

St Stephens (Saltash) C P School

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I don't think I have ever met anyone as inspirational as Mark Ormrod. His visit on Monday to open the Excel 1 building was amazing. The children were so well behaved and the questions they asked him showed their compassion and curiosity so well. Mark answered honestly and even described how he cooks sausages when asked by one of the younger children. Now that he has been here once, he has offered to come back and support us in any way we wish so I am sure we will see him again. Huge thanks to Mrs Goodman for organising. I also want to mention that Mrs Connors, our school cook, was the creator of the building name which I think is so, so clever the way she has seen our school vision of 'Excellence is in Everyone'. I hope that all the parents and families who joined us also felt inspired. Again the children's singing was commented on as amazing. Mrs Connors' cream tea was also a hit so thanks to everyone involved.

We launched the Crowdfunder appeal this week to try to raise some funds to enable us to complete the MUGA. The groundwork is underway but we won't have fencing or lighting unless we raise extra money. I hate asking for donations as it shouldn't be necessary but it is just part of the climate under which we operate at present. Funds are so tight in all services and with schools increasingly picking up the slack for social and children's services it is not a problem that will go away. Please help if you can but if you can't, don't feel obligated as I do understand that everyone has varying circumstances. We are a school that is doing extremely well and as such we are increasingly asked (along with our collaboration partners) to support other schools. The children are always very welcoming and are now so used to visitors that they manage any distractions and just carry on learning. It is so nice to see the school through other people's eyes and remember that our children are exceeding expectations in every area. It is what keeps the teachers working as hard as they do so they can see our children succeed. Hearing others in the same profession asking how they do it is a real compliment. Sharing practice benefits everyone and is something we will continue to push.

On a completely different note - head lice. It is such a battle to try to continually address this issue. Parents are frustrated and so are we. It seems that at present, we are seeing a lot of head lice. We will speak to all parents privately where we see lice. We know they are a problem and that most parents really do try. Please, those parents who have expressed their frustration, be assured that we are actively engaged in the problem and do not ignore it. Can I also stress how important it is that long hair is tied back. Some of the hair tying styles are brilliant and very clever and the children look lovely. It really does help prevent spread. The other thing to mention is current advice suggests that in an active infestation (and as part of treatment), it is best to wash bedding at high temperatures and freeze favourite teddies for a few hours to kill hatching eggs.

Dates for your diary

16th November

Wear something sporty
£2 donation for
Children in Need

21st November

SENDCo & PSA
Coffee Morning
9.00am - 10.00am

26th November

EYFS Wedding at St
Stephens Church at 9.30am

26th - 28th November

Book Fair

27th November

Christmas Art Open
Afternoon (2pm-3pm)

29th November

Foundation and Year 6
National Child Measurement
Programme

Christmas Craft Sale
at 2.45pm

1st December

Christmas Lights 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

Christmas Dinner

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



On Saturday, a few of our children in Years 3 and 4 braved the weather to take part in the Cornish Wassail dance at the Kalan Gwav festival. A huge thank you to the children and parents who took part: Emilia, Faye, Gemma, Florence, Olivia, Phoebe, Amelie, Bluebell and Tilly.



'Excellence is in Everyone'



Logan G. of F AM for his super perseverance with name writing.
Jasper W. of F AM for his brilliant attitude to learning.
Joseph A-A. of F CW for excellent part part whole Maths learning.
Alex P. of F CW for knowing all of the number rhymes!
Milo Z-M. of 1/2 AP for his continued positive attitude towards his learning and for being a supportive friend.
Rubii M. of 1/2 AP for making links by using her understanding of commas in her English and applying these into her Science.
Evelyn P-S. of 1/2 NB for persevering in all areas of learning.
Evie M. of 1/2 NB for focusing on her learning and making progress in all areas.
Lilly-May P. of 1/2 CB for showing great perseverance when investigating number bonds within 10.
Sam W. of 1/2 CB for his beautiful singing in music this week.
Reesa B. of 1/2 SK for excellent reading and using her sounds.
Isla J. of 1/2 SK for making a super effort to challenge herself in Maths.
Holly-Rose M. of 3/4 SH for excellent resilience in her Mathematics when regrouping to bridge tens.
Ruby F. of 3/4 SH for a consistently fantastic attitude in all of her learning.
Imogen S-O. of 3/4 PH for taking risks in her Maths learning this week.
Emilia T. of 3/4 PH for being absorbed and taking pride in her handwriting.
Jacob M. of 3/4 PH for being a motivated leader in Maths, English and Science this week.
Rosen H. of 3/4 TB for always pushing herself and being a fantastic role model.
Alfie S. of 3/4 TB for making a great effort with his reading.
Jessica P. of 5/6 LM for being absorbed in her learning and having a positive attitude in class.
Kai H. of 5/6 LM for exceptional progress with his handwriting.
Liam A. of 5/6 GP for always managing his distractions and focusing on his learning.
Alfie W. of 5/6 GP for having an improved attitude towards his reading.
William D. of 5/6 VJ for superb hotel persuasive writing.
Renayah M-N. of 5/6 VJ for super effort and managing distractions in Maths.

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

Year 2019 Foundation tours

We have dates advertised on our school website to welcome parents/carers to visit our school with a view to their child starting with us in September 2019.

Please let your friends/family know to book a tour date with us if they wish to look around.

Yoga and Steel Drums are cancelled on 12th and 19th and 26th November. Apologies for any inconvenience. Thank you

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.

Well done Jess P of 5/6 LM for her brilliant swimming achievements - we are so proud of you.



All Christmas Card order forms and full payment need to be returned to the office by Friday, 16th November. The PTFA are unable to accept any late orders. Thank you

PE clothing - Now that the weather has turned cold, you may wish to send your child to school with a tracksuit/long bottoms/long sleeved top for PE. Please clearly label all items. Thank you

We were very lucky to have a police patrol car come into school last week for the children to see. Thank you to Mary, PCSO and Mr Foran, our school governor who organised this for us.



COFFEE MORNING Wednesday, 21st November

9.00am - 10.00am

There will be a coffee morning for ANY parents/carers who wish to meet with our new SENDCo and Parent Support Adviser. This is for parents/carers who wish for advice or who have any concerns. We look forward to seeing you there.

Mia Watt/Bev Jones



Please note, certificates will be given out on Monday as we are having the Remembrance assembly today.



Internet Legends - Congratulations to our newly appointed Internet Legends. In the coming year, they will be working hard to ensure that all members of our school are safe, secure and protected when using the internet. Look out for updates in the newsletter and on FaceBook.

We are very proud of Maisie B from 3/4 SH as she has had her very long hair cut in support of cancer. Well done and the new cut looks lovely.



Lollipop school patrol

We wish Glenny a speedy recovery and send her our get well wishes.

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