

# St Levan School Newsletter

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## WELCOME

to Lailani, Sorrel and Leo who have been with us for a few morning sessions in preparation for joining our Reception year in September. We are very excited and hope you are enjoying being at St Levan as much as we enjoy having you.

Please find key dates overleaf for this term. As you can see, it is an exciting, action-packed term- including Lafrowda preparations, trips, residential, sleepover, Theatre trip, Summer Fete, Sports Day and much more! We are beginning to enjoy the sunshine outdoors and there has been a lovely environment with parents and governors volunteering their time to support us. A special thank you must go to Susie for all the hours and days she has generously put in with the children to design our very own unique, beautiful and sparkly mosaic - it looks incredible already! Victoria has been busy transforming a room into what will be a welcoming learning space for small groups and individual children to be- complete with all the soft furnishings! All our children have been enjoying the outdoors- gardening and planting with Sophia on a Friday- do take a look in the garden. Thank you as always to everyone for supporting and helping out with our clubs and in lessons. This ensures our children continue to benefit from a rich curriculum despite the increase in Maths and English curriculum content that all children are expected to now know. Our staff have worked incredibly hard to keep learning real and protect our children from feeling unnecessary pressure. While we do have to take part in statutory testing, we boost the children's confidence by focussing on how we approach tests, developing strategies to cope with challenging questions and how 'doing our best' with a positive mind is all we ask. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

During the next couple of weeks Year 6 and 2 will be completing their statutory SATs tests. Year 6 SATs take place next week, 9<sup>th</sup> May - 12<sup>th</sup>. Due to the many national changes over the course of this year, I am attaching the latest up to date guidance from the Department for Education for everyone to see. It is vital that your children are in school for the weeks shown over. The environment is a supportive one and the children enjoy being altogether as opposed to having to sit a test alone if they miss the test day. We make the week as enjoyable as is possible, with lots of breaks outdoors and extra healthy snacks. An early night and healthy breakfast make all the difference - breakfast club is open from 8.15am. We thank you in advance for your co-operation with this.

## **SUMMER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

- Little Levans with John Brolly 1.30 - 6<sup>th</sup> May, 20<sup>th</sup> May, 1<sup>st</sup> July
- 6<sup>th</sup> May - No PE at Cape
- 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> May - statutory Year 6 SATs
- 16<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> May - statutory Year 2 SATs
- 23<sup>rd</sup> May - Class 2 Residential Information Meeting 3.15
- 30<sup>th</sup> May - 3<sup>rd</sup> June - Half-Term
- 6<sup>th</sup> June- 10<sup>th</sup> June - Lafrowda workshops
- 13<sup>th</sup> June- 16<sup>th</sup> June - statutory Year 1 Phonics Screening
- 13<sup>th</sup> June - 17<sup>th</sup> June - London Central School of Drama workshops
- 14<sup>th</sup> June - Whole school photograph 9.00
- 16<sup>th</sup> June - Minack Trip to see 'Rocket Girl'
- 27<sup>th</sup> June - KS2 'Swimsafe' session
- 30<sup>th</sup> June - Year 6 transition day at Cape Cornwall
- June - 'Grow £5.00' Challenge
- 1<sup>st</sup> July - Summer Fete 3.00 - 4.30
- 4<sup>th</sup> July - 6<sup>th</sup> July - Year 4, 5 and 6 Residential at Eden
- 11<sup>th</sup> July - Open afternoon from 2.30- come and see your child's work
- 12<sup>th</sup> July - Sports Day
- 14<sup>th</sup> July - Year 2 and 3 School Sleepover and BBQ
- 16<sup>th</sup> July- Lafrowda 'FAST and CURIOUS'
- 19<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 Leavers' Assembly- everyone invited
- 22<sup>nd</sup> July - Last day SUMMER HOLIDAYS

**Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers 2016** - we are still collecting them! Please send them in as soon as possible so we can make the closing date.

**Den Building Request:** Please let Sophia know if you can donate any old sheets or duvet covers. Thank you.

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SHINING STARS**

Myles Faulkner and Florence Chaikin

Lily-Jane and Theo

**We are very proud of all our children**