



# Welcome to St Stephen Churchtown Academy

Class: Year 3/4  
Carlyon Bay

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## **Head of School Welcome**

Dear parents/carers

We hope that you are all keeping well and safe. It's that time again when, as usual, we start looking towards the new academic year. Once more we have had to plan our transition arrangements in a different way to normal. We hope that the following information will provide you with an insight into your child's new class.

We also hope that when we return in September, it will be to a greater degree of normality. We will keep you up to date on any developments concerning this.

Parent/carers support is vital to us and to your children with school being such an important part of their life. We believe that, by working in close partnership with families and the community, we give children the very best chance of success.

We look forward to welcoming you back in September. Please contact the school if you have any questions and we will be happy to help.

Kind regards,

Mrs C Smith

## Staff

### **Acting Head of School**

Mrs Smith



### **Acting Assistant Head of School**

Mrs Price



### **Parent Support Advisor**

Mrs Chown



### **SENDCo**

Mrs Ellis

Mrs Geach



### **Class Teacher**

Mrs Philp

Mrs Ellis (Thursdays)



### Teaching Assistants

Mrs Lodwick  
Mrs Andrews  
Mrs Jago  
Mr Pinder  
Mrs LeMasurier



### Our School

#### Our Vision

Here at St Stephen, we believe every pupil matters; every moment counts. Our school is an exciting place to learn. We will nurture individuality and encourage independence. Children will be equipped with the skills that they need to reach their full potential – emotionally, socially and academically.

Our mission is to work in close partnership with the children, their families and the wider community to develop:

- Curiosity
- Courage
- Creativity

Our school values are to be kind, respectful, resilient, responsible, positive, thoughtful, hardworking and to sparkle!

We have 3 school rules at our school which we encourage all children to follow:

- Be respectful
- Be kind
- Be the best you can be!

## Our Class Curriculum

- **Reading** in Year 3 and 4 consists of time for children to read individually to the adults and whole class Guided Reading lessons (Novel Studies). Books are chosen from the '100 Books to Read for Years 3 and 4', and picked to introduce the children to new authors, genres and vocabulary. Included within this will be books and stories with a local themes, traditions, or settings. In addition to this, there are whole class reading books read to the class by the adults, where the books are voted for by the children.



- **Writing** is based around the texts read in English lessons. These books differ from the Guided Reading texts. During each term the children will produce pieces of written work inspired by texts, which are linked to our topic. Inspiration will also come from the '100 Books to Read for Years 3 and 4' as well as short films and animations from The Literacy Shed. Within this the children will have opportunities for non-fiction writing, poetry and playscripts. Grammar is taught during English lessons, using examples from the texts to support the children's understanding. Each half term the children will complete 2 extended pieces - a chance for them to showcase their learning.





- **Maths** in lower Key Stage 2 supports the children in developing their use of formal written methods for addition and subtraction, using images to develop their understanding for multiplication and division, and understanding the place value of 3- and 4-digit numbers. The children will be learning more about fractions - finding unit and non-unit fractions, equivalent fractions, and adding fractions with the same denominator. They will begin to see the link between fractions, place value and decimals. The children will also be developing their recall skills for times tables, in preparation for the year 4 multiplication check in the summer term, which will require the children to be able to recall facts up to  $12 \times 12$ .



- **Computing** lessons cover three areas: computer science, information technology and digital literacy. The children use Chrome books and iPads to support their learning. They will use and apply skills learned previously and in Key Stage 1, use a range of apps to create documents, other outcomes (music, images and clips) and programme software. The children will be expected to use the Chrome books and iPads to support their learning in other areas of the curriculum to help with research and project work, thinking about the validity of the information they read and the importance of turning information into their own words.



- **Topic (History and Geography)** lessons give the children the opportunity to produce their written work in a range of styles such as fact files, information posters and online resources. The children are encouraged to research independently and evaluate the reliability of the sources they use. They will share their own knowledge with their peers and learn from each other's experiences. Autumn Term Topics will include learning about our ever-changing coastline and its effect on the population around it. We will also be tracking the Royal Family back many hundreds of years. In the Spring Term we

will be finding out what the Romans did for us, whilst the summer term will see the children learning about places around the world, then focusing on Eastern Europe.



- In **RE** lessons, the children are encouraged to explore how beliefs and teachings can make contributions to the lives of individuals and communities. Children look further at the concepts of belonging, identity and meaning. They understand how certain features of religion make a difference to individuals and communities. They then move on to exploring a range of beliefs, symbols, and actions so they can understand different ways of life and expressing meaning. Some units have a local Cornish focus, where the children will encounter the rich spiritual and religious heritage of Cornwall and explore its relevance today.



