

St Stephens (Saltash) C P School

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Healthy School Week has been absolutely brilliant. The children are very knowledgeable but again it was so interesting to see them react when they were shown how much sugar is actually in soft drinks. The 10 spoonfuls in flavoured water really is a huge amount. They enjoyed the teeth cleaning and have all gained a spare toothbrush. Thanks to Mrs B Jones for tracking the donation down. It was ironic that we had Healthy School Week in the week when there is an unhealthy Census Day menu. If we could have, I would have chosen a different week. I have to say a big thank you for your support as a huge number of children took up a meal on Thursday so the figures were very good. Mrs Connors served nearly 300 hot meals which is around 60 more than usual. The Chartwells food preparation with the younger children was excellent. They made fruit wraps and soup. I could not believe the number of Foundation children asking for more butternut squash soup. Making it themselves seems to make it taste much better! Walking around the playground and field really is a lovely community event and we all wish there was time to include this every day.

You will have noticed the steelwork for the MUGA has started this week, it should be completed by the end of next week and usable after half term. We are very excited. We are planning an opening event which we will use to celebrate how much the infrastructure of the school has changed. I will be so glad when I can stop worrying and managing building projects and focus solely on education.

We are all looking forward to Harvest Festival next week. The children are practising on Monday and then the service is at St Stephens Church on Thursday morning. Please be aware that it will be a crowded event as it is increasingly well supported by parents. Mrs Hoskin will ensure the pews needed by the school are reserved. Please remember that the teachers are accountable for the children so when the service is over, they will not allow children to go over to parents without adults. The classes will not leave the church until after the parents have left.

Staff changes. I'm really sad to inform you that our wonderful MTA leader, Mrs Meek, is retiring at half term. Mrs Meek really is wonderful and we will miss her calm and organised approach to lunchtimes. She has been a part of the school for over 20 years. Also Miss Swallow, the LSA in Mrs Burt's classroom, has been signed off work since the start of term and as this is going to be long term, we have appointed Mrs Squance as full time to work alongside Mrs Burt in Year 1/2. I also need to say that Mrs Bickford has left the Year 5/6 team and Mr Burrows who was a student with us last year has become Miss Mckenna's LSA. We will miss her and wish her well.

Harvest gifts. Please can we ask that all gifts for Harvest Festival are in school by Wednesday, 10th October at the latest. We set up the Harvest display the day before the service. All tins, packets and fresh goods are gratefully received as we are again donating items to the Foodbank. Please ensure food items are within their best before date.



IMPORTANT

As we recognise how hard it can be for working parents when school is on holiday, we are trialling some holiday care. I can offer full day care on Friday, 19th October and/or Monday, 22nd and Tuesday, 23rd October. This will be a combination of Mrs Silva's usual Friendship Time Club with Argyle offering activity sessions as part of the day.

Argyle would also like to do the Friday as a full Argyle day. I need to gauge interest before I go any further and please note, this day care will be chargeable. Please could you email the office (email above) to say if you would be interested and on which days or activities you would prefer. I feel the combination of the craft and play with Mrs Silva and then time with physical games would be really enjoyable for all our children. I will wait to see the interest before I proceed. Argyle will not put on a day unless they get at least 20 children so if you want a football based day can you indicate that in your email. Thank you

Dates for your diary

10th October

Magician Show

6.15pm - 7.15pm

(This is not a school event)

11th October

Harvest Festival

at St Stephens Church

9.30am - 10.30am

15th October

EYFS Open Morning
to support home learning

9.15am - 10.15am

18th October

Halloween Disco Infants

5.30pm - 6.30pm

Halloween Disco Juniors

7.00m - 8.00pm

19th October

INSET Day

No school for pupils

22nd - 26th October

Half Term

27th October

Festival of Remembrance
at Saltash Wesley

30th October

EYFS Open Afternoon
to support home learning

3.15pm - 3.45pm

7th November

Nasal Flu Vaccination
Year Foundation to Year 5

29th November

Foundation and Year 6
National Child Measurement
Programme

10th December

KS1 Show Dress Rehearsal

11th December

KS1 Show

1.30pm - 2.30pm

12th December

KS1 Show

10.00am - 11.00am

13th December

KS1 Show

6.00pm - 7.00pm

14th December

EYFS Trip to Theatre Royal

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

1.30pm - 2.30pm

'Excellence is in Everyone'



