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St Stephens Community Academy Fortnightly Family Newsletter

"Together towards a bright, positive and successful future"



Friday 27th January 2017



Dear Parents,

Thank you for all your parental views. Overall the feedback has been very positive about the school. We have taken on board your views about communication, and the governing body and myself have been working hard with the admin team and central team to ensure our communication methods are effective. Most parents are now signed up to School Gateway, which showcases all information about clubs— such as dates and times. We have also appointed Mrs Spence to lead the admin on our website to support our school office, so all diary dates for school events will be on the calendar on the front page at www.ststephenscornwall.co.uk. You will also find all documentation such as attainment data and policies. We are looking forward to parents joining us on Tuesday 7th February from 2.30pm for our open afternoon in classrooms and after school. Our event runs until 5pm. Year Two will be having their assembly at 2.45pm. So please come through the office until 2.45pm and then again from 3.05pm. If you have any views about our school and ways that you can help, please come to our tea and cake meetings that we host for you. Your views are important to us.

Regards, Miss Taylor

Academy School Improvement: We had our monitoring visit from Mr Hermon (CEO) and Mrs Green (ADMAT School Improvement). We got a 'Good' report. I would like to say a huge well done to the school for this. We had already identified our main points of improvement. Whilst the school was previously 'Outstanding' this grade was in 2013 when the criteria was much easier.

Attendance

Wk Ending

20th January 2017

CLASS F	92.5%
CLASS 1	90.7%
CLASS 2	92.8%
CLASS 3	96.9%
CLASS 4	93.6%
CLASS 5	91.7%
CLASS 6	98.4%
CLASS 7	87.5%

Feedback on Communication from the Admin team

Following our own review of communication, we have ensured that all club information and any charges for clubs are available on School Gateway. The amount of time taken up by the admin team for cash is being greatly reduced, which helps the admin team to be available for questions and queries. We are aware of some concerns about School Gateway such as sibling payments/ minimum payment of £5 and payments relating to school dinners. The central team will be looking at these concerns and will be providing further information.

However, we only have 70% of our parents signed up, and to ensure you get our communication we need your correct emails addresses. We have also noticed that your phone contact details with us are not always correct, which prevents our admin team being able to contact you.

Listening to your views, our Key Stage Leaders will each term be putting together a diary date letter which will go out in paper form, so that you can stick it to your fridge. Do keep following our 'news bites' on twitter.



Visible Learning

www.ststephenscornwall.co.uk

Have you read our website about visible learning? We have been working hard on our learning environment. We have been creating stuck pits and learning journeys to support the children in our classrooms. You will also hear lots of shared language about learning, and children talking about what a good learner means. Ask us when you're next in school.

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.

UNICEF

This week in school we have been focusing on **Article 29** of the Convention on the Rights of a Child: *'Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures and the environment.'*

Our steering group are starting to meet for this half term and are continuing to gather evidence for various articles. They are also continuing to model rights respecting language around the school.

UNIFORM

Please ensure that children are wearing black shoes.

Online Safety

It has come to our attention that there is a computer game called Roblox that is an interactive environmental game where children can chat to each other and other people, perhaps even from different countries. As a school we have banned children's access to this due to it's inappropriate nature and lack of online safety element. We want to bring this to your attention as part of our focus on Online Safety.

Pupil Forum

Pupil Forum have recently met to talk about having four house teams. We are deciding on colours and names. These house teams will have siblings together from across the school. Points will be collected from lunchtimes and PE events. Rewards will be in place for the winning house team.

Diary Dates:

Wed 1 st February	PSCO visit to Year F from 2pm
Wed 1 st February	ARB (Class 7) to Sportsability Festival in Saltash
Thursday 2 nd February	Come and read with your child- open to all parents until 9.30am
Thursday 2 nd February	Whole School Assembly Cornwall Air Ambulance
Tuesday 7 th February	Safer Internet Day
Tuesday 7 th February	From 2.45pm Year Two Assembly
Tuesday 7 th February	Parent Open afternoons from 2.30pm- 5pm.
Wednesday 8 th February	Year F visit the Fire Station
Thursday 9 th February	From 2.45pm Year Four Assembly
Friday 10 th February	From 2.30pm. All parents welcome to join our pastoral team and governors over tea and cakes to end the half term.

Have you heard our good news?

Previous pupils from our pre school and St Stephens Community Academy have been offered a place to study at prestige universities.

Congratulations to:

Shannon Bryant for Cambridge

Callum Hudson for Oxford

and Mrs Paul's daughter Issy Paul for Oxford.

Your child needs their PE kit and Wild Tribe kit in school from Monday and then they can take it home to wash on Friday. **The office will no longer be ringing parents on the day if items are forgotten.**

Welcome to St Stephens Pastoral Care Team

Members of the Pastoral Care Team include:



Mrs Bartlett
Pastoral Leader / SENDCo



Mrs Paul
Safeguarding /Attendance Officer



Mrs Baxter
Parent Support Advisor



Mrs Spence
Pastoral Support Assistant

Pastoral Support for children within school is delivered by our Pastoral Care Team who work closely together to provide support for the families of St Stephens pupils. They are based in the schools 'Health & Welfare Room'. This room was established as the school felt it would benefit from:

- A room where children could go if they needed to calm down or talk to someone;
- A behaviour recovery room for children to go to if they need to come out of class, to benefit themselves and the other children in their group;
- Somewhere that children could work without distraction;
- A dedicated area where we can deliver small SEAL group sessions;
- A room to be able to meet with parents

Our Governors, School Leaders and Staff understand that sometimes life can be really tough for children and things like falling out with friends, keeping up with excellent behaviour, getting to school on time or coping with difficult circumstances out of school can get in the way of their learning.

The Pastoral Care Team work in partnership with teachers, Learning Support Assistants and parents/carers to provide additional support to all children whose learning can be affected by their emotional, social or behavioural difficulties. Our aim is to establish and maintain a relationship with our pupils to ensure that they know there is an adult they can approach if they are worried or in difficulty. We would like to ensure that our pupils feel safe and secure and that there are adults within school who they can talk to and who will listen to them. We also liaise with outside agencies and are able to offer advice or to refer or signpost parents to additional support within the community Care Support Team.

Getting in touch is easy:

Speak to any member of the Pastoral Team you feel comfortable talking to

Contact the Pastoral Team on 01566 772170 or via the school office

Email: ststephens@andaras.org

Fill in a request form to request a phone call or meeting (available from reception)