

St Stephens (Saltash) C P School

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Children in Need day on Friday went well. The children really do enjoy coming to school in their own clothes in order to support this worthwhile cause and Mrs Connors' biscuits went down so well. There was great amusement at the clothing of several members of staff. We don't yet know how much we raised as it has to be counted but we will let you know.

The lollipop lady is still off sick for at least another two weeks, so can we please ask everyone to be continually vigilant on the roads. It really is such a busy environment at pick up and drop off time. Miss Platt has started to try to encourage more and more children to walk to school and is keeping a tally of the class with most walkers who will be awarded the travel bear. We will continue this across the year to try to encourage less traffic and I would say that the drop off has been less busy this week so that maybe due to more families walking.

Now that the weather has turned cold can we remind parents that children do need a coat. We do take them outside and although they run around they really need a coat. We do require children to wear coats before we let them outside. Hats, gloves, and scarves are really helpful too. Can I remind you to please label every item children bring into school. It is so annoying for you and us, when items are lost.

I was delighted this week as our football team played a match at Bishop Cornish and they won 1:0. Well done to the team and thanks to parents and our school coaches who took them across. Our newly formed hockey team also played their first ever hockey match on Monday at Burraton and although they lost both matches, Mr Nowlan and Mr Matthews were so delighted with the progress they are making with skills and their team spirit. Well done to the team and thanks to the parents who went to support them.

The MUGA Crowdfunder has had a very big boost this week. Mark Ormrod shared it through his Facebook and Twitter site and asked his followers for support and a local business, Vulcanising South West, gave us a large donation. Huge thanks for both of these but any donation is appreciated.

This week has seen the Year 6 children undertake their bikeability sessions. This is such an important life skill and it is so good to see lots of our children taking part. Special mention to Dylan C who lent his bike to another child who's bike broke mid week and who wouldn't have been able to finish the course if he hadn't made this kind gesture. The program has now been offered to our Year 4 children.

Swimming in Year 4 is going well so far. The children do enjoy it but are actually quite tired when they return. Again, could we just ask that items are labelled as we are picking up items left behind and not knowing where to return them.

It is coming up to that really busy time of year so please note the dates section and also the notification of any changes to clubs. We use the Newsletter, email communications and Facebook as our main way of alerting parents to events or changes. We look forward to seeing some of you at the art afternoon next week.



On Friday, we competed in our first X country race of the season at Bake Lakes, Trerulefoot. Some of you may remember the atrocious weather conditions that we met with at this venue last year, but thankfully on this occasion the conditions were perfect. We are so proud of all of our runners who took part, many of whom were competing for the first time. Despite a great deal of nerves, not helped by a delayed start, they performed brilliantly. Many of our athletes finished in the top 30 in their races and all of them improved on past performances.

Particular mention must go to Emily B, who showed true sportsmanship by loaning her trainers to a child in another race (who had forgotten her own) and only just managing to swap them back with seconds to spare for her own race. Well done Emily! Finally, a big thank you to all of those parents that were able to transport and support their children at the event, we could not compete in events such as these without your support. We understand that other commitments do not always allow you to attend and we do where possible try and organise transport for those that do not have it, but we are struggling, particularly this year to accommodate everyone, so we would be very grateful for anything you can do to help. For your information, although we do not as yet know the venues for these events, the dates for the remaining races are 18th January, 1st February and 1st March, depending on weather conditions.

Dates for your diary

26th November

EYFS Wedding at St Stephens Church at 9.30am

26th - 28th November

Book Fair

27th November

Christmas Art Open Afternoon (2pm-3pm)

28th November

IT chromebook information session for parents/carers 3.15pm - 4.15pm

29th November

Foundation and Year 6 National Child Measurement Programme

Christmas Craft Sale at 2.45pm

1st December

Christmas Lantern Parade Fore Street, Saltash

10th December

KS1 Show Dress Rehearsal

11th December

KS1 Show

1.30pm - 2.30pm

12th December

KS1 Show

10.00am - 11.00am

13th December

Christmas Dinner KS1 Show

6.00pm - 7.00pm

14th December

Christmas Jumper Day £1.00 donation for Save the Children

EYFS Trip to Theatre Royal Year 5/6 Christmas Party

17th December

EYFS Nativity Dress Rehearsal (am)

EYFS Christmas Party (pm)

18th December

EYFS Nativity

1.30pm - 2.30pm

Year 1/2 Christmas Party

Year 3/4 Christmas Party

19th December

EYFS Nativity

9.30am - 10.30am

Christmas Carol Service at St Stephens Church

1.30pm - 2.30pm

20th December

Last day of term

7th January

First day back for all



'Excellence is in Everyone'



We need pine cones and jam jars for a school project - please pass any to the school office - thank you very much

Don't forget Year 4 swimming has started on a Monday, Wednesday and Thursday so please send your child to school with swimwear and a towel.

