

From Mr Chappell I can't believe that this is the penultimate newsletter of the year. So much has been going on this week and there is so much still to do over the next couple of weeks. For example this week the Year 5 and 6s have been working really hard, making the final touches to their end of year production 'Hoodwinked' that they will be performing next week to the whole school and on two days to family members. We had an amazing Sports Day yesterday which was the closest in years and also had a very busy Year 5 camp meeting. Next week we have four end of Year trips with Years 3 and 4 visiting Slimbridge and Years 1 and 2 visiting the SS Great Britain following their work on Brunel. With an extremely busy end of the year- once again I am sure you will join me in thanking all the staff at St. Helen's who all do such a wonderful job in so many different ways. From running clubs in their own time to supporting children and parents in lots of different ways, to creating great learning opportunities, our school ethos of ***'Excellence, Enjoyment and achievement together in a nurturing Christian Community'*** ***'They will soar on wings like Eagles – Isaiah 40:31'*** is certainly something that is exemplified by all our members of staff. Thank you all St. Helen's staff! Have a great weekend!

Summer Fair: A huge thank you to everyone who attended our school fair last weekend. It was a great day and very much showed the value of the local community. Once again a huge thank you to FOSH for all their hard work in setting up the day. Don't forget FOSH are always looking for volunteers –please contact the school and we will link you up with the FOSH Chair Claire Gregory. Without the support of parents / carers to run organisations such as FOSH, we would not be able to set up things like our new sensory room and our new reading scheme. A huge thank you to FOSH and please volunteer!



Cricket County Champions: I am sure that you would have seen the Class Dojo message but we wanted to highlight again the superb achievement from our Cricket Team – in becoming Glos Primary Schools County Champions. This is a fantastic achievement and follows years of near misses. The cricket doesn't stop now as on Monday some of our Girls are involved in a game against Crossways school and recently the Year 4 team also won their Year 4 local tournament. A great achievement from all the children involved.



Sports Day- A huge thank you to everyone who attended our amazing sports day.

Final Results: KS1 and KS2 Combined:

1st – Blenheim 216 points

2nd – Britannia 215 points

3rd – Concorde 203 points

4th – Brabazon 191 points

What struck me most about Sports Day was seeing the enjoyment and determination of all children to compete in Sports Day and to be Flying High and trying their hardest. When I 'interviewed' some children in Year 5 and 6, it was great to hear them talking about how all our school values are

encapsulated into an event like Sports Day- with children persevering, showing respect and encouraging their friends! All our values below that we try and instil with your help every single day that they attend St Helen's. We hope that all our children when they leave St Helen's, take away and continue to follow our values as this is the true sign that we have instilled our values- when children are away from us and their families and demonstrate the values that we want at all times in the local community.



Congratulation to Bea, who won an award for being kind and helpful at her Girls brigade! Exactly what I was talking about in terms of school values!



Dates for your diaries: A reminder of Inset Days for the next academic year 2023-24.

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

Weds 12 th July	Year 5 and 6 production – Hoodwinked 2pm
Thurs 13 th July	Year 5 and 6 production – Hoodwinked 6pm
Fri 14 th July	FOSH End of Year Discos
Tues 18 th July	End of year reports to parents.
Frid 21 st July	2pm – 3pm Year 6 Leavers Service to Parents/Carers in Church Year 6 Parents/Carers only.
Frid 21 st July	Last Day of Term.
Mon 4 th September	First day of the new academic year 2023-24 – 100% attendance on this day is expected.



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