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Multi Academy Trust

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

Class Assembly Dates for Spring Term:

Year Six	Thursday 26 th January 2017
Year Two	Tuesday 7 th February 2017
Year Four	Thursday 9 th February 2017
Year One	Tuesday 28 th February 2017
Year F	Tuesday 7 th March 2017
Year Three	Thursday 9 th March 2017
Year Five	Thursday 16 th March 2017

Thursday 15th December 2016, Dear Parents,

I am writing to you instead of a newsletter at the end of a busy but successful Autumn Term. Firstly it is with great pleasure that I can announce that The Local Governing Body have appointed Ms Neale as permanent Assistant Head at St Stephens.

We continue to work together with our Launceston Partners: Windmill, North Petherwin and Werrington schools and now St Catherines as part of our Multi Academy Trust. Children continue to work together each term in Trust events as well as providing opportunity for joint training opportunities for our staff.

Our parent consultations were well attended in the Autumn term and we will host these again in the Spring Term for you. If we did not see you then our pastoral team will be in touch as we really need and want to talk to all parents about their child's learning development.

At Stephens we set high expectations for our children and this year we are achieving this through focus on 'Visible Learning'. We are asking children to talk about their learning and evaluate their learning process. This builds upon the work that we have done on Learning Powers. Our website provides more information.

Pre School and PTFA

We are really pleased to have preschool as part of the school. Over time you will see us begin to develop our preschool grounds. We have also had to put some new systems in place for payments. If you have any questions do come and see our office. PTFA would like to invite all preschool parents to come to our PTFA events and meetings. All parents of the school, which includes the preschool are members of the PTFA and we welcome your support. This way PTFA can support all our school, which includes the ARB and the pre-school. We see ourselves as one big family.

Communication

The School continues to share all the events that we have through our different forms. Firstly



the website that has regular information, newsletters that are fortnightly and come through school gateway, our text system and our twitter feed. Our twitter feed is a great way to present sound bites of our school achievements. We have noticed that sometimes paper versions can go missing and we have had great success through our online methods. If your details are not updated and accurate with us, then communication will not get out to you. So please keep communicating with us so we can get you the information.

UNICEF

Last week, our steering group created a 'Lunchtime Charter', which will be placed in the school hall, and a 'Playground Charter', which will be placed outside. These charters outline the rights and responsibilities that we have when eating our lunch and playing outside. Our collection for UNICEF after the KS1 Nativity performances raised a total of £86.82. The collection from the KS2 Christmas Carol Concert raised a total of £86.36. A huge thank you to everyone for donating money which has now been sent to UNICEF.

Punctuality and attendance

It is essential that all pupils are on time for school. The very highest attendance to school gives the greatest chance for your child's success. Lateness can also affect other learners. We still continue to monitor attendance and lateness through letters and phone calls. We now enter the Spring term which is a really important term for children's learning. Any absence will mean they miss out on key learning (even just a day). Children in Year 1/ 2 and 6 will all have National Assessments in the Summer term. Attendance and lateness remain a focus for St Stephens. If you are experiencing any difficulties please do get in touch with Mrs Baxter, Parent Support.

Pastoral and Behaviour

Our Behaviour Policy can be found on the website. We do expect the highest standards of individual and collective behaviour. Children will receive sanctions if they don't follow the school rules. We have an active pastoral team that work hard to support children with social and emotional learning needs. The pastoral team will be opening our doors for their pastoral café one morning each week. The governors/ pastoral team and often myself, will be hosting Tea and Cakes from 2.30pm on specific dates. The first one is Friday 20th January and then Friday 10th February 2017. Please put the dates in your diary.

Home and School Links

We are always pleased to talk about your child and their development. In the first instance please arrange to meet with your child's class teacher. If you would like to speak with someone different please speak to their Key Stage Leader- (Key Stage One Mrs Hooper or Key Stage Two Ms Neale). Mrs Bartlett (SENDICO) is also pleased to meet with you about your child's individual needs or do meet with Mrs Baxter our Parent Support Advisor. If for whatever reason you need to speak further on your matter please make an appointment to see myself.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a peaceful festive break and a happy new year.

Regards,

Miss Taylor MA (Ed)
Head of School