- Poppy N. of F AM for her excellent story knowledge.
 Oscar C. of F AM for his super number formation.
 Nathan H. of F CW for progress in playing with peers.
 Bradley K. of F CW for determination with his communication in all areas.
 Teona V. of 1/2 AP for an excellent clearly structured story!
 Charlie B. of 1/2 AP for good quality learning and positive attitude.
 Erin H. of 1/2 NB for excellent Maths learning, managing distractions and persevering with her writing.
 Layla M. of 1/2 NB for persevering in all of her learning.
 Ruby H. of 1/2 CB for her fantastic story writing in English.
 James P. of 1/2 CB for his wonderful counting to 20 when using the power of 10.
 Barney C. of 1/2 SK for trying his best with his Maths learning this week.
 Phoebe R. of 1/2 SK for taking huge pride in all of her learning and presenting it beautifully.
 Bella P. of 3/4 SH for a super attitude to all of her learning.
 Jake H. of 3/4 SH for amazing perseverance when faced with any problem.
 Faye N. of 3/4 PH for having a wonderfully positive attitude towards learning across all subjects.
 Beth H. of 3/4 PH for being an exceptional role model and for always being ready to learn.
 Pippa T. of 3/4 PH for being wonderfully absorbed in her art and producing an excellent still-life drawing.
 Chloe P. of 3/4 TB for showing amazing empathy when supporting her peers in class (oh, and determination when trying to win the Rockstars challenge!)
 Lily B. of 3/4 TB for being ready to learn each day.
 Matthew H. of 3/4 TB for showing drive and determination with the Rockstars challenge.
 Lily B. of 5/6 LM for her amazing performance as 'Goldilocks'.
 Evie F. of 5/6 LM for risk taking and showing resilience during food tasting.
 Seb H. of 5/6 GP for managing his distractions and producing a detailed pencil sketch.
 Sophie W. of 5/6 GP for taking a risk by doing the class register.
 Connor W. of 5/6 VJ for being an excellent role model in singing.
 Katie H. of 5/6 VJ for being absorbed in poetry writing.

Things we need for school projects:
 EYFS would like any small/medium cardboard boxes and egg boxes etc. for craft/junk modelling.
 The whole school are embarking on a project for Remembrance Day and require clear, round plastic (washed) bottles.
 Thank you



On Friday, we held our first full School Council meeting. We have 17 members representing all parts of the school. We had to learn lots of new vocabulary and how to hold a meeting. We democratically voted for our chairperson and, because of the size of our group, voted for Andrew Williams and Katie Smith. At our next meeting, we will choose people for the other roles and responsibilities. Rowan D has also been appointed to the school council. We will send regular updates via the school newsletter.

PSA News from Mrs B Jones

As part of our Healthy Schools Week, we have been focusing on Oral Hygiene and the importance of cleaning our teeth. I was surprised to hear that there are many children still on the NHS waiting list to be registered with a dentist.
 Peninsula Dental Social Enterprise run Dental Education Facilities in Plymouth, where students from Plymouth University studying for a career in dental health treat NHS patients under the supervision of qualified and experience dental health professionals. They will see any child under the age of 13 years who is yet to be registered with an NHS dentist. To register or make an appointment for a general check up for your child - Call 0345 1558 109.



Last week, our Foundation children were lucky enough to have a visit from the real Goldilocks! She came all the way to Saltash to answer the questions from our children. One of the trickier questions was "Why did you break into the bears' house when you knew it was a naughty thing to do?"
 Thank you Lily B in 5/6 LM for stepping in and helping our English session come to life!



National Child Measurement Programme - Forms were sent out to all Foundation and Year 6 children this week. Please return them by Wednesday, 10th October noting your consent. Thank you

Mischief Makers Summer Reading Challenge

Well done to Jessica M, Zach L, Jago W, Isabelle K, Faye N, Abigail B, Bluebell D, Issy S, Tom S, Ruby W, Theo B, Isaac K, Jack J, Poppy W and Evony D who successfully completed the Mischief Makers Summer Reading Challenge at the local library. A brilliant achievement!

Here are the attendance figures for September. The whole school average for September was 97.86% which is fantastic. You will see one class where attendance was lower than the expected 96.5%.

The class attendance figures for September were:

5/6 VJ - 96.76%	1/2 CB - 99.07%
5/6 GP - 97.32%	1/2 NB - 97.99%
5/6 LM - 98.4%	1/2 SK - 95.46%
3/4 SH - 97.4%	1/2 AP - 99.04%
3/4 TB - 97.76%	FAM - 98.7%
3/4 PH - 98.7%	FCW - 98.01%

September's winners: 1st 1/2 CB, 2nd 1/2 AP, 3rd 3/4 PH.

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.

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