

**From Mr Chappell:** I hope you all enjoyed a restful half-term break and were able to make the most of the warmer weather when it appeared. What a beautiful week of sunshine we had which set us up nicely for the final term of the academic year, although this week's weather has been a little more variable. While we have now entered the last term of the academic year, there is still so much to look forward to and much to achieve. In fact, this is often one of the most productive periods of the year. With the high expectations of our staff and the Flying High attitudes that our children bring to their learning each day, we regularly see significant progress across all subjects during these final weeks. This term also includes several important statutory assessments, including the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check, the Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) and the completion of EYFS Early Learning Goal judgements in areas such as reading, writing and mathematics. As we saw with our Year 6 pupils during their recent SATs, we know that the children of St Helen's will approach these assessments with confidence, resilience and a determination to do their very best. In the lead-up to these assessments, I know many of you will be supporting your children at home by practising the fundamentals: reading regularly, revisiting phonics sounds and developing rapid recall of multiplication facts. These small but consistent habits can make a tremendous difference. As always, our focus is on ensuring every child makes excellent progress from their individual starting points, and the support you provide at home plays a vital role in helping us achieve this. Thank you for your continued partnership, encouragement and commitment. Together, we can help every child finish the year strongly, continue to flourish both academically and personally, and enjoy an amazing final term. Have a great weekend.

**Head teacher transition meetings:** Like many of our Year 6 pupils who will soon be moving on to the next stage of their education, this term brings a mixture of emotions for me as well as I prepare to move on at the end of the academic year. Over the coming weeks, there will be occasions when I am out of school as I work closely with my new school and with the incoming headteacher, Mrs Evans to ensure a comprehensive and effective handover. Other members of the Senior Leadership Team, Mrs Hardy and Mrs Simpson, will also be involved in this process and will, at times, meet directly with Mrs Evans. I want to reassure parents and carers that this handover process is both thorough and detailed. We dedicate a significant amount of time to sharing information about every aspect of school life, including safeguarding matters, health and safety procedures, school priorities, ongoing projects, operational systems, and much more. The aim is to ensure continuity and to provide Mrs Evans with the knowledge and understanding needed to lead the school successfully from day one. This process has already begun and will continue throughout the remainder of the summer term, ensuring that the transition is as smooth and seamless as possible for our pupils, staff, and families.



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£1,101 of £4,000 goal

28%

**Colour Run Sponsorship:** A reminder of the amazing colour run event that is coming up on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. The week before half term, a sponsorship form was sent home and we would encourage as many as you possible to try and raise anything that you can to help FOSH's event. We are really looking forward to what will be our very first colour run and cannot wait to see children and staff (hopefully) running their way around the track. The timings of the events has now been confirmed, and we will share the full schedule closer to the date – however it is important to know that the main playground gate will be the only access in to school on the afternoon. This will open at approximately 1:25pm and stay open, with a member of staff on the gate till about 1:45pm, when the gates will be closed and locked for the rest of the afternoon. **Please note that the office will not be accessible on this day** so there will be no entry after 1:45pm. Details around the timings and procedures for the end of the day will be sent out closer to the event. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this event with an amazing £1000 already raised by the online link that was sent home.

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/peer-to-peer/run-bright-fly-high-colour-run>

**Grand Opening of Sensory Garden & 60th Anniversary Party!** Thank you to everyone who joined us for our wonderful celebration afternoon before half

term. It was a pleasure to see so many members of our school community come together to mark two very special occasions: the official opening of our Sensory Garden and the celebration of St Helen's 60th anniversary. The event provided

a fantastic opportunity to reflect on the rich history of our school while also celebrating the dedication and hard work of FOSH and their volunteers, whose efforts have helped create such a beautiful garden space for our children to enjoy. As I looked through the photographs and spoke with grandparents, former staff members, and family members about their time at St Helen's, one theme stood out above all others: the deep affection and pride people feel for our school. Across the generations, children young and old have spoken warmly and enthusiastically about their experiences here, sharing treasured memories and stories that highlight the special place St Helen's holds for many. Thank you once again to everyone who attended and helped make the afternoon such a memorable and meaningful celebration.



### Sports Day: We are looking forward to Sports Day on Monday 15th June!

- KS1: 9:15am – 10:30am (approx.)
- KS2: 10:45am onwards

As well as our traditional sprint races, all children will take part in a range of carousel activities in their house teams to earn points. The winning house will be announced the following day.

Parents, carers and family members are very welcome to attend. Please watch from the centre of the track and follow your child between activities if you wish. To ensure everyone's safety, please do not enter the track or finish-line areas. If a child becomes upset or injured, staff will be on hand to provide support.

Gate access:

- Gates open for KS1 spectators until 9:10am
- Gates re-open at 10:30am for KS1 families to leave and KS2 families to enter
- Gates close again at 10:40am for the start of KS2 events

Please note that the **school office will not be able to provide access through the building during the event**, and adult toilet facilities will not be available. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us provide a fun, safe and successful Sports Day. If poor weather affects arrangements, we will notify families by text as early as possible

| Key Dates:                                                      |                                                                                                            |
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| Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June                                     | Start of Term 6                                                                                            |
| Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> June Sports Day                         | KS1 9:15 am KS2 10:45 am (Reserve Day Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June)                                       |
| Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July afternoon                           | FOSH Colour Run 1:45 pm to 3:15 pm                                                                         |
| Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July & Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July  | Year 5 and 6 Production Time 5:30 pm start                                                                 |
| Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July 3:30pm                             | Music and Drama Club performance to Parents/Carers                                                         |
| Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July 5pm                                | FOSH End of Year Discos                                                                                    |
| Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July                                   | Reports to Parents/Carers and results.                                                                     |
| Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July                                    | Year 6 Leavers Service in church 1:45 pm<br>Year 6 Flying High exit from front door approximately 3:10 pm. |
| <b>Inset Days:</b>                                              | <b>20<sup>th</sup> July, 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>                                                          |
| Key Statutory Dates – all pupils to undertake.                  |                                                                                                            |
| <b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June</b> | <b>Year 1 Phonics Tests and Year 2 Phonics re-tests</b>                                                    |
| <b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June</b> | <b>Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check</b>                                                                  |

**Celebration Assembly - well done to those children who were awarded a certificate today.**

**Holly Class: Joseph & Dexter**

**Beech Class: James G & Norah**

**Oak Class: Luna C and Arthur**

**Ash Class: Rocco & Liliana**

**Sycamore Class: George & Tessa**

**Elm Class: Bavilan & Avah-Grace**

**Mr Chappell's award – Lucy M (Year 2)**



**This terms value: Friendship**