

St Stephens (Saltash) C P School

secretary@ssscp.org.uk

11th January 2019



Welcome back. We all hope you had a restful and enjoyable Christmas and New Year. The children were very full of energy this week so they have definitely rested well. The Spring term is always a busy and productive one so please make sure you read and note the dates we publish in order to help you plan. The teachers have all planned trips and visits this term in order to ensure learning is enhanced. The children asked in their children's voice survey that we continue and add more trips so we are trying again to run a trip in most terms. It is very challenging however when we do not get sufficient contributions. The PTFA have agreed to donate £100 per trip so we are taking this off the cost already. There is nothing worse than cancelling a trip which the children are looking forward to but if you think of the 12 classes and all having a shortfall then it becomes a significant amount each term. Please support the children in supporting the trip payments and thanks to those parents who always do.

The adventure play opened this week to great excitement for the children. I am sure the novelty will wear off but at present they are all very keen to play on it. We have a rota in place for lunchtimes and the trail is supervised by an adult when children access it. Please be very careful after school. Children need to be closely supervised and the apparatus is not suitable for children younger than school age. We would rather the children did not play on it but if you allow this it is at your own risk and the school will not take responsibility for injuries. If equipment is damaged then we would expect any repairs to be covered by parents if damage is through incorrect use. The area is covered by the CCTV cameras.

The nursery children have settled so well this week. They have all enjoyed themselves and really are a delightful cohort. Whenever I go to visit them they are so happy and they are loving using the outside area. Mrs Crowley and the team have ensured they are already comfortable in school and they look so cute in their uniform jumpers!

Monty, Mrs Crowley's school puppy, has grown tremendously and is starting to come into school for short visits. We are so lucky that we have a parent who is a dog trainer who has agreed to help us to meet the training requirements for having a school dog. Thank you Mrs Parkin, we are looking forward to your help and I'm hoping to sneak my new puppy along to some of the sessions to pick up tips! My puppy doesn't behave at all as well as Monty.

As a reminder, we are able to offer holiday care on Friday, 15th February when the school is closed to pupils for an INSET day. Please email the school if you wish to reserve a place. Further details will follow once final arrangements have been made.

Well done Jacob B for completing your Gold Housepoint Card - we are very proud of you.



Eco update - The winner of last month's walk to school challenge is.....1/2NB having walked a whopping total of 460 miles! Well done all! 1/2NB received Coco the travel bear during today's celebration assembly and have also won some extra exclusive time on our new fab trim trail. If you want your class to win next month and help us in our bid in becoming even more eco-friendly, please make a change and walk to school.



PE Kit - don't forget to bring in your child's PE kit if not in school already. As the weather has turned colder, you may wish to bring in tracksuit bottoms, long sleeved top etc., as on dry days, PE will be outside. Please remember to clearly label all items.



Here are the attendance figures for December. The whole school average for December was 95.7% which was considerably lower than the expected 96.5%.

The class attendance figures for December were:

5/6 VJ - 95.1%	1/2 CB - 95.6%
5/6 GP - 95.2%	1/2 NB - 96.8%
5/6 LM - 95.6%	1/2 SK - 96.8%
3/4 SH - 97.4%	1/2 AP - 95.8%
3/4 TB - 96.0%	FAM - 93.2%
3/4 PH - 98.0%	FCW - 93.1%

December winners: 1st 3/4 PH, 2nd 3/4 SH, 3rd 1/2 SK and 1/2 NB

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.

Dates for your diary

14th January

After School Clubs start this week

22 January

Year 3/4 Parents Information Session regarding Eden Trip 5.30pm-6.30pm

24 January

Donkey Roadshow Assembly

30 January

London Trip to Houses of Parliament

4 February

Year 2 Trip to Torquay's Dinosaur World

5 February

Year 5/6 Trip to Dartmoor Zoo

6 February

EYFS Brighter Smiles information session 2.45pm-3.30pm

8 February

Year 1 Trip to Torquay's Dinosaur World School Discos (TBC)

13-14 February

Year 3/4 Residential Trip to Eden Project

14 February

First fluoride application for EYFS children

15 February

INSET Day

(No school for pupils)

