

St Stephens (Saltash) C P School

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This is always a very important week for school as the statutory test results are published. We always find it so tense as it is such an odd system that the results of the Year 6 children become so important. It is so vital to remember that the children are not defined by the result but at the same time, the education system is set up to measure against the statutory goals set by Government. We have done very well and we are pleased. When the results are published in January, we will be able to share the success. There are always some children who underperform and I wish the teacher assessment counted rather than the test result for Year 6 as it does for Year 2. I hope all the Year 6 parents who receive the results in the reports tell all of the children how proud we are and what wonderful well rounded and resilient people they are. They are well set up to continue to be successful and we are looking forward to seeing them grow and develop in their chosen secondary settings. Whatever the test says, it is just a few hours and shouldn't be allowed to define them.

This week saw us welcome a large number of secondary pupils into school on work experience. I don't think we will allow so many in future as it is odd having to negotiate with teenagers whilst dealing with the normal primary school day. Some of them have been awesome and a great help. I hope you all enjoyed the Summer Fair on Friday as much as we did. We were so pleased to see so many children and parents and to have everything so well sorted by the PTFA. A massive thank you to everyone who helped. A few pictures below of a great day!

I have arranged the attendance trip so that the children on 100% should all have letters. Additionally, this year we are adding a bouncy castle to the school grounds next Friday and those who are over 99% are going to enjoy a long bounce! There are a lot of children in this category who will be bouncing freely. This will be the last year we do an attendance award as we feel we have parents on board now with how important every day in school is for our children. Also, Cornwall have introduced a policy change for September and will now start to apply fines for holidays taken in school time. This is a change as they are tightening rules on time frames and amount of days and how the penalty will be applied for unauthorised absences.

School discos tonight will hopefully be able to have some time outside as I think they will be hot in the hall. Today will be a long day and again thanks to the PTFA who have organised the discos and the special leavers time. These things wouldn't happen without them.

I received our Sugar Smart certificate this week. We are very pleased to be recognised for the efforts we put into trying to support our children in healthy choices and it is nice to be recognised externally. I also had a lovely certificate from the Mayor, Mrs Challen, to thank our choir for singing at the Mayor Choosing Ceremony. Well done choir!

We are all looking forward to a very busy week next week with the Year 6 show and several move up sessions to new classes. Miss Hardacre was in school last week and is back next week so do ask to meet her if you wish.

We were so grateful to the Navy recruits this week - they have done such an amazing job developing the forest school, pond and play areas. Thank you Mr Foran and Mr Crawford for supporting us having their time. It saves us so much money!

Please note that for Achievement Assemblies on Monday, 22nd July the times vary for different ages. Also, if you wish to take children home after their assembly you can. This is your choice as we will continue as normal.

Dates for your diary

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

You may wish to take your child home after your child's

Achievement Assembly has finished

23 July

Last day of term

4 September

First day back for all

Can parents/carers please note that as the Government have altered the first May Bank Holiday so it can be used to celebrate VE day, we have updated the dates for next year. So the first May Bank Holiday is now on May 8th. The revised term dates are available to view on our website.



Louie D is the first child in school to complete our house point system TWICE! Wow Louie, absolutely fantastic, we are so proud of you. Louie's achievement is celebrated on our 'Wall of Fame'.



'Excellence is in Everyone'



All **After School Clubs** have now finished with the exception of Chrome Book and Hockey Club which will finish today. We are currently putting together our timetable of Clubs for the Autumn Term and will have this available when we return in September.

Lucy S. of Nursery for excellent counting during our number rhyme sessions.
Charlie B. of FAM for his super subtracting!
Mason M. of FAM for his amazing politeness and manners at breakfast club and lunchtime.
Bradley K. of FCW for fantastic counting and number recognition.
Oscar G. of FCW for his amazing under the sea writing!
Holly B. of 1/2 NB for her care and attention to detail in her art learning.
Teddie L. of 1/2 NB for persevering with learning and taking risks.
Daisy B. of 1/2 CB for designing a detailed drawing of a 'Bug Hotel' in D&T.
Charlotte I. of 1/2 CB for writing a fantastic story in English this week.
Milo Z-M. of 1/2 AP for his imaginative character description.
Livie B. of 1/2 AP for her amazing perseverance whilst writing up her story.
George C. of 1/2 SK for rereading his writing and checking all his full stops independently!
Poppy J. of 1/2 SK for showing great resilience and always trying her best.
Matilda S. of 3/4 SH for excellent vocabulary choices in her Stone Age diary writing.
Holly M. of 3/4 SH for amazing resilience when learning about capacity.
Chloe C. of 3/4 PH for being a sensible, absorbed member of the class.
Merryn H. of 3/4 PH for always managing her distractions and being an exceptional listener.
Faye N. of 3/4 PH for taking pride in her learning across all Curriculum areas.
Bluebell D. of 3/4 TB for always trying her best and pushing herself beyond her comfort zone.
Matthew H. of 3/4 TB for starting to develop more resilience and pushing himself.
Zara P. of 5/6 LM for creating a beautiful landscape painting of the Battle of Britain.
William C. of 5/6 LM for focusing to achieve a sustained piece of writing.
Daniel M. of 5/6 GP for a much improved attitude towards his learning.
Archie W. of 5/6 GP for a fantastic "war time diary" presentation in English.
Katie S. of 5/6 VJ for beautifully presented diary learning.
Jake H. of 5/6 VJ for excellent quality diary writing.

Please note, there will be no hot dinners available on Monday, 22nd July due to the Achievement Assemblies. School packed lunches are available to be ordered in the usual way, if required. All Free School Meal and KS1 children will be provided with a packed picnic lunch.

This week, we had our Navy volunteers in to help with projects in the forest school area. They worked very hard over two days and created some amazing new outdoor learning spaces for our children to enjoy. They made stepping stones and a log trail for our forest school play area, they created a fabulous den and shifted huge stones to make a great pathway into the fire area. They also helped Mrs Kriskovic create a beautiful pond which is part of her leaving gift to the children of St Stephens. Mrs K paid for the materials and they supplied the labour! Thank you so much to Mr Foran for organising the Navy volunteers for us.

The Year 2 children have written letters to share their knowledge of the world's oceans and also to ask for help in the fight against global warming and plastic pollution. We sent our letters to Sir David Attenborough and Theresa May. We eagerly await their replies!

Every Friday throughout the last term, the PTFA will be selling ice lollies in the playground at pick-up!



SUMMER DISCO!

With professional DJ
Friday 12th July
 Infants: 5:30pm - 6:30pm
 £2.50 includes goody bag
 Juniors: 7pm - 8pm
 £1.50 + spending money

Tickets are available to buy on the door.

Midnight Walk! Some of our ladies are doing the Midnight Walk to raise money for St Lukes Hospice. If you wish to sponsor them, please take a look at the link below, thank you in advance:
<https://stlukesmidnightwalk.everydayhero.com/uk/st-st-ephens-school-saltash>

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