

St Stephens (Saltash) C P School

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Another full week over. We have already been back two weeks since half term and it is flying past. The main event this week was World Book Day. We really enjoyed the day and it was so lovely to share the wide variety of books the children brought into school. Some of the extreme places the children chose to read were so creative and the sharing books with younger pupils went down a treat. The day really did feel as if it was focused on reading, As a contrast, next Friday for Comic Relief the children can come dressed in whatever they wish, as long as it practical, and just need to paint their nose red or have a red dot somewhere. David Attenborough wrote to Fourlanesend Primary regarding their decision from school council not to use the plastic noses! I have to say I am a little jealous as he hasn't written to us!

The eco bricks were launched this week in assembly by Miss Platts and the Eco-warriors. We are now a collection point and the children are being encouraged to save all the odd bits of plastic or wrappers in a large plastic bottle to be sent to the third world to be used for construction. It is a really good way to cut down on rubbish going to landfill so start collecting.

Parent Consultations are next week and most people have booked appointments. If you haven't, please do. We really want to have contact with everyone as it is so important to share the responsibility for children's education. Parents evenings at this time of year give us time to ensure we are working together on the children's targets. The reports are going out today so please make sure you check for your copy. If you need additional copies, please contact the office.

It is really important that you check the dates section as we do try to give notice of events and it is frustrating that so many parents say to me they don't read the newsletter. Usually this is when they have an issue with something they didn't know and are complaining that we don't communicate. I find myself replying but it is in the newsletter!

The wet weather this week has meant drop off was very busy. Please can I ask that if you choose to use the drop off that children are dropped at the end as the carpark is busy and not a safe place. At the Key Stage 2 end where the drop off is located, Mr Davy and I stand to make sure we can manage it with minimum risk. I am aware that the school crossing patrol is not always there to cross the children on the main road as she is still on her phased return to work. Can I please make it clear that I am not responsible for the crossing patrol. This is a Cornwall County responsibility and not in any way under my control. The car park is however my responsibility and I take it very seriously. The drop off was designed to try to alleviate the situation in the roads around school and to help parents who would find it difficult to park in the streets at school time. Please can we use it responsibly as I really don't want to close the car park.

Dates for your diary

12-13 March

Years 1-6 Parent Consultations

13 March

EYFS Parent Consultations
1.30pm-6.30pm

15 March

Red Nose Day

22 March

Quiz Night

25 March

Year 3/4 Show Dress Rehearsal
1.30pm-2.30pm

27 March

Year 3/4 Show
2.00pm-3.00pm

28 March

Year 3/4 Show
6.00pm-7.00pm

2 April

Open Art Afternoon
1.30pm-2.30pm

5 April

Last Day of Term before Easter holidays

23 April (Tuesday)

First day back for all

26 April

Nursery and Foundation trip to the Aquarium

1 May

New intake September 2019 parent information session

5.30pm-6.30pm

6 May

Bank Holiday

8 May

New intake September 2019 - child session
12.00pm-12.30pm

13 May

Year 6 SATs Week

15 May

New intake September 2019 - child session
12.00pm-12.30pm

22 May

Sports Day

New intake September 2019 - child session
12.00pm-12.30pm

27 May

Half term

3 June

Back to school for all

5 June

New intake September 2019 - child session
12.00pm-12.30pm

5-7 June

Year 6 residential trip to Porthpean



The Foundation children had a brilliant time making pancakes on Tuesday. A big thank you to Miss Watson for organising.

Bedtime hour on Thursday saw many of our EYFS and Nursery children return to school for an hour of stories. They all looked so cute in their pyjamas with cuddly toys and blankets snuggled up and enjoying listening. Thank you so much to the PTFA and to the EYFS teachers who gave their time. We hope they slept well once they got home!



WORLD BOOK DAY



Eco-brick making



Yesterday was World Book Day.

Throughout the day we read in many different ways and places! We had an opportunity to take our books to anywhere we liked, to read. Some sat outside on climbing equipment, some in corridors, we even had some in open cupboards! Year 5/6 read with Year 1/2 (which they loved) and during the day, if the bell rang, whatever anyone was doing, they stopped and read for a while. A wonderful day of reading fun.



'Excellence is in Everyone'



Sebastian D. of Nursery for being independent and doing his own zip on his coat.

All of F AM for excellent manners.