18 - 22 February

Half Term

25 February

First day back for all

26 February

EYFS Open Morning

9.00am-10.00am

12-13 March

Years 1-6 Parent

Consultations

1.00pm-6.30pm

13 March

EYFS Parent

Consultations

1.30pm-6.30pm

22 March

Quiz Night (TBC)

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

5 April

Last Day of Term before Easter Holidays

'Excellence is in Everyone'



Jake H. for being a fabulous playground leader.
Cody S. for being a fabulous playground leader.
Ethan B. for being a fabulous playground leader.
Henry B. of Nursery for his great number recognition!
All children. of Nursery for settling into St Stephens so well!
Imogen T. of F AM for her positive attitude and super first week back.
Lucas B. of F AM for his fabulous concentration in phonics.
Nathan H. of F CW for great participation in PE!
Ruby W. of F CW for supporting the new nursery children.
Rubii M. of 1/2 AP for superb presentation and quality of learning showing an increase in her confidence.
Jack G. of 1/2 AP for excellent confidence, pride and concentration towards his learning.
Harry D. of 1/2 NB for persevering with his writing.
Layla M. of 1/2 NB for for thinking about her presentation in all areas of learning.
Hattie J. of 1/2 CB for counting on from a given number when solving challenges in Maths.
Rowan D. of 1/2 CB for his wonderful learning, especially his sentences.
Madison P. of 1/2 SK for a very enthusiastic start to the new term!
Angel P. of 1/2 SK for writing some excellent sentences about dinosaurs, full of amazing facts!
Jacob M. of 3/4 SH for superb effort in all of his learning this week.
Joshua P. of 3/4 SH for an excellent attitude to learning about rainforests.
Bentley D. of 3/4 PH for showing his excellent understanding of multiplication and division in Maths.
Lily-May P. of 3/4 PH for being an absorbed and independent learner this week.
Alfie S. of 3/4 TB for being a lot more absorbed and focussed on his learning.
Chloe P. of 3/4 TB for a determined approach towards developing her language and sentence structures in her writing.
Marcus G. of 5/6 LM for being absorbed in learning about Charles Darwin.
Jessica P. of 5/6 LM for making an amazing Mayan headdress during the holiday.
Gracie M-H. of 5/6 GP for starting the Spring Term with a very positive attitude.
Theo B. of 5/6 GP for being enthused and inquisitive about our Science theme.
Cody S. of 5/6 VJ for awesome improvement in reading.
Jacob H. of 5/6 VJ for making an excellent start with biography.

September 2019 admissions

The closing date for applications is next week - Tuesday, 15 January 2019. Please ensure you submit your application requesting your school preferences for which you can make three.
Please apply direct to Cornwall Council Admissions.

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

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

All Clubs will start again next week. If your child is unable to attend their Club, please inform the office as we will be chasing up any non-attendees. Children are reminded of the commitment to attend a Club when they sign up.

Dance Club - Gemma Nicholson is running her very successful Dance Club again this term. Please contact Gemma directly if you are interested: g.l.nicholson@hotmail.co.uk
Argyle Football Clubs have started - if your child is interested, please pick up a letter from the office.

We are delighted that our school crossing patrol, Glennie, is now doing a phased return to work. During this time, please ensure you are extra vigilant when crossing the busy road outside school until Glennie returns to her full time working hours.

Lost Property - Once again, our lost property area is overflowing! Coats, jumpers, shoes, PE kit etc. If you are missing any items, please ensure you come and take a look to see if any belong to your child. Thank you

DEBT POLICY REMINDER

All bookings for Friendship Time and lunch must be paid for in advance or the booking(s) will be cancelled.

Christmas Singing CD - A fantastic £420 was raised by our wonderful parents/carers who purchased the singing CD. These funds are very much needed for our MUGA and thank you again to Miss Burt and Mr Hambly for organising.

Year 3/4 Trip to Eden Project - Information letters have now been sent out to those who registered their initial interest in their child attending. If you wish to find out more, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Here are a selection of pictures from our Nursery which opened this week and our new school puppy, Monty!



Some of our children from Year 3/4 have set up a colouring competition for the Year 1/2 children. I am always so pleased when the children take responsibility and think of ways to encourage the younger children to join in. Well done Year 3/4.