 1 Trip to Torquay's Dinosaur World

Infants School Disco 5.30pm-6.30pm

Juniors School Disco 7.00pm-8.00pm

13-14 February

Year 3/4 Residential Trip to Eden Project

14 February

First fluoride application for EYFS children

15 February

INSET Day

(No school for pupils)

18-22 February

Half Term

25 February

First day back for all

26 February

Nursery and Foundation Open Morning 9.00am-10.00am

27 February

Foundation Vision

Screening

5 March

St Piran's Day Special Menu

7 March

World Book Day

12-13 March

Years 1-6 Parent

Consultations

1.00pm-6.30pm

13 March

EYFS Parent Consultations 1.30pm-6.30pm

15 March

Wear something red for Red Nose Day

22 March

Quiz Night

25 March

Year 3/4 Show

Dress Rehearsal

1.30pm-2.30pm

27 March

Year 3/4 Show

2.00pm-3.00pm

28 March

Year 3/4 Show

6.00pm-7.00pm

5 April

Last Day of Term before Easter Holidays

'Excellence is in Everyone'



Emma E-W. of Nursery for independent name writing.
Bruno D. of Nursery for progress with his listening skills.
Robun C. of F AM for his amazing knowledge of phonic sounds.
Mason M. of F AM for his enthusiasm for learning.
Oliver-Jon M. of F CW for excellent active retell of Little Red Riding Hood.
Corey E. of F CW for great use of Fred Talk fingers.
Charlie M. of 1/2 AP for impressive multiplication and division skills.
Reuben K. of 1/2 AP for amazing confidence when speaking in front of the class.
Holly B. of 1/2 NB for excellent use of adjectives in her sentence writing.
Ayrton G. of 1/2 NB for using a range of adjectives in his learning and focusing on making his letter neater.
Tommy S. of 1/2 CB for his wonderful sentences in English and Science.
Oscar S. of 1/2 CB for his resilient attitude when writing his dinosaur sentences in English.
Jack P. of 1/2 SK for fabulous Maths learning and excellent progress.
Amelia J. of 1/2 SK for fabulous Maths talk when solving very tricky problems!
Matilda S. of 3/4 SH for excellent perseverance with her sentences when writing about the layers of the rainforest.
Millie H. of 3/4 SH for fantastic resilience with her presentation in all of her learning.
Emilia T. of 3/4 PH for taking pride in her learning and being an absorbed learner.
Callum C. of 3/4 PH for his superb home-learning fact file about the animals of the rainforest.
Tahlia H. of 3/4 TB for taking a risk when contributing to class discussions.
Ekco H. of 3/4 TB for her contribution to class discussion about habitats.
Alfie H. of 5/6 LM for using the bar model in Maths to support his understanding of fractions.
Katelynn K. of 5/6 LM for being absorbed in her English learning and writing some lovely similes.
Aisha M. of 5/6 GP for always settling down quickly and producing excellent learning.
Seb H. of 5/6 GP for showing great enthusiasm and energy towards his learning.
Isabella B. of 5/6 VJ for superb, emotive descriptive writing and excellent application of new vocabulary.
Eric W. of 5/6 VJ for super writing about Charles Darwin, using accurate tenses.

Our Foundation children having a lovely time in the snow.



Help be a 'Fun-raiser' with **Red Nose Day** this year, on Friday, 15th March.
 Wear something **red** for a £1 donation.



Clubs update, please note the following changes:

Steel Drums Club is now on a Thursday lunchtime and is taken by Mr Hambly our music teacher.

KS1 Homework Club is now run by Miss Watson.

Eco Club (a new Club) will take place on Tuesday after school until 4pm and will be run by Miss Platts. Our Eco-Warrior children are invited to attend this new Club.

A few of our children went to **Zero Gravity** this week and had a brilliant time on their apparatus.



Saltash Foodbank sent a lovely thank you letter for all the kind donations at Christmas time. A fantastic 27.35 kilos of food items were donated. A huge thank you for your support.

Here are some pictures of our wonderful children playing on the **MUGA**.



DEBT POLICY REMINDER
All bookings for Friendship Time and lunch must be paid for in advance or the booking(s) will be cancelled.

Don't forget our **Healthy Tuck shop!** Mrs Connors is still making a healthy tuck option every morning. The take up is good but I thought it was worth mentioning as a reminder. For £1 a week children can collect a snack provided by Mrs Connors every day at break time. She provides a range of things including fruit crackers - fruit flapjacks. I love the oat cookies made with no sugar! If you want to use the service, please pay on ParentPay by 8.00am on a Monday. Children in Foundation, Year 1 and 2 are all provided with free milk and fruit.

As you know our staff in the office are extremely busy dealing with many different enquiries on a daily basis. We thought it would be interesting and useful to tally up just how many times in January calls were made in and out where the time could have been better spent by the staff.

24 calls regarding information already on the Newsletter.
20 calls chasing pupil absence.
16 calls regarding children not collected from school or clubs.

We really do want to support parents as much as we can, so please could you read the Newsletter. There is so much useful information on here. If your child is absent from school due to illness, please leave a message on the absence line before 9am and please ensure timely collection of your child from school either at 3.15pm or after a Club. Thank you for your cooperation.

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

Mrs Heather Lenders
 Headteacher