

**From Mr Chappell** Welcome back to Term 6! I cannot believe that I am writing those words already and the prospect of our final term is now upon us - this year has gone incredibly quickly but there is still a lot more hard work in front of us all. Indeed after meeting all teachers this week to discuss children's progress so far this year, in our termly pupil progress meetings, one thing came out loud and clear, that we can still expect more and there is still more learning to do. For each child there is still something that they can be aiming for, something that they need to learn, for example do I know all my multiplication facts? Can I read five times a week? Can I learn to tie up my shoe laces? How can I develop my social skills at lunchtime? All the small things that enable children to make good progress from their starting points and enable all to be demonstrating our vision statement: *'Excellence, Enjoyment and achievement together in a nurturing Christian Community'* This is something that you as parents/carers can help us with, when approached by a teacher for your child to work on something specifically – please ensure that you support you the class teacher with anything that they need your child to work on and together your child will continue to improve. Have a great weekend and enjoy the sunshine.

### Plane Update:



We are edging ever closer to the plane being opened and the recent addition of the steps to the entrance of the plane means that it is just the inside left to do now. Over half term the electrics were also installed so we really are getting closer and closer! Please see message below from project manager and governor Ben Fowkes:

The plane is now reaching its final fit out milestones, over half term the access stairs, and electrics were installed, and all being well, the final plastering and painting will be complete by mid-July. To fully realise this amazing space, we would greatly appreciate any parent support with materials to complete the final fit out. We are looking for donations of carpet, plywood, and any soft furnishings such as bean bags to furnish the plane. If any parents/carers know of any companies that would be interested in donating some time to help with the plastering, fitting, carpeting etc please contact the school office. We are hopeful that an opening of the plane will take place during the final term. Further details to follow.

**FOSH Summer Fair Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June 12 pm to 4 pm.** Alongside this newsletter we have attached the monthly newsletter from FOSH. Once again a huge thank you to all the FOSH members who work so hard to put on the different events to enable for us to provide resources and equipment for all our children. We can't wait for this years Summer Fair and the animal theme of 'Be Wild'. Please spread the word about this amazing day! As you will read in FOSH's newsletter, if there is anyone who can help on the day, please make sure you get in contact!



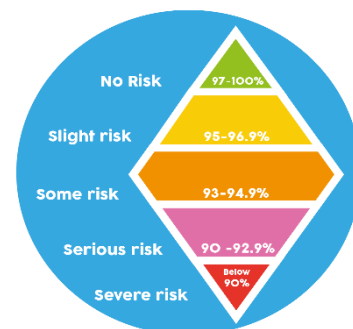
**OPAL:** We are looking to replenish our stock of OPAL loose parts. If anyone has anything that you think could be donated for Loose parts please feel free to contact the office. We are especially looking for more tyres, lego and duplo. The next part of our OPAL action plan is to introduce a safe scooter area on the school playground. If anyone has any old scooters / tri-cycles that are in good working condition – again please just contact the school office.



### Value for this term: Courage

Alongside this newsletter please find the home school sheet for our Value this term Courage. It has been another great year embedding all of our Christian Values. Thank you for your support in this.

**Attendance:** At the start of the year we always set a target of the school attendance being at 97%. As you can see from the attendance diamond below- the number of missed days across the year does add up and can impact on a child's academic and social emotional progress. At this week's attendance review 30% of our children are above this attendance target! Thank you for your continued support with ensuring that your children attend school. Like discussions around uniform please do not be offended by any conversations or letters that may be sent home to raise the issue of uniform or attendance. As with everything we do at St.Helen's we want to be Flying High and this includes attendance and uniform. As we come to the last few months – if there are any issues regarding any of this please contact your class teachers.



**Dates for your diaries:** One of the suggestions made in the parent/carer survey was more notice on forthcoming dates. Please see below some key dates over the next term and beyond.

Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	FOSH Summer Fair 12pm to 4pm.
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day KS1 9:30am to 10:30am approx KS2 10:45am to 12pm approx
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day reserve day in case of bad weather.
Weds July 12 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 and 6 production – Hoodwinked 2pm*
Thurs July 13 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 and 6 production – Hoodwinked 6pm *
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	FOSH End of Year Discos
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	End of year reports to parents.
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	2pm – 3pm Year 6 Leavers Service to Parents/Carers in Church
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Last Day of Term

\*Further individual letters will be sent out to the Parents/Carers of Year 5 and 6 for our Hoodwinked Production in the next few weeks about how to access tickets for the two performances.

**Please note the Inset days for the next academic year 2023-24.**

Friday 1st Sept 2023
Monday 27th November 2023
Friday 15th March 2023
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2024
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2024

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

Cherry Class – Prithvicka, Ava, Olivia C, Amelie

Holly class – Jude, Aria, Lucas, Rufus

Beech class – Parker, Willow, Tessa, Finlay

Oak class – George, Bronnie, Poppy

Ash Class – Emily, Lucia, Willis, Luke

Sycamore class – Fred, Neiva, Imogen, Luca

Elm class – Laura, Sophie, Isaac, Jacob

