

From Mr Chappell. As we come to towards the end of another term, it is important to reflect on all the great achievements that are being made by the children. Indeed this week, I have seen the Year 6s working really hard, as they edge ever closer to their SATs and their immense desire to keep improving. Indeed one child, tells me of his desire to achieve 40 out of 40 on his arithmetic paper*, which shows the 'Flying High ethos' that we try to instil in our children, that learning is a constant process of self-improvement and to aim high! The opportunities to improve their learning, is facilitated by all staff members and with your continued support at home, we enable all our children to develop from their starting points. This is what is very important to us, in the culture that we try to have here, that every child's development is vital to us. Aiming to get 40 out of 40 in an arithmetic paper is amazing but we also feel very proud when we see every child make progress in things such as writing their first letters, reading fluently, producing great gymnastics in PE, sketching some amazing art work, the list can go on and on. Everything is important to us- and we try to make sure that all children feel this sense of pride in doing their best as they aim to be 'Flying High'. When I am in the classroom teaching, all I want to see is every child, trying their best- as that is all we can ask for and if they are trying their best consistently day in, day out- then they will fly and achieve great things for their ability and you as parents/carers have a huge role in this! Have a great weekend.

*Update- This child did their arithmetic paper this week and indeed did get 40 out of 40! Well done Seth, but also well done ALL year 6s, who have improved superbly across the year as their SATs scores have gone up and up from the start of the year! Keep going!



Curriculum Showcase Wednesday March 29th - after school. A reminder that next Wednesday straight after school, we will be opening our doors once again to showcase all the fabulous work that has been going on in all the classrooms. As part of this showcase you will be able to go throughout the whole school to see what each class has been doing on our topic of 'rights and responsibilities.' You will have the opportunity to see some of the great art work that the children have been producing. Please remember to leave your thoughts about your child/ren's work or any other thoughts about what you see on our Flying High postcards. You will also notice a couple of Year 6 learning councillors who will

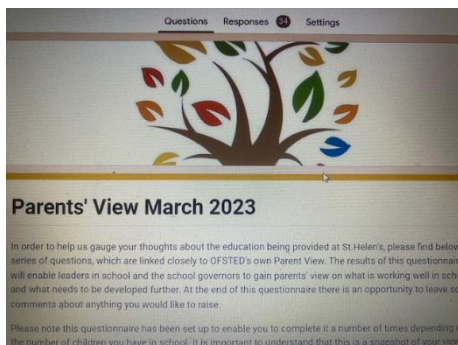
be filming the event and may even interview some children and adults about what you are seeing. The children will be dismissed out of the classrooms as normal at 3:30 pm and you are then more than welcome to come back into school to first visit your child/ren's class before visiting all other classrooms. If you are a parent/carer with a child in reception, it is always great to see what your children will be capable of achieving in seven years time so please take a trip to year 6 as well!

FOSH: We are delighted that alongside this newsletter we have the first ever FOSH (Friends of St Helen's PTA group) newsletter. This newsletter introduces the new chair of FOSH, Claire Gregory and details some of the very exciting events coming up over the next two terms. Please note the date of our Summer Fair which is set for Saturday June 24th. I would like to say a huge thank you to all members of FOSH and as ever if there is anyone interested in joining this group, then please let us know.



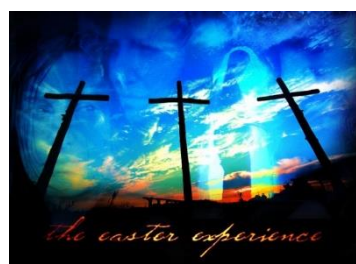
Football Match Well done to all the boys, who played in a torrential downpour last night in a very exciting 3-3 draw against Crossways Junior School. Mr Leeming said that the boys were great and showed great enthusiasm and enjoyment throughout. Tonight it is the turn of the girls to play their friendly fixture against Wheatfield Primary School. Good luck and well done to everyone involved in these clubs.

Debbie Gibb visit: Today we had a visit from the new strategic lead for education in South Glos – Debbie Gibbs. Since starting in the education team in January, Debbie has been trying to visit as many schools as possible and today she came to us for just over an hour and visited every classroom. She said she was very impressed with the calmness of the school and in particular referenced our work in inclusion.



Parent's View: A huge thank you to all parent/carer's, who have taken ten minutes or so to complete the parent/carer questionnaire. This really does give us some thoughts for developments and next steps as well as celebrate some good practices in school. For example, a couple of comments have linked to uniform issues and children not wearing the correct uniform. This is something that you will remember I have mentioned in a previous newsletter and we hope to see this improve in a number of small cases. Other thoughts have been around club provision for KS1, which is something that we are currently looking at for Terms 5 and 6 (indeed we hope to release the clubs list early next week.) So far 34 responses have been made, which is great number after only a few days. This questionnaire will now stay open till the end of next week. The link for the survey will be sent via text alongside this newsletter. Thank you in advance.

Clubs: Once again I would like to say a huge thank you to all those members of staff who have given up their time to run a club this term. Our children are really enjoying the range of different clubs and experiences that they have the opportunity to participate in.



Prayer Spaces: Next week each class is really looking forward to spending some time in church, as part of our build up to Easter. Each class will have a number of different activities as part of our Easter experience prayer spaces. Prayer spaces is one area that we are looking to develop in school to enable a permanent prayer space to be set up and accessed by the school community when we can and we are very thankful to Mrs Tweehuysen, who alongside some members of our local church community are looking at developing some outdoor prayer spaces that we can use all year round.

27th March – 5th April
St Helen's Church, Alveston
Come and sit down in a peaceful setting.
Walk round and discover what Easter means for you.

Blue Peter Badge: As a child I had a couple of dreams; one was to be a mascot for Bristol City and the other was to try and get a Blue Peter badge! Sadly only one of these came true- you'll have to guess which one it was- so it is much delight to see that one of our children Jonathan B in Year 6, managed to achieve his goal of getting a Blue Peter Badge. Jonathan applied for his Blue Peter Eco Green Badge for his Big Bird Watch poster and various wildlife gardening initiatives at home and his badge arrived at his home this week. Well done Jonathan a fantastic accolade.



Loose Parts Play: A reminder that we are always looking for 'loose parts' to be donated to school to add to the amount of parts that we have on the KS2 playground. I cannot emphasise enough that the children really do love playing with all these different parts and really engage in imaginative and safe play. Hopefully you have seen recently the new videos placed on Class Dojo.

AiP – Alliance in Partnership: We have a new caterer - AiP starting at the beginning of Term 5! More information regarding this has been sent out via email today.

Well done to those children who were awarded a certificate and awards today and last week.

Cherry Class – Roscoe, James, Barnaby, Annabelle.

Holly class – Quinn, Doohyun, Louie, Milne.

Beech class – Flora, James, Hugo, Willow.

Oak class – Parker, Chloe, Elsie-Lou, Dougie.

Ash Class – Aryo, Viola, Oliver, April.

Sycamore class – Lexi, Lewis, Charlotte M.

Elm class – Sophia, Ollie J, Laura, Oliver H.



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