

# St Stephens (Saltash) C P School

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This term seems to be rushing past, we only have a month left! This week the teachers spent time meeting to discuss which classes they will be having next year and making sure each class has the right balance of children. We are going to have several staffing changes and the main one of these is that I have to tell you Mrs Kriskovic is going to be leaving us. We are all so pleased for her as she has secured a teaching post in her local school at Lostwithiel. Mrs K really is upset to be leaving St Stephens as she loves the school but the continual driving each day is taking time she could spend refocusing her work life balance. I am very pleased for her but we will miss her. Her position in Year 1/2 will be filled by Mr Burrows who has been working in our 5/6 team. This is an ideal situation as Mr Burrows knows the school really well and is so keen to get his teaching career started. He is excited to be working in 1/2 and Mrs Nowlan will be his HLTA so it will be a very strong partnership.

Miss Hardacre, who is our additional 3/4 teacher has started coming into school this week so that she can get to know the children she will be teaching next year. Again, this is great as it will settle any anxieties around not knowing her. On our move up day in July she will be here and also we will ensure she is available for parents to meet once the class lists are published. The only other movement for teachers is that Mrs Crowley will base herself in Foundation and Miss Watson will be our nursery teacher, otherwise everyone is staying with the same year groups and teams.

I was also delighted last week as we interviewed and appointed some apprentices to join our team. Mrs Dallas will start a full time apprenticeship in our Foundation classes whilst Miss Challen will start full time with the Year 3/4 team. We are really looking forward to welcoming them into our team.

Can I just remind parents that if anyone is hoping to use the three days of holiday cover we will offer they need to book it soon. So far we have had limited uptake so I will fix staffing ratios to fit the numbers soon and then we will not be taking extra children.

I met this week with Marilyn Grose who runs Saltash Uniforms. She has had the PE fleece made up and is now ready to sell them, they really are lovely, very soft and smart and I really hope many parents do purchase these as they will ensure children have a correct sports kit which keeps them warm in an appropriate manner. Whilst on the subject of uniform, I would like to remind parents that our school logo should be on children's jumpers or cardigans. There seems to be an increasing amount of tops which are not showing a logo and are different shades, not the burgundy. If you are struggling with the cost of jumpers/cardigans, please come and discuss this with us and also do label everything. We stand no hope of finding lost items which are not labelled.

Some of the teachers have asked me to stress with parents that if a child is not coming to a club after school or no longer wants to attend, we must be informed. Teachers are wasting a lot of time at the start of every club chasing where children do not turn up. This is really unfair on the children who lose club time just waiting and unfair on the staff who are giving their time to run clubs for the benefit of the children. Please just ring or drop in a note or email so we know that all of the children are safe. The Looe trip this week did happen, on the least rainy day this week so phew! The children were amazing. Even Looe residents stopped to say how impressed they were with the behaviour. A lovely day was had by all.

## Dates for your diary

- 24 June**  
EYFS Fluoride application
- 25 June**  
Special Menu (Years 1-6)
- 28 June**  
Mufti Day
- 1 July**  
SSSCPs Got Talent Final  
1.30pm-3.00pm
- 2 July**  
Year 6 Taster Day at saltash.net
- 3 July**  
Bag2school collection
- 5 July**  
Summer Fair
- 12 July**  
School Reports issued  
Summer/Leavers Discos
- 16 July**  
Year 5/6 Show  
(Timings TBC)
- 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
- 23 July**  
Last day of term
- 4 September**  
First day back for all

## Pictures from our Year 1/2 trip to Looe



**Clean Air Day 2019** - The children all discussed the importance of decreasing the amount of air pollution in our local environment. Every child has now made a pledge thinking carefully about clean air and how we can achieve this. Well done to our superstar children who have done a fantastic job at creating some Clean Air posters over the past week. Here are some examples of our children's amazing creations. Remember: Poll\_tion, Ed\_cation, Sol\_tion. What is missing?



**Congratulations to Adam M,** the first child in school to reach **250 house points! WOW!** Fantastic Adam, well done.

Little Princess Trust

Milana had her hair cut for the Little Princess Trust recently. The Trust provide real hair wigs for children and young people with hair loss. A really kind thing to do Milana.



Here is Tilly with her Karate reading card. Tilly has read at home so frequently that I have had to create a whole new level of reward. Brilliant Tilly!



