

From Mrs Simpson So I've had a lovely first week getting to know all the children and staff at St Helen's I had the pleasure of teaching Year 6 on my very first day and was impressed by their excellent attitudes and politeness. I am really looking forward to meeting as many of you as possible over the coming weeks and immersing myself fully in the life of school. I will be dividing my time equally between St Helens and St Marys but will be available anytime should you wish to get in touch. My email address is Julie.Simpson@sgmail.org.uk and I am always very pleased to hear from the school community with thoughts ideas and suggestions. Enjoy your bank holiday weekend with friends and family. I am now off to enjoy some cake at our coronation tea party!

From Mr Chappell Although it has only been a short week- so much has been crammed in, and being in and around the classrooms on Wednesday, the children were working very purposefully. Indeed the high expectations that staff have for all our children, is encapsulated in our vision statement: *'Excellence, Enjoyment and achievement together in a nurturing Christian Community'* which I feel can sometimes get lost in our ethos of 'Flying High.' Our nurturing Christian community is very important to all members of staff and the guidance we give all our children to follow our Christian values should never be forgotten. When things do go wrong as often they do, it is also important to hold onto these values and know that if the children leave St. Helen's with these instilled in them via school and parent/carers guidance, then the children will be on the right path in life. This came back to me when recently I bumped into five children, (who are now young adults) who were at St. Helen's over 8 years ago, who were polite, respectful, and thankful for the memories St. Helen's had given them. This is something that we do together in partnership and the full results of the parents/carers survey that accompanies this newsletter, shows we are continuing to forge future generations together as a partnership, with our nurturing Christian community at the heart of this. We don't get everything right, but as always please talk to school staff if you have any concerns about anything. Have a great weekend!

FOSH Newsletter: Attached with this newsletter is the next instalment of FOSH's own newsletter. Please read it to ensure you are aware of some dates that you can support FOSH and school by attending some of the key events that they put on. The funding that FOSH give to school is crucial to enable key developments such as funding our recently opened sensory room. Lots of our children have already benefited from the transformation of a 'work room' to a sensory space. Thank you FOSH!





FOSH: Message from FOSH:

FOSH are delighted to be hosting a grown ups only Quiz Night on Saturday 13th May.

Test your knowledge in teams of upto 6, and see who's really been doing their homework and who will be the teachers pet! Parkys Chippy have food available to pre order and there will be a cash bar available on the night too.

Tickets are now available to book <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/quiz-night-hosted-by-fosh-tickets-620150485797>

Outdoor Prayer Spaces: A huge thank you Mrs Tweehuysen and Mrs Baxter for the development of our lovely prayer spaces. Over the last few months we have transformed the area to fence off, a small private area, where children, parents and staff can have some private reflection time.

Please see below an update from Mrs Tweehuysen about this weeks' prayer spaces.

At lunchtime on Tuesday we had a Coronation Themed Prayer Space in our Reflection Garden. There were different activities to do to help the pupils to reflect on or pray for different aspects of the Coronation Service.



The Crown-passed down through the generations of the Royal Family. What do you think it means to be a child of the King of Kings?

The Orb- symbol of power:- When Solomon in the Bible became king he asked God to give him wisdom to make good decisions. We reflected on what King Charles might need wisdom on?



The Throne-prayer for our leaders. How could you encourage or help the leaders in your life, they could be in your family, school, teachers, town, church, club or the King.



Together we make community. When we have a party we decorate with bunting. We are all unique and bring our individual talents and interests to create an exciting community. Draw what makes you unique on a flag and add it to our school bunting.

Procession-at the end of the coronation the King leaves the chapel and everyone sings the National anthem. Choose a sticker and decide who you want to pray for, when you get home stick it somewhere in your room. Whenever you see it you can pray for the person you chose.

Perhaps over the coronation weekend you can try some of these activities as a family.

Good luck Year 6!

Finally Good Luck to our Year 6s as they approach their KS2 SATs next week. The children have been working incredibly hard and as always we know that they will try their very best to be Flying High in all the assessments that they complete.

Dates for your diaries:

Friday 5 th May	FOSH Coronation afternoon for children
Week Beginning 8 th May	KS2 SATs assessments
Saturday 13 th May	FOSH School Quiz 7pm to 9:30 pm
Saturday 24 th June	FOSH Summer Fair 12 pm to 4 pm.
Thursday 6 th July	Sports Day KS1 9:30am to 10:30 am approx KS2 10:45am to 12pm approx
Friday 7 th July	Sports Day reserve day in case of bad weather.
Friday 14 th July	FOSH End of Year Discos
Tuesday 18 th July	End of year reports to Parents.
Friday 21 st July	Last Day of Term

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

Cherry Class – Fraser, Luna.

Holly class – Aria, Ella.

Beech class – Flora, Amelia.

Oak class – Seb, Sienna.

Ash Class – Harrison, Lily.

Sycamore class – Zack, Amelia.

Elm class – Sophie, Hudson.

