



As you may have seen on Class Dojo we started our Inset Day looking at our school vision statement: ***Excellence, Enjoyment and achievement together in a nurturing Christian Community*** ‘***They will soar on wings like Eagles – Isaiah 40:31***’ and as staff considering what this means to us as staff. Have a look below at some of the ideas that were expressed in staff groups. Some of these words are the reason you send your children to St.Helen’s for to aspire to. This is something that we have also been exploring with our children this week as we continually aspire to enable our children to do their very best that they can. Over the next few weeks look out for the children thoughts around what our vision means to them.



**Back to School Session: On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September** we would like to invite you to our annual back to school session. At this session we will meet together in the hall to share some of the successes of the last year and look forward to what we are trying to achieve this year, before we then split to visit our different class teachers for 20 minutes or so. A bell will

then be rung before you can attend another session with another teacher if you have one other child. We know that some of you have more than two children in school but unfortunately, we will not be able to do more than two sessions. Anything that teachers provide will be put on Class Dojo for your information. Please note we will start in the **hall at 3:45 pm** and it will last for about an hour or so, children are more than welcome as for some of the messages that you will hear from teachers will be good reinforcement of expectations.

### Our target for school attendance this year!

As with all areas of school life, including pupil achievement, we want to set ambitious targets for the year ahead and are again setting the high target of 97%. We will also be continuing to monitor the number of 'broken weeks' that children are having and are looking to improve this for the forthcoming academic year. Research shows that great attendance makes a real impact on learning and so I'd like to thank-you in advance for your support with this. Last year as you know we had a tiny amount of 'persistent' absences. This is something that we will be working with our EWO (Educational welfare officer) to eradicate. We make no excuses for wanting all our children to be in school every day if they are well enough to be. As discussed before the summer, please do not be offended if we contact you in person, or write to you about your children's attendance- it really is crucial.



**Value for this Term: Generosity:** Please find alongside this newsletter the home school values sheet to discuss with your children.

**Bristol Sport Clubs:** Please also find attached alongside this newsletter the Bristol Sport Club Poster to sign up and join the range of Bristol Sport Clubs for next

week. Please click the link below to access the sign up page.

<https://tickets.bristol-sport.co.uk/en-gb/categories/after-school-clubs>

This week we have been delighted to be joined by Coach Mr Neil Brown, who has taught the children PE this week. In all PE sessions as a lead coach he is joined by an expert coach from Bristol Sport, for example this week the children have had a specialised dance and gymnastic teacher for their sessions.

**Library Plane:** After what has seemed a long time- we are nearing the completion of the library. Over the summer the plastering of the inside and painting has been completed and a few more additional electrical works completed. With a few more bits and pieces to do, we are hopeful that the library will be ready to fly within the next couple of months. When the library is complete we will be able to open it everyone in the school community to have a look at it, before the children get to use this magical place, which will inspire reading further.



**Prospective Parents 2024:** If you have any younger siblings due to start school in September 2024, please visit our school website with details of the dates for tours around our school. Likewise if you know any parents, who are considering our lovely school please pass on the website link and encourage them to look at our school website.

<https://www.sthelensprimary.org.uk/admissions/prospective-parents/>

### Safeguarding

Our greatest priority is to always ensure the safety, well-being and happiness of all our children. The safeguarding of all our children remains our number one priority. If you have any safeguarding concerns regarding our children, please contact us as a matter of urgency via the school email which is regularly checked. As you know I am the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) (Mr Chappell) and Mr Adams is Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL). We are always contactable at all times via the school email [sthelensprimary@sgmail.org.uk](mailto:sthelensprimary@sgmail.org.uk)

### Well done to those children who were awarded a Values Shield.

Holly class – Elijah & Luna  
Beech class – Elana & Dom  
Oak class – Freddie & Rose

Ash class – Dougie & Elizabeth  
Sycamore class – Lucia & April  
Elm Class – Toby & Fernando

