

From Mr Chappell:

Thank you so much to everyone who attended Wednesday's 'Meet The Teacher' evening. It was great to see so many parents / carers back in the hall again after the last few years. As you heard, like in previous years, the fundamental core basics of reading and numeracy is something that we are focussing on and we again ask for your help in ensuring that you support the staff's great work by continuing to help your children learn multiplication facts and hear your children read daily!

These core elements of daily rehearsal are crucial to enable all children to make progress from their own starting points. Every year we start by reminding the children that there are only 38 multiplication facts to learn. (That's not a lot over seven years at primary school)

Click on the link to watch this video that tells you more about this!

<https://komodomath.com/blog/how-many-times-tables>

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Year 6 Camp: Year 6 had an amazing week at camp! Well done everyone – you were a credit to the school and behaved impeccably! A huge thank you to Mr Leeming, Mrs Woolford, Mrs Browning and Rev Moss for giving up their time last week. What an amazing camp! Well done to all the Year 6s for showing so many of our school values.



Parent Support: If you feel you could volunteer for any time in school, please contact the school office or speak to your child's class teacher directly. We are always looking for volunteers who can support children's reading and maths and would love to build on the strong uptake of parents that we had in school last year. This worked particularly well where a number of our 'priority readers' were able to have additional reading sessions with an adult.

Applications for Primary and Secondary Places:

Apply for primary and secondary school places!

Is your child due to start primary or secondary school in September 2023?

The application process for places is now open. Read South Gloucestershire Council's web pages and admission guides at www.southglos.gov.uk/schooladmissions

The deadline for secondary schools is 31 October 2022. The deadline for primary applications is 15 January 2023.

Prospective Parents 2023: If you have any younger siblings due to start school in September 2023, please visit our school website with details of the dates for tours around our school. Likewise if you know any parents, who are considering our lovely school, please pass on the link and encourage them to look at our school website.

<https://www.sthelensprimary.org.uk/admissions/prospective-parents/>



House Captains: A huge well done to the following children in Year 6 who have been selected to represent their house and their school as School House Captains:

Concorde – Sophie and Emily **Brabazon** – William and Laura **Britannia** – Emelia and Isabel **Blenheim** – Seth and Dexter

Last year **Britannia** were the House of the Year – which house will be Above and Beyond – Flying High, this year?

FOSH Friends of St Helen's AGM:

FOSH would like to invite you to their Annual General Meeting, to be held on **Monday 17th October 2022**. This meeting will be held at The Ship Inn, in Alveston, from 7:30pm. Elections will be held for Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer. Please do consider whether you would like to stand for any of these roles and come along to support the work of FOSH.

Social Emotional and Behaviour Advice and Support: On the afternoon of **Wednesday 28th September** we have an opportunity for parents to meet **Vicky Borel**, the **behaviour and emotional support specialist** who works with us as a school. If you have any concerns about your child's behaviour at school or at home, book in for a chat to discuss your concerns with Vicky and gain some advice. There will be 30 minute slots available. **Book your slot by calling the school office.** If you are not available at this time but would still like some support with your child's behaviour at home, please contact us anyway so that we can keep you in mind for other dates.

RWI Update from Miss Paul: Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children have had a great start to our new phonics programme, Read Write Inc. They have been learning set 1, set 2 or set 3 sounds and will begin their storybook lessons in week 6. From week 6 (week beginning 10th Oct) Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and some Year 3 children will bring home:

1. A storybook they have read 3 times in school during their phonics lesson. This is called their storybook and is matched to the stage they are at in their reading journey.
2. A Book Bag Book which is matched to the storybook. This is an unfamiliar book to them but they will be able to read it as it contains the sounds they know. In some cases, the storybook and the Book Bag Book link together and include the same characters.
3. A sharing at home book which is to be shared together. They might not be able to read which is fine, the whole point is to share a book from school at home together. The children should read the storybook and Book Bag Book to you. The sharing at home book can be read to them.

If you have any questions, please ask your class teacher in the first instance. Thank you for your continued support with implementing a new phonics scheme! Miss Paul

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

Holly class – William, Aria, Elana, Edward
Beech class – Zara, Obi, Bavisha
Oak class – Seb, Elizabeth, Becky, Logan,

Ash class – Harrison, Lucia, James, Oliver
Sycamore class – Casey, Isaac, Amelia, Neiva
Elm class – Charlotte, Charlie,



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