

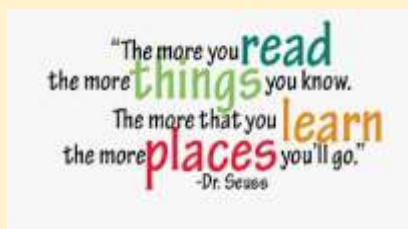


**From Mr Chappell:** I can't believe that we are already halfway through the year – so much has been achieved and there is still so much more to do. It was something, that I reflected on, during a conversation with a member of staff when we talked about standards in school. The joy of having most staff here for a long time, means that we know the high standards that we have had before and expect from the children that these do not drop, whether for behaviour, academic work, or even small things like how children move through the school. The high expectations that we have as staff have not changed over the years and this is where we need your support as parent/carers, to help support us with making sure that children are doing the very best that they can. Please support us with some of the basics below- by helping your children at home, by working in partnership we will continue to try to all be Flying High. It is no coincidence that children who consolidate their reading, spellings, and tables facts at home, continue to achieve well so please spend just a **short amount of time every day** helping your children to be the best that they can be and help them to continue Flying High. Have a great half term.



38 facts only across 7 years!

Multiplication Facts for 5 minutes a day!



Reading everyday – be the best reader you can!

Spelling and Handwriting.

**FOSH:** As you know we are always very grateful to FOSH for all their fundraising efforts. Without their support and your support of their events, we would not be able to put funds back into school for some much needed items. For example our great reading scheme RWI was fully purchased by FOSH and recently they have supported us to create our much needed sensory room, which can be used by all our children not just our children

with SEND. With FOSH planning their biggest ever event in October, we do need your support! Please help in anyway that you can and volunteer! No matter how much time you can contribute the FOSH committee will be extremely grateful for the help and support. Only six people (all existing members) turned up for last Monday's FOSH meeting – so please give your support.



**Goodbye Mrs Novak:** We were extremely sad to say goodbye this week, to one of our amazing SEND TAs Mrs Novak. Mrs Novak has worked at St.Helen's for over three years and has now got a job in another school much closer to her home. We said a very special good bye to Mrs Novak on

Wednesday and we know she will be missed by everyone, children, staff and the parents she worked with. Good luck and best wishes Mrs Novak!



**Dolce:** Thank you to everyone for being so patient whilst we worked to find new caterers in a very short space of time and for reading all the communciation about our new school meals. We appreciate that this has been a

tricky wait to get everything sorted and is another change for school, but the reality is that catering companies are considering their offers for smaller schools in the face of rising food and energy costs. You may have seen that in the last year or so Integra the trading arm of South Gloucestershire Council ceased their own catering services to schools in South Glos and other food companies have followed. Mrs Simpson and a team of governors have worked tirelessly over the last few months to make sure that we are able to still have hot food still in school and whilst there may be some teething

problems at first, like many things when there are new changes, the main thing is we have the opportunity for hot school dinners available to the children. If there are any concerns, please contact the school office.

**Volunteers:** We have a number of parent volunteers that we are really grateful for, who come in to hear some readers each week. We are really interested to hear about anyone who would like to come in and help push our children’s knowledge of **multiplication facts**. Do you have 1 hour a week to help play some multiplication games to help our children learn only 38 facts?

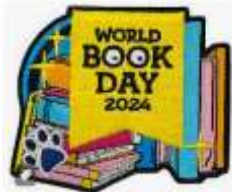


**Clubs:** Once again it has been another successful time for clubs in Term 3, again we had nearly 120 children doing at least one club, from Country Dancing to Football Club, from Chess to Choir, it has been an amazing term for clubs. This also culminated in a football game for the Year 3 and 4 football team who did brilliantly on Monday in their first ever match winning 5-2- well done! The link to book Bristol Sport clubs can be found below:  
<https://tickets.bristol-sport.co.uk/en-gb/categories/after-school-clubs>  
Further information regarding after school clubs will be sent out this afternoon.



**Attendance:** At the end of last term we talked about the importance of attendance. Despite a really tricky time in school with lots of coughs, colds and high temperatures, our whole school attendance is **95.31%** which is great considering everything we have gone through recently. At the last round of local authority figures at the end of term 2- we were ranked in the top 10 schools in South Glos-for attendance. This I think shows the enjoyment of our children – that they do really enjoy coming to school to spend time with their friends! Have a look at some of the things they can do when they are in and the enjoyment on their faces!

*‘Excellence, Enjoyment and Achievement together.’*



**World Book Day and Library Opening: Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March**

As you know we love reading at St. Helen’s and we are delighted to announce that we are aiming to ‘open’ our library to coincide with World Book Day on 7<sup>th</sup> March. The reading leads in school, Mr Adams and Miss Paul are planning a range of events on this day, with the traditional ‘dressing up’ as a favourite character amongst other things. We are then planning to open the library – which

although it has been a long process will be worth the long wait – to get children reading even more!

Key Dates: Term 3 and 4		Inset Days:
26 <sup>th</sup> February to 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Travelling Book Fair	<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024</b>
27 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent / Carer Evening #1	<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024</b>
29 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent / Carer Evening #2	<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024</b>
29 <sup>th</sup> February	FOSH Break the Rules Day – Info to follow from FOSH	
7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day – Children to dress up.	

**Well done to those children who were awarded a Celebration Certificate and Award!**

Holly class – Rocky, Nikita, Amelia, Lauren  
Beech class – Fenton, Elana, Quinn, Jude  
Oak class – Clara, Obi, Bavisha, Willow

Ash class – Kai, Eleanor, Dougie, Bronnie, Freddie, Oliver  
Sycamore class – Ferlyn, Honey, Abigail, Harrison  
Elm Class – Ava, Evie, Catherine, Charlotte O.

