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Multi Academy Trust

St Stephens Community Academy Fortnightly Family Newsletter



"Together towards a bright, positive and successful future"

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Dear Parents

Welcome back to every one. The children have settled back well into school in their new classes. We are very pleased to have our new teachers join us this year— Mrs Vasey, Miss Thorp, Mrs Hobbs and Mrs Friend. We are also pleased to welcome Mr Masters, who has interviewed pupils for his lunchtime sports leaders. Pupil Forum have already been actively meeting and have been looking at our learning powers and meeting with Chartwells about lunches. You may have heard we have some new additions to our school site. We now have a new section of roof, an extended KS1 playground, new playground markings and soon a new container for our PE equipment. Mrs Gilbert continues our outdoor project this year which has started with an arrival of chickens! We are looking forward to seeing you all for parents meeting on the 17th and 18th October. Regards, Miss Taylor, Head of School.

Academy School Improvement— from Miss Taylor

We have already started a busy term. I have been monitoring all teachers planning and visiting lessons across the academy group. We have also had Wendy Delf visit us our Visible Learning Consultant. She spent a morning with me and we did a full audit of learning impact across the school. All staff this year will be part of the visible learning training programme with the ADMAT schools. We have also been analysing our data from last year and identifying our key focuses for this year.

Attendance

Wk Ending 30.09.16

CLASS F	96.1%
CLASS 1	93.7%
CLASS 2	94.7%
CLASS 3	98.6%
CLASS 4	90%
CLASS 5	93.7%
CLASS 6	99.6%
CLASS 7	86.3%

Who our the Academy Governors?

Alastair Stevens— Chair of Governors—Alastair joined the governing body as a Community Governor. Alastair is responsible for the overall running of the governing body.

Emma Eccles— Vice Chair of Governors— Emma is one a of our Parent Governors. Emma is the governor for Key Stage One and English. She is also on the UNIECF committee.

Peter Jones— Peter joins us as a Community Governor. He is governor for pastoral, which focuses on SEN/ Gifted and Talented pupils. He is also governor for the ARB.

Laura Osborne— Laura has joined our governing body in the Summer of last year. She is governor for pre-school and Foundation.

Gareth Lancaster— Gareth joined our governing body last year. He is governor for Key Stage Two, Maths and PE.



ADMAT

We are pleased to share that we are now formally joined with St Catherine's, North Petherwin and Werrington. The children will join together for termly year group events. In order for these events to happen we will be asking for a £5 donation towards travel for these events. Please can this be paid through gateway.

Harvest Festival

On Monday 17th October we will be holding our Harvest Festival. As in previous years, we kindly ask that pupils donate food (tins, packets or fresh fruit or vegetables) for the Festival. In the afternoon we will hold our sale of the donated goods to the whole school with the proceeds going to a local charity; The Launceston Foodbank.

Twitter and our new Website

Ways we Communicate

People often ask about events. All our information is communicated either through twitter, website or through Schoolcomms. You will find that over the year we will send less paper letters in order to reduce our costs and support the environment. Follow us on Twitter or through the website. The website also has class pages– very much like Facebook so do take a read!

Twitter address: ADMAT@_SSCA

Pupil Premium

Don't let your child miss out – as all KS1 children are eligible for universal free school meals, we need to make sure that if your child is eligible for Pupil Premium, it is claimed.

This year it is £1300 for all children whose parents receive one of the following:

- Income support
- Income-based Jobseeker's allowance (not contribution based)
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (not Contribution based)
- Child Tax Credit with an annual income (as shown on your award letter from the Inland Revenue –TC602) of no more than £16,190.
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Support via Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (IAA)

Please note, if you are in receipt of Working Tax Credit, you do not qualify for FSM, even if your annual income is below £16,190. It is important that all Key Stage 1 pupils who meet the criteria to claim FSM (regardless of UFSM) are registered to ensure our school receives the correct level of funding.

If you think you may be eligible, please contact the School Office for a FSM application form.

What is Pupil Premium? Pupil Premium is an additional sum of money that is included in the school budget for children who are eligible for free school meals, (or have had free school meals in the last 6 years), children in care and/or who are members of service families. Our website shows our spending plan for the year and any further information.

Unicef Blurb

This week in school we have been focusing on **Article 24** of the Convention on the Rights of a Child: *'Every child has the right to the best possible health, e.g. clean water, nutritious food, clean environment.'*

Our Unicef Steering Group met for the first time this year on Wednesday. We discussed our fundraising events and campaigns for the forthcoming year. Our first fundraiser will be a **'Lemonade Stall'** which will be held on **Thursday 13th October**. If your child would like a cup of lemonade, they can bring in **20p on the day**. **All money raised will be going to Unicef**. Many thanks.