Max B. of F AM for his fantastic home learning.

Thomas G. of F AM for his amazing effort with story writing.

Bradley K. of F CW for confidence in class and participation on the carpet.

Maddie T. of F CW for improved confidence in putting her phonics into practise.

Madison F. of 1/2 AP for her amazing presentation and quality of writing during our dinosaur information text learning.

Robert J. of 1/2 AP for his superb effort in his writing and the ability to read his writing back to an adult.

Isabelle K. of 1/2 NB for persevering in phonics and managing her distractions.

Layla H. of 1/2 NB for excellent comprehension skills and taking her time with formation of letters.

Ruby H. of 1/2 CB for writing some wonderful sentences about the different dinosaur periods.

Sam W. of 1/2 CB for his wonderful counting in Maths this week.

Ryan B. of 1/2 SK for excellent progress in reading and comprehension skills.

Alison C. of 1/2 SK for fabulous progress in reading and amazing expression.

Sam E. of 3/4 SH for brilliant resilience with learning his times tables.

Phoebe W. of 3/4 SH for super focus when using a range of vocabulary in her writing.

Leah A. of 3/4 SH for excellent perseverance with short division and her times tables.

Milana J. of 3/4 PH for her accurate and confident reasoning in Maths this week.

Phoebe A. of 3/4 PH for being a confident and absorbed learner in Maths.

Riley A. of 3/4 PH for his focus and determination during learning time.

Cody S. of 3/4 TB for showing a more mature approach to his learning and pushing himself.

Porsche C. of 3/4 TB for becoming more willing to have a go and take risks in her learning.

Ryan S. of 3/4 TB for becoming more absorbed in his learning and starting to push himself.

Roxanne S. of 5/6 LM for having an all round excellent attitude towards her learning.

Tudor V. of 5/6 LM for managing his distractions and trying hard to focus on his learning.

Ruby F. of 5/6 GP for excellent learning with her Maths this week.

Henry W. of 5/6 GP for a more mature attitude with his behaviour since half term.

Jamey E. of 5/6 VJ for a really positive attitude and focus in his learning.

Natalie P. of 5/6 VJ for all round effort and great progress in her learning.

A fantastic £305.70 was raised for **Save the Children** when the children wore **Christmas jumpers**. Thank you to all those who supported this fantastic charity.

Lost property will be available to view at the Parent Consultation afternoons next week. We have many coats and uniform items without names. Any items left will be given to the PTFA for the uniform shop.

On **Red Nose Day**, we will be taking part in BBC Radio Cornwall's, **Big Red Nose Day Move'n'Groove!** This will take part from 8.45-9.00am on the playground or under the MUGA (if its raining). Parents are welcome to stay and take part before the children go in at 9.00am. We could be one of the schools they report from on the day! For more details listen to Radio Cornwall or take a look at their FaceBook page.



This year, we would like you to recycle your old **red noses**. Instead of buying new **red noses**, you can either make them, paint your own or wear an old one. If you have any **red noses** from previous years, our Eco-warriors would like you to donate these. We will be raising money by wearing **red** or sensible mufti clothing on Friday, 15th March. A donation of £1 would be gratefully received.



Four children from Foundation visited the residents of **Asheborough House** on Wednesday. They participated in dancing, singing and music with **David the Music Man**. Thanks to David and Kate at Asheborough House. This will be a weekly visit for the next six weeks and the children really enjoy the activities.



Yet again a huge well done to our fabulous x country team, who competed in the final race of the season at Liskeard last Friday. Our athletes produced some incredible results, especially our Year 3/4 girls of which three of them finished in the top 20 and the team came 2nd overall. Particular mention must go to **Merryn H**, who finished her magnificent season in 2nd place and **Bella P** and **Gemma J** who were 13th and 19th respectively. Well done to all of those that took part, we are incredibly proud of you. As in previous years, we are pleased to say that a large number of children from our x country club have been successful in earning their medal, for competing in three or more races and we look forward to inviting them to the annual awards ceremony, due to take place in the next few weeks. Finally, can we please say a huge thank you to all of the parents and helpers who have again helped to make this such a successful season, we couldn't do it without your support.

We have arranged for **Mini Movers** sessions to take place in school on a Thursday from 9.15am-10.15am). The price is £3.50 per session including a drink and a biscuit. Come along for a brilliant fun-filled hour.



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