ST STEPHENS COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Creativity Trust Aspiration Enjoyment Collaboration Kindness

THIS WEEK AT ST STEPHENS SCHOOL

Reminders

Kynance Class have swimming sessions every Monday!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

27 June
Armed Forces Day on Plymouth Hoe – Come and support our Field Gun Crew!

29 June
Parent Information Session regarding 2026/27 class set up in School at 9.00-10.00am – See ClassDojo

1-3 July
Year 6 Residential Trip to Barton Hall – See ClassDojo

10 July
Reports out to Parents

Summer Disco – Information to follow on ClassDojo

14 July
Year 5/6 show 'Sir David Hattenscarf and the Wonders of the World' in the school MUGA at 2.00-3.00pm

15 July
Year 5/6 show 'Sir David Hattenscarf and the Wonders of the World' in the school MUGA at 5.00-6.00pm

17 July
Achievement Assemblies for Years Reception to Year 6 – See ClassDojo

20 July
Art Exhibition in the School Hall – Come in to see the children's wonderful creations throughout the day

21 July
Last Day of Term

"We were Headteachers for the day today, our names are Mirabel and Harley. If you have called St Stephens School we might have picked up the phone to you. We were given Headteacher lanyards which opened up all the internal doors, we did pupil monitoring, hosted the achievement assembly and one of us blew the whistle for people to go onto the field at lunchtime. We loved being the Headteather for the day." ~ written by Harley and Mirabel

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a spell of **weather** we have had! It seems it's never quite right – it's either pouring with rain or absolutely boiling! Whatever the weather throws at us though, we carry on regardless and continue to do great things together and I'm so pleased that we made the decision to remain open and operational with the early collection option for those who could or wanted to collect early and with sensible adaptations. We really appreciate you sending your children to school with hats, sun cream and water bottles and back in uniform today!

I would also like to say a huge **thank you** to our staff team, who have worked incredibly hard to keep things running smoothly despite the extreme heat. Our Year 2 trip to Eden went ahead as planned and was a really lovely experience for the children but we did make the decision to reschedule the Year 1 trip which the children will enjoy in more ambient temperatures!

Sadly, there have been a number of tragic drownings across the country this year. I have recently been sent some excellent water safety resources, which I am sharing here for families **Water Safety Resources**. As a child, I don't remember being taught about the dangers associated with open water, particularly just how cold rivers can be and how quickly situations can become dangerous. Living where we do, this is especially important. We want our children to enjoy water play and all the wonderful experiences that summer brings but safety must always come first. Let's not take any chances and ensure that everyone stays informed and safe this summer. Even those of us who are strong swimmers can get into trouble!

As you know, we are continuing to place a strong emphasis on our arts and creative provision and I am delighted to tell you that we will be holding another Arts Week in two weeks' time. The week will culminate in an **Art Exhibition** on Monday, 20 July and I would love to see as many of you there as possible. We have heard what you are saying about work commitments and the challenges of attending school events, so we are offering three opportunities for you to visit: morning drop off 8.40am, 2.45pm or drop in between 5.00-5.30pm for our working families. This year's theme is Patterns in Nature, which links beautifully with one of our key themes this year and complements the fantastic outdoor provision that continues to grow and flourish around the school.

Finally, we are looking for a **Lunchtime Assistant** to join our team from September. The hours are 11.30am-1.15pm, and I won't pretend it isn't hard work! You'll be racing around helping children scrape their plates, filling water cups and clearing up afterwards – but the time flies and if you love children, it's great fun. If you think this could be for you, or know someone who may be interested, please collect an application form from the reception team and help us spread the word.

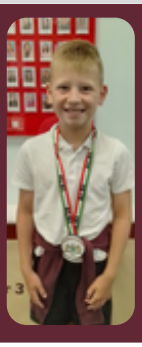
Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Whatever the weather, we are proud of all that we achieve together and grateful to have such a wonderful school community.

Mrs Laws

THIS WEEK'S STAR AWARDS GO TO...

Teddy Y (Nursery) For engaging with his peers and finding the confidence to talk to his friends.	**Samuel R (Nursery)** For having so much enthusiasm in his learning and always being in a positive mood.	**Romey P (Nursery)** For settling so well into Nursery 3 and making new friends.	
Mollie S (Polkerris) For her detailed observational drawings of sea creatures!	**Vinnie J (Polkerris)** For working well in a team, using his good listening skills!	**Archie B (Fistral)** For growing in confidence with his reading!	**Mila F (Fistral)** For her creativity when making sea creature pictures!
Rosa F (Carlyon) For her exceptional following of 'ready, respectful, safe' on her school trip to Truro.	**Macie T (Carlyon)** For her fantastic written recount of the school trip to Truro.	**Jacob L (Pentewan)** For his fantastic focus on handwriting this week.	**Elijah A (Pentewan)** For having an independent mindset.
Maisie C (Trevone) For her unwavering positivity all week, even when learning has been tricky.	**Arlo L (Trevone)** For his amazing ideas when discussing what makes a healthy snack.	**Jayden W (Carbis)** For showing excellent knowledge of plants and how they grow.	**Freddie P (Carbis)** For trying things with a positive attitude.
Esme C (Harlyn) For her determination and perseverance in Maths.	**Lily G-W (Harlyn)** For making a positive start and for settling into life at St Stephens with confidence and enthusiasm.	**Rosalie C (Kynance)** For making everyone around her feel seen, supported and valued.	**Summer G (Kynance)** For using logical thinking to solve mathematical challenges with confidence.
Annabelle H (Portreath) For exceptional observation skills when drawing patterns in nature.	**Laurie K (Portreath)** For her excellent use of shading and tone to add depth to her art.	**Jackson R (Treyarnon)** For excellent observational skills in art.	**Dexter D (Treyarnon)** For always taking pride in his learning.
Aseda B (Kennack) For showing great levels of kindness towards her peers.	**Emilia L (Kennack)** For writing a fantastic balanced argument on wind farms in English.	**Paige P (Coverack)** For showing a positive attitude and settling in brilliantly to her new class.	**Rafe A (Coverack)** For fantastic DT learning when testing wind-powered designs and improving their own vehicle idea.
Mason M (Sennen) For enthusiastic participation and enjoyment in forest school learning.	**Megan S (Sennen)** For fantastic engagement and effort in all learning.	**Ethan C (Mullion)** For being very responsible and mature during a very challenging week.	**Robbie C (Mullion)** For being calm and organised while helping with the Year 6 play.

SHOUT OUTS!



Oscar's been raising money for charity through Race for Life, Archie has earned a rugby medal, Rosie and Maisie have taken part in a hedgehog walk, and Emilia, Ava, Nova, Mia, Aria and Christopher have all celebrated swimming achievements. Ella, Leona, Esmee and Max have reached incredible reading milestones. Well done everyone—keep shining and stay awesome!

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LET'S LEARN CORNISH!

'Pooth' means Hot!

ANY OTHER BUSINESS & HOUSEKEEPING:

If your child is **absent from school for any reason**, please call the school **before 9.00am every day of absence**, leaving a message on the absence line (01752 843561)

Cornwall council are issuing Penalty Notices for unauthorised absences (including holidays) during term time. There is an information booklet on our website: Parents/Attendance.