# 'Excellence is in Everyone'



**Jacob B.** of Nursery for excellent child initiated learning with cubes!  
**Sacha J.** of FAM for his huge improvement with reading!  
**Lucas P.** of FAM for his outstanding mental Maths skills.  
**Riley P.** of FCW for looking out for his friends!  
**Isaac K.** of FCW for challenging himself in his learning!  
**Toby M.** of 1/2 NB for asking and answering a variety of questions during the RNLI talk on our trip.  
**Jack S.** of 1/2 NB for writing an excellent recount of our school trip.  
**Thomas O.** of 1/2 CB for his wonderful sentences about our trip to Looe.  
**Hattie J.** of 1/2 CB for her resilient attitude when finding halves of shapes and objects.  
**Charlie M.** of 1/2 AP for his quick recall of his number bonds to 10 and 20.  
**Harley A.** of 1/2 AP for his fantastic letter to David Attenborough about plastic pollution.  
**Amelia J.** of 1/2 SK for tackling monster additions and solving them!  
**Jasmine G.** of 1/2 SK for excellent progress in column addition!  
**Leon M.** of 3/4 SH for superb resilience when using causal conjunctions in his explanation text.  
**Phoebe W.** of 3/4 SH for excellent perseverance in all areas of learning, especially theme.  
**Rylee W.** of 3/4 PH for being a focussed and absorbed learning this week.  
**Milana J.** of 3/4 PH for persevering in her Maths learning this week.  
**Lily G.** of 3/4 TB for writing a really imaginative explanation text about a money making machine.  
**Eli B.** of 3/4 TB for being a fantastic fossil hunter in Science this week.  
**Nathan K.** of 3/4 TB for asking thought provoking questions about the Bronze Age.  
**Marcus G.** of 5/6 LM for consistent perseverance and enthusiasm in all of his learning.  
**Emily B.** of 5/6 LM for an amazing improvement in her reading and excellent efforts in her writing.  
**Adam B.** of 5/6 GP for managing his distractions and focussing on his Maths learning.  
**Henry W.** of 5/6 GP for consistently focussing in his lessons.  
**Brandon S.** of 5/6 VJ for going above and beyond expectations when completing theme homework.  
**Ethan C.** of 5/6 VJ for consistently great spelling and handwriting in English and theme.

Do you want the chance of winning **£50** a month, then you need to join St Stephens (Saltash) C P School 100 Club. If you are interested, please pick up a letter from the school office or from the PTFA on a Friday when they are selling ice lollies.



**ICE LOLLY FRIDAY!**

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

The PTFA will be selling raffle tickets TODAY for the Summer Fair.

**50P**

If you are interested in having a stall at this year's **Summer Fair** on Friday, 5th July, please contact [friendsadmin1@ssscp.org.uk](mailto:friendsadmin1@ssscp.org.uk). The cost of a stall is £15.00.

**Try a school dinner day for new Foundation 2019**  
**Wednesday, 26 June 2019 at 11.30am.**  
**One free adult per paying child. Open to Foundation 2019 (new children for September). Followed by our usual Learning Together session.**

On Monday this week, we took a team of Year 5/6 children to the Saltash cluster orienteering competition held at St Germans Primary School. The children spent over an hour frantically running, searching for clues and numbers using a map to guide them. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and kept up their competitive spirit throughout. We would like to thank all the parents who helped to transport the children to the event. Without your support, it would not have been possible.



**Do you have any spare clothes aged 3-4 for our Nursery children? If you do, please kindly drop them into the school office.**

A number of children have been talking in school recently about going to bed with portable devices to play games or read on. Advice suggests that to ensure good sleep habits people should not use devices for one to two hours before bed, and that these devices should be kept out of the bedroom altogether to avoid temptation. See extracts from a report published by the Alaska Sleep Clinic below:  
 The brain creates a hormone called melatonin that regulates a person's sleep and awake cycles. **Too much light, as emitted from video screens, at night can affect melatonin production** and fool the brain into thinking the body isn't ready for sleep.  
 The proliferation of portable electronics with bright video screens has exacerbated this problem, and in fact, smartphones and iPads may be producing a worse effect than television. Portable devices emit "blue light"- not really blue (because obviously, you can see multiple colours on your phone), but short-wavelength light - that is similar to the light we experience outside during the day. As a result, **the brain is getting a signal from this blue light that it's still daytime despite the darkness outside**, possibly leading to insomnia or sleep deprivation. Furthermore, because people hold smartphones and handheld video games so close to their faces, they are amplifying this effect more than from a TV that's 10 feet away.  
 Evidence is mounting that the screen time/sleep deprivation correlation might affect children and teenagers even more than adults. So, if your child is sneaking their iPad upstairs at night, see if you can replace it with books, colouring, magazines or anything else that doesn't emit blue light! Try it for three weeks and see if their sleep improves. Good luck!

**We have lots of coats with no names that haven't been claimed. If you are missing a child's coat, please let the school office know as soon as possible or they will be donated to charity.**

**Special Menu (Years 1-6)**  
**Tuesday, 25th June**  
**Steak pasty**  
 or  
**Cheese & Onion Pasty**  
**Scone with Jam**  
 or  
**Fresh Fruit**  
 (School Packed Lunch available but no jacket potatoes)

Saltash Uniforms stock our cardigans, jumpers and book bags which all display our school logo. Skirts, trousers, shorts etc. are also in stock and available for purchase. Here is an image of the new school fleece which costs £15 if you wish to purchase one from Saltash Uniforms. A great addition to the PE kit. Please contact Marilyn on 07597 522059 or visit the website: [www.saltashuniforms.co.uk](http://www.saltashuniforms.co.uk) for more information.



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

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