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Multi Academy Trust

# St Stephens Community Academy Fortnightly Family Newsletter



*"Together towards a bright, positive and successful future"*

Friday 10th February 2017



Dear Parents,

Another half term completed– the time is going fast! It's been another busy fortnight of activities. As part of our wider curricular activities Mrs Gilbert has lead a sponsored dig to get our wild flower meadow in place, and we have had Cornwall air ambulance in to talk to the children. Thank you for joining us for parental reading morning and our parent drop in. Well done to the classes so far on such great assemblies. Some of you may know that I will be getting married on Saturday 11th February. So after half term I will be known as Mrs Saunders. I appreciate it may take some time for us all to remember – most especially me! I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very peaceful half term and for your continued support of the school. Please remember we do take on board your views so do let us know ideas. I would like to wish the staff a very restful week as this hard work is a true picture of the care, commitment and determination of all staff members.

Regards, Miss Taylor

### Goodbye and Congratulations

A big thank you to Mrs Vasey for covering our Year 4 Class and for all your support to St Stephens over the last number of years. We have now appointed a permanent class teacher to Year 4. Mrs Rhona Hunt, an experienced class teacher, will be joining us at Easter. Parents and children will have the opportunity to meet her before.

### Diary Dates

Mon 13th-Fri 17th February	Half Term
Mon 20th February	Children Return to School Spring Term 2
Mon 20th February	Superhero Day
Weds 22nd February	Year 2 Assessment Info Mtg for Parents 3.15pm
Thurs 23rd February	Year 3 Residential Briefing for Parents 3.30pm
Fri 24th February	Year 5 Cake Sale—fund raiser for Outdoor Learning
Fri 24th February	Year 6 Assessment Info Mtg for Parents 3.30pm

### Attendance

Wk Ending

3rd February 2017

CLASS F	94.3%
CLASS 1	94.7%
CLASS 2	95%
CLASS 3	96.7%
CLASS 4	93.3%
CLASS 5	94.7%
CLASS 6	96.9%
CLASS 7	87.4%

On Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February, Year F had a special visitor for their topic of 'People Who Help Us'. They were lucky enough to have local PCSO, Lawrence Hambrook,



visit them to talk about his job and how he helps different people. The children had thought of lots of interesting questions which they asked him. They learnt lots of things about being a PCSO and many of them would like to be a police officer when they are older! They all got to try on a real police hat and jacket which they loved! A big thank you to Lawrence for

taking the time out of his busy schedule to come and talk to us.



### From Launceston College:

Year 6-7 Parents meeting Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at 7.00pm

Year 6 induction days 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> July 2017

**Year 6 – 7 Parent’s Meeting:** We would like to invite you and your child to meet their Head of House, tutor and other key Launceston College staff on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at 7.00pm.

On this evening you will be provided with an induction pack.

### Attendance Reminder

Attendance at SSCA is important and we still have children who do not have 97% plus as an attendance figure. Let us know if we can help.

### Congratulations to our next new team Sports Leaders!

Mr Masters and Miss Taylor recently interviewed Year 5 children for the post of sports leaders. Well done to those children who took part in their interviews, the children spoke very well and had some great ideas. The children have been congratulated this week. Year 6 sports leaders will continue and will help to train our new Year 5 team. Congratulations to:

Liam Noah Lilly Mia Alex Adam Lauren Stanley Ryan Izzy Jasmine Jack

### UNIFORM

**Please ensure that children are wearing black shoes.**

### Pupil Forum

Thank you to pupil forum who have reviewed our school dinner menu with Chartwells and have been suggesting ideas about our lunchtimes and food choices. Miss Moore is hoping to establish a top table each Friday to celebrate with children who have won the UNICEF award.

Please can we remind parents that children need to be observed on the playground until 8.45am. We have noticed pupils are playing football on the playground before school and climbing over the fence to get balls where the previous frame was, and kicking the balls into children. Please can we help to keep all children safe.



St Stephens had a very special visit on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February from Cornwall Air Ambulance who are celebrating 30 years of their vital service this year. We had a whole school assembly where two volunteers from Cornwall Air Ambulance spoke about their important job. The children learnt lots of interesting facts and statistics about some of the work that the air ambulance does, and how much they rely on fundraising to keep the air ambulance in service. A huge thank you to our volunteers for coming in to talk to us, and a big thank you to Miss Goodman for organising this visit.

### Who can I speak to?

Please always contact the class teacher as first reference. If you would like further assistance please speak to Key Stages Leaders Mrs Hooper (Key stage One) or Ms Neale (Key Stage Two) or Mrs Bartlett (SENDICO). If after that you would like further discussion please contact Head of School Miss Taylor. Our governing body is lead by Mrs Eccles (Acting Chair) who is contactable through school.

### UNICEF

This week in school we have been focusing on **Article 16** of the Convention on the Rights of a Child: *‘Every child has the right to privacy. The law should protect the child’s private, family and home life.’*

This article links well to ‘Safer Internet Day’ which was on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February and classes across the school learnt how to keep themselves safe online.

After half term, our steering group will be meeting to create a ‘Visitor Charter’ which will outline the rights and responsibilities of visitors to our school.