

St Stephens (Saltash) C P School

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I can't believe the first half of the term has gone already! It is quite scary how quickly time flies and the list of jobs never seems to get less. You will have noticed that the covering has started on the MUGA so crossing fingers worked and the wind has allowed the project to continue. Hopefully, we can now book the final groundwork and the sports surface and I am still optimistic that it will be completed after half term. I can't wait to show off this amazing facility. The children are going to be so excited when I can allow them onto the MUGA and the staff can't wait either. It is just so disappointing that the decision of a planning officer means that this will not be accessible for the community to use after school hours. It was not that anyone made a complaint or had objected simply that the planning officer, who has never visited the site, thought there might be noise. If I ever have the time to complete the planning appeal this could be overturned but the fact that the community has lost a sports venue and the £80,000 that Sports England would have contributed really is ridiculous.

We are planning a grand opening of the new building and the MUGA on 5th November. We have booked Mark Ormrod who is a veteran and paralympian, to open the building and parents are invited to join us from 2.00pm onwards. We are planning for Mark to talk, the children to sing and then a cream tea afterwards as visitors are allowed to tour around the building and spend time in the classes. We are finding it difficult to think of a suitable name for the extension, we can't keep calling it the 'new building' so any ideas welcomed.

It is a very important year this year with 100 years since the end of the First World War happening. As a school, we are planning to mark this event by holding a commemoration assembly and then allowing all of our children to plant poppy seeds along our new bank. We have invited all of the service families so far but if the weather is good and we can hold the event outside, we will open it up to all parents as we can fit everyone on the MUGA. We will let you know closer to the event.

It was very sad this morning as we said goodbye to Mrs Meek in our assembly. Sandra Meek has worked in the school for 29 years so I am sure she helped many of you to enjoy successful lunchtimes. The children have made her a beautiful card and we wish her well in her retirement.

Tonight sees the Halloween Discos so thanks to the PTFA and I hope you all enjoy the INSET day tomorrow and have a very relaxing week.

We will welcome everyone back on Monday, 29th October.

Pixieland Parking - Could we remind all parents not to park in Pixieland car park. Last week, a car was reversing without looking which resulted in a parent having to push their child out the way to avoid being hit. The driver continued to reverse after the child's father repeatedly banged on the back window to stop. Obviously, we do not want any of our children or parents injured. Thank you for your cooperation.

We wish Jessica P of 5/6 GP lots of luck this weekend when she competes in the South West of England Swimming Gala being held in Bristol. Go Jessica!



Introducing our new **ECO-SCHOOLS MONTHLY NEWS!** After achieving the Bronze Eco-School award at the end of the summer term, our Eco-Warriors are ready to kick start more fantastic ideas to improve our school further. As you may have noticed, our Eco-Warriors now wear purple! Each Eco-Warrior is happy to listen to your new creative ideas and will share these in our meetings, making sure that we are making changes for the better. This term, our focus is on 'Electricity' and to get started we would like the children of St Stephens to take part in our 'Switch Off' campaign, designing two small posters to be displayed next to the boards and light switches. Just this small change will make a difference towards how much energy we use. The closing date for entries is Wednesday, 31st October and all entries must be given to Miss Platts in class 1/2AP. These will be judged by the Eco-Warriors and the winner will be announced in the following Celebration assembly. Good luck everyone!

Dates for your diary

- 18th October**
Halloween Discos
- 19th October**
INSET Day
No school for pupils
- 22nd - 26th October**
Half Term
- 27th October**
Festival of Remembrance
at Saltash Wesley - 7.30pm
- 30th October**
EYFS Open Afternoon
to support home learning
3.15pm - 3.45pm
- 31st October**
Deadline for secondary
school applications
- 3rd November**
Kalan Gwaw from 2.00pm
Warfelton Field
- 5th November**
Grand Opening at 2.00pm
- 7th November**
Nasal Flu Vaccination
Year Foundation to Year 5
- 16th November**
Wear something sporty
£2 donation for
Children in Need
- 26th November**
EYFS Wedding at St
Stephens Church at 9.30am
- 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'



Imogen T. of F AM for her super knowledge of hedgehogs and nature!
Sacha J. of F AM for his fantastic counting in Maths.
Ruby W. of F CW for trying new foods at lunchtime.
Isaac K. of F CW for improved confidence!
Faith B. of 1/2 AP for her speedy learning this week!
Jayden C. of 1/2 AP for his amazing concentration and effort in his Maths learning.
Archie M. of 1/2 NB for persevering with his learning and having a more positive attitude.
Louie D. of 1/2 NB for excellent learning and focusing on all aspects of school.
Emily M. of 1/2 CB for showing great perseverance when solving challenges in Maths.
Tegen W. of 1/2 CB for always having a positive and resilient attitude to learning.
Alison C. of 1/2 SK for writing an excellent story set in space.
Amelia J. of 1/2 SK for outstanding presentation in all her learning.
Izzy H. of 3/4 SH for being absorbed in all of her learning and always trying her best.
Sam E. of 3/4 SH for fantastic perseverance with his handwriting in his learning.
Henry F. of 3/4 PH for being a motivated and competitive learner in the Year 3/4 TT Rockstars battle of the bands.
Elizabeth A. of 3/4 PH for always being absorbed in her learning and always being ready to learn.
Tilly W. of 3/4 TB for persevering with joining her handwriting and having such a positive attitude.
Porsche C. of 3/4 TB for always trying her best and being an excellent role model.
NJ N. of 5/6 LM for showing empathy towards his peers.
Leon B. of 5/6 LM for an excellent attitude towards all of his learning.
Esme C. of 5/6 GP for working hard and improving her handwriting.
Sophie L-J. of 5/6 GP for great vocal participation during English.
Ella G. of 5/6 VJ for an excellent attitude to learning.
Brandon S. of 5/6 VJ for working hard to achieve his reading target.

Yoga and Steel Drums are cancelled on 5th, 12th and 19th November. Apologies for any inconvenience. Thank you

Louie D in 1/2 NB - WELL DONE for moving on to the red house point card - the first in school this year.

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.

Things we need for school projects:
 EYFS would like small/medium cardboard boxes and egg boxes for craft/junk modelling. We also need pine cones and jam jars too.



to launch the 2018 Poppy Appeal



Tickets in Advance £5 – Available from Piglets Saltash
 On the Door or contact 07494 478239

School photos have been distributed - If you have any questions, please contact Professional School Photography - Phone: 0844 381 4230 or email: enquiry@pspschools.co.uk

Mischief Makers Summer Reading Challenge
 Well done to two more of our brilliant children - Tegen W and Caitlin L who successfully completed the Mischief Makers Summer Reading Challenge at the local library. Fantastic!

Harvest Festival donations - We collected a brilliant 85.50kg of food for the Foodbank. We couldn't do this without your support, so thank you.

It was so lovely to see many parents attend our EYFS open session, we hope you enjoyed the session and found it useful. Here are a few pictures of our children looking at their learning journeys with their parents. Don't forget we are running another session on Tuesday, 30th October at 3.15pm.



SCHOOL DINNERS - After half term there will be a new menu, however, this does not require individual booking of meals, the children will choose at the counter when they come in for lunch.

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