

St Stephens (Saltash) C P School

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This week has been a very busy but successful one. We had sports day on Wednesday and we were lucky with the weather which certainly helped to make the day such a success. It was so lovely to welcome so many parents and family who came to support the children. Sports day isn't easy for all children but we were really pleased with how the children behaved and tried their best and were so sporting in their attitudes. They were cheering each other on and congratulating others for their success. We were pleased that the day seemed to go well and I'd like to thank Mr Hobbs for leading the organisation of the day. It was a real staff team effort and we are very lucky to have a team of staff here who all work together so well and are so committed to ensuring we are the best we can be for the children.

I would like to say a big thank you to the PTFA as they were at school all day providing refreshments. This helped to make everyone enjoy the event even more and they did a great job. Mrs Connors' cakes and biscuits certainly helped! The uniform stall was also very useful and I know they will repeat this at the Summer Fair.

Last week, Miss Summers, who was based in Mr Purchase's class, started her maternity leave. We do wish her well and will look forward to meeting her baby.

We also had great news when some of our KS2 children went to the Quad Kids athletics area final on Thursday as they came second, so for the first time in ages we are through to the County finals. Well done to both the Year 5/6 and 3/4 teams and we will keep our fingers crossed for the final at Bodmin later in this term.

Also, our Tennis team managed to complete their sports day and then rush off to get to the area final. Huge thanks to Jago's mum, Natasha, for the transport. They did very well and we are very proud of them.

At the close of last year's budget, we are showing a small surplus on trips as we had a refund on a coach that was late and a refund from a workshop that was cancelled. I am proposing to buy an additional adventure play piece using these monies as it will benefit all of the children as the funds came from parents. If anyone is not in agreement, can they please let us know by contacting us by email.

Next week is half term and we are all looking forward to a break. After half term the teachers are starting to sort classes for next year and are also completing the second short report to parents which goes out in July. Year 6 and EYFS will also get their full annual report in July as these will include their statutory test results. We have a busy half term but I am sure it will fly past as this part of the academic year always does. I hope you all have a relaxing and enjoyable week and return the children to school refreshed and ready on Monday June 3rd.

Dates for your diary

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

100 CLUB. The PTFA are setting up a 100 club and we have had very few responses so far. This involves paying a £1.00 to buy a number each month for the chance to win a cash prize. We need more parents to join as at the moment the numbers make this unviable. Please pick up a letter from the office if interested.



ICE LOLLY FRIDAY!



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



'Excellence is in Everyone'



Imogen H. of Nursery for excellent learning during phonics.
Stanley H. of F AM for his amazing sportsmanship during Sports Day.
Jacob B. of F AM for his endurance during Sports Day.
Oscar J. of F CW for excellent writing of his new Hungry Giraffe story.
Amelia H. of F CW for her active retell of the Very Hungry Fish.
Holly B. of 1/2 NB for focusing on her presentation and handwriting in her progress task.
Evie M. of 1/2 NB for becoming a confident reader and always trying her best.
Ruby H. of 1/2 CB for writing lots of informative facts in her letter to Year 6.
Jude P. of 1/2 CB for his amazing number investigation in Maths using Dienes to represent numbers to 50.
Teona V. of 1/2 AP for an excellent, mature attitude towards her written work.
Amy L. of 1/2 AP for her increasing ability to work independently producing some lovely written pieces.
Ryan B. of 1/2 SK for sharing his knowledge about the oceans in a fabulous letter.
Caitlin L. of 1/2 SK for writing an inspiring letter to show her knowledge and help save the oceans!
Finley M-B. of 3/4 SH for taking risks and persevering in all aspects of school life.
Ellis S. of 3/4 SH for excellent perseverance with problem solving in Mathematics.
Ella D. of 3/4 SH for an excellent attitude to all of her learning.
Harry G. of 3/4 PH for being an absorbed and sensible learner in all lessons.
Logan E. of 3/4 PH for managing his distractions and making excellent choices as a learner.
Ekco H. of 3/4 TB for using super descriptive language in her story writing.
Tahlia H. of 3/4 TB for being extremely absorbed in all of her learning.
Zach B. of 3/4 TB for trying really hard to improve his writing skills and even writing a book in his own time (which is a fantastic story).
Dominic F. of 5/6 LM for showing outstanding perseverance when completing a challenging D.T. project.
Leon B. of 5/6 LM for persevering to improve his handwriting and presentation.
Esme C. of 5/6 GP for really focusing on her learning and trying her best.
Archie W. of 5/6 GP for good collaboration in Maths.
Renayah M-N. of 5/6 VJ for creating a great slideshow in Science.
Natalie P. of 5/6 VJ for being an enthusiastic self-motivated learner.

Flambards - On Tuesday, Year 5/6 visited Flambards as part of their Theme (WW2) this term. We visited the amazing 'Britain in the Blitz' exhibition where we experienced a realistic snapshot of a blitz attack and life during the Second World War. It had the sights and smells and even had wobbly floorboards inside the firebombed house. It was interesting to see the different shops and products available at the time but how some things have remained the same. The Victorian Village was a bonus, including a Somerset chemist shop preserved exactly as it was shut up 100 years ago (cobwebs and all). Thank you to all of those who took part in the dressing up as an evacuee for the day.



One of our parents, Natalie Thomas, completed the Plymouth Half Marathon in 2 hours and 10 minutes - a brilliant time. Natalie received a very generous donation from the community sports manager and head groundsman at West Ham United, Austin Hughes, who has visited the school with his work with autistic children. He was keen to support our MUGA, so altogether, Natalie raised a fantastic £650 for our school! Thank you!

A huge well done to our fabulous Quad Kids teams, who yesterday competed in the 2nd round of the competition. We are delighted to say, that despite competing on Sports Day on Wednesday, the children put on a magnificent performance and both our 3/4 and 5/6 teams, secured 2nd place and will now compete in the final of the Cornwall Games. The final takes place on the 28th June in Bodmin. Well done to you all, we very proud of you all.



On Wednesday this week, four of our pupils took part in the second round of the East Cornwall tennis games. All the children played brilliantly and showed a fantastic effort throughout the tournament. Well done!



If anyone is interested in having a stall at this year's **summer fair** on Friday, 5th July please contact friendsadmin1@ssscp.org.uk. The cost of all is £15.00.

The Core have organised their next Cinema afternoon for Wednesday, 29th May from 3-5pm. They will be showing 'Secret Life of Pets'. There will be popcorn and refreshments available to buy. Entry prices: children £2.50, adults £1.50 or you can buy a family ticket: 1 adult and 2 children £5.00. Enjoy the film!

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