

**From Mr Chappell** The only place to begin with, is to say a huge thank you to every single member of staff, who work so hard to ensure that your children have the best possible education that they can have. Every single day, all our staff, right across the school in all their different roles, work tirelessly to ensure that your children enjoy school and have great teaching and learning opportunities. I am sure you will join me in saying your own 'thank you' as your children leave on Friday. Finally, a couple more thank you's: firstly, to FOSH for all their fundraising exploits that are so important to help fund some really important areas of school this year such as our brand-new reading scheme and also our much-used sensory room. Also thank you to all of you- for your support over the last year- the partnership between school and home is so important and enables all our children to make progress from their starting points – thank you and have a lovely summer break- a reminder we will see you on the first day back on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September.**

As much as the end of year is a celebration of great things, it is also tinged with sadness as yesterday we said goodbye (but not farewell as hopefully she will be back teaching at times next year) to Mrs Boffin. Mrs Boffin has been a mainstay of the St.Helen's community and has given so much 'above and beyond' in her time here. We will all massively miss her here and we wish her all the best wishes in the future. We also say good bye to our Year 6 children as they move onto the next stage of their development- good luck Year 6 at secondary school! Please see message from Mrs Boffin below:

**Message from Mrs Boffin:** I just wanted to say what a pleasure it has been to teach all your lovely children at St Helen's. I have been fortunate to be here for thirteen glorious years with a couple of baby breaks 😊 along the way. I particularly loved leading and teaching in the early years and key stage one. It felt a huge honour to be the children's first teacher and to start them on their fabulous school journey. I'm sure I will still see lots of you around Thornbury and I may miss everyone too much and be back one day soon 😊. St Helen's is a special community and will always have a piece of my heart. Thank you for all your support over the years, I will really miss everyone. Lots of love Mrs Boffin

With our vision statement being: ***Excellence, Enjoyment and achievement together in a nurturing Christian Community'*** ***'They will soar on wings like Eagles – Isaiah 40:31'*** There is no better way to finish the school year by celebrating this in this final newsletter with a number of photographs that show very clearly our vision statement. I can safely say that ALL children across the year have all shown this vision in some respects.

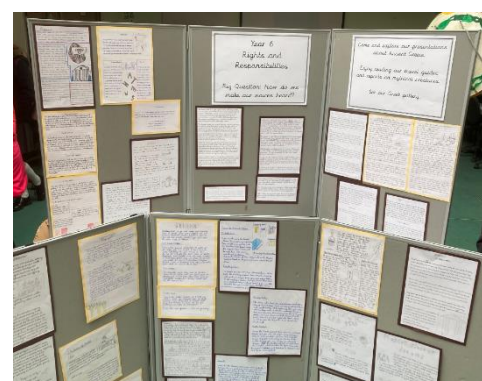
### Excellence



**County Champions**



**Sports Day Excellence**



**Amazing Work from Year 6**

## Enjoyment



**Dance Club Term 6**



**Gardening Club Term 6**



**Fun at Lunchtimes**

## Achievement together in a nurturing Christian Community – Our School Values in action:



**Service**



**Friendship at breaktime**



**Courage to perform on stage**

### **Attendance and Uniform:**

Our attendance at the end of the year was 94.7%, which is a little lower than in previous years- it should be noted that if we take out a very small number of children who are classed as persistent absentees then the whole school attendance is much higher. Indeed over 50%, 104 children have attendance at 96%+, which is amazing! We make no excuses for targeting attendance to help improve children's enjoyment and achievement in school, and will continue to make this an even bigger focus next year alongside uniform. ***In terms of attendance a reminder that we cannot authorise any term time holidays.***

Uniform is something that I know was a feature of the parent/ carers survey in comments from parents about some children 'flouting' the uniform rules. It should be noted that at Marlwood and other secondary schools, the expectation for uniform is very high and is something why we should get it right here so are children and families are prepared for this. If we get the small things like uniform correct, primarily around children wearing the correct shoes (unless they have a medical need for wearing trainers, which we know there are a few children in our school) then when our children move onto secondary school, the expectations for secondary school do not become a shock to adjust to. These two small but very significant things (attendance and uniform) are the things that are out of our control and we rely on you as families to get it right. In the new year we will be very much having a renewed focus on both of these so please do not be offended if we have individual conversations with you, or letters are sent home when these 'Flying High Standards are not set.' As usual a huge thank you to everyone who works with us to get this right. A reminder that FOSH have a very extensive used and new uniform, that is on sale regularly. Likewise children should have the correct PE kit to take part in PE lessons – so please ensure over the summer that the right uniform is in place. Thank you for your support around this. If there are any concerns around uniform or you do not feel you are in position to provide the correct uniform – please let us know and we will try to help you.

### **Safeguarding through the summer**

Our greatest priority is to always ensure the safety, well-being and happiness of all our children. The safeguarding of all our children remains our number one priority always even over the summer holidays. If you have any safeguarding concerns regarding our children, even over the summer holidays, please contact us as a matter of urgency via the school email which is regularly checked. As you know I am the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) (Mr Chappell) and Mr Adams is Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL). We are always contactable at all times via the school email [sthelensprimary@sgmail.org.uk](mailto:sthelensprimary@sgmail.org.uk) South Gloucestershire Council's Safeguarding Access and Response Team (ART) is also available to report concerns about a child: 01454 866000 Monday to Thursday 9.00 am – 5.00 pm (4.30 on Friday) and 01454 615165 out of hours and at weekends

### **Well done to those children who were awarded a Values Shield.**

Cherry Class- Lili & Elliott.

Holly class – Hallie & Noah.

Beech class – Flora & Archie.

Oak class – Logan & Isla.

Ash class – Lola & Justin.

Sycamore class – Richard & Bonnie.

Elm class – Isabel & Emily.



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