The PTFA will be running a Christmas Craft Sale on Thursday, 29th November from 2.45pm in the hall where you can purchase your children's creations. There will be cakes, cookies, teas and coffees on sale together with raffle tickets for our Christmas raffle. The draw will be held on Friday, 14th December.

After School Clubs
All Clubs will end during week commencing 3rd December 2018.
All Clubs will resume week commencing 14th January 2019.

Amelie D, Ethan B and Lily H - Well done on completing your green house points and moving to Blue! This means you have had 75 house points already for your learning and good behaviour. It is delightful to see the children bring their cards to me to change as they are so happy to share their achievements.

We are super excited about our new Nursery opening in January. As the new children will be very active, we would be most grateful to receive donations of clothing for 3-4 year olds that we can keep as spares. Thank you



Friendship Time are asking if anyone has a Christmas tree that they would be willing to donate for the children to decorate with hand made decorations. Thank you

Singing CDs are now available
They are £5.00 each and if you wish to purchase one or more CDs, please do so via your ParentPay account. Once you have lodged the minimum £5.00, the CD(s) will be issued to you.
All monies raised go to the MUGA fund - thank you for your continued support.

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.

Our **Friendship Time Clubs** are so popular, we suggest you give as much notice as possible if you wish to book your child on as we cannot always accommodate late requests. We will do our best in the case of an emergency but please, where possible, do give as much notice as you can. Mrs Silva runs this Club brilliantly so we are not surprised at the level of bookings we have. As a final note, Mrs Silva will not always be able to respond to your emails immediately if received outside of working hours, or when she is in the classroom but will respond as soon as she can. You can always contact the office if necessary.

- Jacob S.** of F AM for his fantastic problem solving during role play.
Jacob B. of F AM for his amazing writing about the Gingerbread Man.
Noah G. of F CW for using his phonics to spell 'Spiderman!'
Amelia H. of F CW for initial sound recognition.
Freya W. of 1/2 AP for her improvement in her handwriting and overall presentation.
Livie B. of 1/2 AP for being an outstanding Eco-Warrior during our walk to school and switch off fortnight.
Layla H. of 1/2 NB for persevering with her handwriting.
Amelia B. of 1/2 NB for great scientific knowledge about 'natural' and 'man-made' materials.
Rowan D. of 1/2 CB for making links in his science learning when discussing rocks.
Elodie O. of 1/2 CB for her thoughtful ideas during our class discussion.
Arthur H. of 1/2 CB for his resilient attitude when solving problems in Maths.
Amelia J. of 1/2 SK for being an amazing learning and behaviour role model.
Spencer T. of 1/2 SK for striving to improve his handwriting in his progress task.
Raynee P. of 3/4 SH for superb resilience when using column method.
Lucy C. of 3/4 SH for amazing use of prepositions when describing a setting.
Bentley D. of 3/4 PH for his fantastic attitude towards learning in Maths.
Gemma J. of 3/4 PH for managing her distractions and being absorbed in her learning.
Harry G. of 3/4 PH for his excellent focus during lessons and his superb writing.
Bailey C. of 3/4 TB for super descriptive phrases to help paint a picture.
Bluebell D. of 3/4 TB for trying really hard to improve her sentence structures to make them amazing and being an excellent role model.
Alfie H. of 5/6 LM for making fantastic links in his Maths learning.
Lucy H. of 5/6 LM for fantastic use of vocabulary in her persuasive writing.
Poppy W. of 5/6 GP for good attention to detail when creating her wave painting.
Henry W. of 5/6 GP for managing his distractions and producing a cohesive, persuasive piece of writing.
Chloe S. of 5/6 VJ for an exceptional attitude to all of her learning.
Molly G. of 5/6 VJ for super scientific reasoning.

KS1 Christmas Show - Reminder that all play ticket requests need to be in by Monday at the latest. Tuesday and Thursday shows are filling up fast!

Some of our children performed in 'Blood Red Rose' at the Wesley Church on Saturday evening. A special well done to Aisha M, Phoebe W and Emilia N who were part of the cast. Aisha performed a duet which was brilliant and very brave.



Christmas Jumper Day
Friday, 14 December - £1.00 donation for
 **Save the Children**

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