

**From Mr Chappell** Over the last few weeks, we have started to conduct our parent/carer tours for prospective parents for September 2024, and at these times it always reminds me of how incredibly proud I am, of all our children across the whole school as our visitors are shown around by some Year 6 children. Things have not changed much in terms of the tours from when you may have had one. I still share about our school values briefly and then the visitors are shown on a tour by children, where every classroom can be visited and visitors can ask our children any question to get an open and honest answer, away from any other adults. Visitors always come back praising the things they have seen around the school, for example the children's work, behaviour and engagement and talk about how the children were so polite showing our school values. Whilst doing these tours it reminded me of the importance that we place on the home school relationship- the triangulation of support for the child to do as best as they can (see below.) It is important to remember, and I certainly acknowledge that we don't get everything right, that we need your support not only when things go well but on occasions when things are not working so well. Please can we remind you, that if you have any concerns, about anything, for example worries about your child's work, concerns about behaviour in school that you might be hearing about from your own children or worries about how your children are developing socially etc please come to us directly and immediately! When things are brought to our attention, we do try to resolve any difficulties that you or your child may be experiencing as soon as we can and hopefully it results with a satisfactory resolution. If you are in any doubt about anything, please just contact us, then we can ensure all children are Flying High by working together in partnership.



**Goodbye Mrs Thompson:** Next week we say goodbye to Mrs Thompson. Mrs Thompson arrived at St.Helen's a couple of years ago, originally in the role of a SEND TA before last year moving into the role of EYFS General TA on a Monday and Tuesday. She has done an amazing job and we are sad to say goodbye as she moves on to another local school in Thornbury in a full time role in Year 5. Amongst many things we will miss Mrs Thompson's great creativity and art skills, which she showcased in the amazing KS2 art club that she ran last year. Thank you Mrs Thompson and good luck in your new role!



**FOSH :** FOSH warmly invites you to enjoy an evening of quiz entertainment with fish and chip supper. Ticket prices include quiz entry, your choice of fish and chips and a glass of Prosecco. A cash bar and raffle will be available on the night and of course a prize for the winning team! The event will be held in the school hall and is open to all grown ups in the community, so grab a team now! \*A soft drink alternative will be available.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fosh-grown-ups-quiz-night-tickets-730713934047?aff=oddtcreator>

**House Captains:** Huge congratulations to our house captains who have been selected to represent their houses throughout the year.  
Brabazon: Richard and Imogen  
Blenheim: Neiva and Darcey  
Concorde: Catherine and Nithilan  
Britannia: Casey and Evie



**School uniform:** You may remember that we wrote to you all in the summer to say about the expectations for uniform. Thank you so much for all your support in this matter, as it has been noticeable how smart our children are looking not just in their everyday uniform but also their PE kit. There is always a temptation for children particularly the older children to wear a football shirt, or a branded shirt, but for us, a plain coloured PE house shirt or a plain white T shirt suffices. Once again, we cannot blame the children when this is not correct as ultimately just like attendance, it is your role as parents/carers to ensure these expectations are followed. Thank you for your continued support in this and also for ensuring that your children are attending school regularly when they are fit to do so.

**Library:** The library plane is edging ever closer to being completed. Just in the last week the inside has been carpeted and we are now just on the final touches of furnishing it. A huge thank you to everyone who has been involved in this project. You may have noticed in the bike sheds are the original seats from the plane. We are hoping to situate these safely somewhere in school, so that they can be utilised as 'reading seats.' We are now considering a grand opening and suggestions for how we make the day a special day, or even suggestions on who we try and get to open it, please contact the school office with any suggestions you may have. It has been a long process, but it will help our children continue to develop their love of reading. This is a big aim for us and is part of our SDP (School Development Plan) this year. In external reviews the systems for reading have been identified as showing good practice and now we really want to push children's reading for pleasure. Please help your children to develop this love of reading by hearing them read every night!



**Clubs:** I must say a HUGE thank you to all members of staff who give up their time to run a club whether after school or even in some instances during their lunchtime. As you know we have really tried hard to push the club provision and to offer a wide range of clubs from cooking to choir to football and cross country. Last week we did an audit of the number of children attending a club and well over 100 children are attending at least one club a week - which is another fantastic achievement, and we would like to think we can increase this even more! Already we have been approached by some parents to run different clubs that we are looking to start as soon as we have DBS clearance. If you have any ideas for a club and can spend some time to run a club- please contact the school office, we would love to hear from you.

**Bristol Sport Clubs:** Bristol Sport Clubs. Please click the link below to access the sign-up page.

<https://tickets.bristol-sport.co.uk/en-gb/categories/after-school-clubs>

**Volunteers:** Thank you to all those parents/ grandparents/family members who come into school to hear children read, learn times tables etc We are always looking for people, so if you feel like you would like to volunteer and can give a regular weekly slot, please let us know. We would love to get you involved and working alongside our children.

**Lunchbreak Supervisors:** We are always looking to increase our number of lunchtime supervisors. If you know anybody who would be interested in this role, please ask them to contact the school office.

#### Key Dates:

Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	FOSH Quiz Night
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents Evening #1 3:40 pm to 6:40 pm
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Parents Evening #2 3:40 pm to 6:40 pm
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	FOSH Christmas Wreath Making Night.
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Nativity 9:30 am -10:30 am
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Nativity 2 pm – 3pm

#### Well done to those children who were awarded a Celebration Certificate!

Holly class – Amelia, Olivia, Elliot, Nikita  
Beech class – Gabriela, Arlo, Martha, Ed  
Oak class – Lizzie, Obi, Zara, Parker

Ash class – Bronwyn, James, Sara, Seb  
Sycamore class – James, Ferlyn, Edward, Harrison  
Elm Class – Seth, Luca, Nithilan, Isaac