- **PE** involves developing running, jumping, throwing and catching in isolation and in combination. Children will play competitive games, modified where appropriate and apply basic principles suitable for attacking and defending. They will develop flexibility, strength, technique, control and balance. They will take part in outdoor and adventurous activity challenges both individually and within a team. Year 3 and 4 will have swimming lesson for a term over the next academic year (date to be confirmed).





- **Music** lessons are taught through the Charanga music programme. The children have opportunities to listen and appraise a range of musical styles, join in with musical activities include games, singing, playing, improvising and composing and then perform/share their compositions.



- In **Art and DT** the children will study specific skills as well as producing work linked to History and Geography lessons. Topics will include Art within nature, European Artists (inc. Dali), British artists (inc. Gainsborough and Lucian Freud) , whilst DT projects will include opportunities for baking, sewing and constructing objects with moving parts.



- In **Science** the children will revisit and further investigate topics covered in Key Stage 1 and continue to practice the skills learnt. They will work scientifically to plan, carry out and conclude investigations. They will build their scientific vocabulary. The children will further understand the link between the science curriculum and the wider community and world around us, learning about Scientists and Inventors, and also finding out about careers linked to the various Science topics.



- **PSHE** allows children the opportunity to discuss a range of topics with the adults and each other following a programme called S.C.A.R.F, where positive behaviour, mental health, well-being, resilience and achievement will be the focus.



- **Forest School** provides opportunities to achieve and develop confidence and self-esteem through hands-on learning experiences in our woodland and natural area. The children will explore and play with a wide range of natural materials and complete a variety of activities - links with art, music, role play and design and technology, whilst in our stimulating outside area. These sessions are lead by Mrs Menhinnitt.



### The School Day

8:50am- School starts and register  
 10.30 – 10.50 Morning Break – healthy snack from home  
 12:20 - 1.15 Lunchtime  
 3:20pm- School day finishes

### School Uniform Reminder

It is very much appreciated when all school clothing is clearly labelled including shoes - all school sweatshirts and shoes look alike!

The wearing of jewellery, other than stud earrings is not permitted.

#### **Boys:**

White shirt and tie  
 Blue school jumper  
 Black/Grey trousers or shorts  
 Black/Grey/White socks  
 Black shoes



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**Girls:**

White shirt and tie  
Blue school jumper / cardigan  
Grey/Black skirt, pinafore or trousers  
Blue checked summer dress (summer term only)  
Black/Grey/White socks or tights  
Black shoes

**PE clothes:**

Blue t-shirt with school logo  
Blue shorts or black tracksuit bottoms  
P.E trainers

If you wish to have a school jumper, cardigan, P.E top or P.E bag with the school logo it can only be ordered from Cornwall Screenprint and Embroidery at

<http://www.cornwallscreenprint.co.uk/>

Please allow a couple of weeks delivery time for your items to arrive.



**Forest School Kit – Waterproofs and Wellington boots:** Please provide a pair of wellington boots and waterproofs (that can stay at school) for your child so they can access the curriculum in the outside area. Please write your child's name clearly on these.

## **FAQ**

### **How will I know the progress of my child?**

School will hold termly face to face sessions – either an open afternoon or 1:1 parent/career meetings.

We also invite parents to make an appointment should they have any questions or concerns.

### **Does my child need to bring a water bottle?**

Yes, clearly labeled with your child's name.

### **Does my child receive snack?**

KS2 pupils need to bring their own healthy snack.

### **What about security?**

Children are not allowed to leave the classroom until the appropriate adult is present or you have given prior consent to them walking home. Please inform the class teacher or telephone if there are any last-minute changes to normal arrangements.

For security reasons, if a different person is collecting your child and you have not informed the office or the class teacher, we will phone you to check if this is okay before letting your child go.

### **Health Care Plans and Medicines**

Children on special medication such as inhalers will need an up to date medical health care plan – see appendix A. Even if school are not expected to administer any of the medication, it is still vital that we have this information and we are notified of any changes.

Medicines cannot be administered by staff unless they have been prescribed for your child by a doctor, dentist or nurse (medicines containing aspirin/paracetamol should only be given if prescribed by a doctor). You will need to complete a school form prior to this.

Children who have had an upset stomach (vomiting and/or diarrhea) need to be absent for 48 hours after their last incident.

### **Who do I go to if I have any concerns?**

In the first instance, we always ask that you see the class teacher as many questions can be answered at this point. If you feel you would like further support, please see one of the key stage leaders: Mrs Ridpath (EYFS), Charlotte Smith (KS1) or Nicola Price (KS2) or book an appointment with Miss James (HoS).

If your child is on the record of need and has a learning passport, Mrs Ellis or Mrs Geach will be able to assist you.

Our school Parent Support Advisor (Sarah Chown) is also a great source of support and can answer many questions. She is based at St Stephen on a Monday and Thursday for face-to-face appointments, or available 5 days a week on the phone.

**We hope you have found this information useful and we look forward to seeing you soon.**



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