

**From Mr Chappell** Welcome back to the new term. Thank you so much for all your attendance at the Parent/Carers meetings last week. It was great to see so many people, looking through your children's books and to hear all about the positives that are happening in school. Yesterday, once again we had prospective parents' tours, and it was always great to hear them talking about how great their tours have been (the year 6 house captains show them around) and how all the children are very calm and respectful. This is not something that can just be 'turned on' just when visitors are in school and shows that all our children do try to do their best and aspire to be Flying High. In the hustle and bustle of everyday school life this can sometimes be forgotten, but every staff member knows that ALL our children at St. Helen's are great! Finally, as parents/carers of Year 5 and 2 already know, we want to share the very exciting news that both Miss Adams and Miss Hurd are both expecting their second child and will start their maternity leave in March. I am sure you will join us, in sharing the warmest congratulations to them both and their partners. Very exciting news!



**'Be kind, polite and respectful'** is one of our school rules to enable our children to be Flying High. This is something that the vast majority of our children are able to adhere to and regulate their emotions, to enable them to 'Be kind, polite and respectful' and where some of our children can have additional support to ensure they strive for this. This also links in to our constant work in school, around how children behave to each other and their relationships with each other. We are really proud that the vast majority of children are respectful to each other and that their interactions are positive. This is something that you reflected upon in our

Parent/Carer survey in March about the behaviour of children and whether you felt there were difficulties with bullying in school. Over the last year or so we have only had a couple of official bullying incidents in which we have received requests to follow the school's bullying policy. **Please note unless we are clearly following our school anti-bullying policy- which starts by requesting the policy and a meeting with either myself or Mrs Simpson then it is not classed as a bullying incident.** We spend a lot of time with the children talking about what is bullying and this is something that you can help us with as well at home. A number of incidents that may happen in school 'children falling out, physical incidents between children (which are very rare in our school) inappropriate words being said/language being used – are not a sign of bullying. As far as we are concerned everyday is anti-bullying day- but it is important to know that next week is national anti-bullying week. Please contact us if you have any questions around this and if you do have any thoughts or worries please contact your class teacher. This anti-bullying week will be kicked off with **Odd Socks Day on Monday 13th November**, where adults and children wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique. Feel free to send your child in wearing odd socks.



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**House Points:** A huge congratulations to all children, who in Term 1 achieved together over 12,000 house points in term 1. Brabazon house will have extra play and will be able to wear their own clothes next Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November (suitable attire) as a treat. Well done to you all!

**1st Brabazon 3375**  
**2nd Concorde 3294**  
**3rd Britannia 3242**  
**4th Blenheim 3,030**





**Plane:** We continue edging ever closer to the library being open. In just the last week we have had some furniture gone in and a new air conditioning unit put in the plane. Several members of staff are now the designated 'library working' party and we hope to open the library to the children (and parents/carers) to start to use by the end of this term!



**Clubs:** it is amazing to see so many new clubs added to all our existing clubs again this term we have two new clubs- chess clubs and country dancing. This is to go alongside all the existing clubs that we had in Term 1 which as we discussed before were attended by well over 100 children. Please note there are still some spaces for some of our clubs - please contact the school office if you would like your child/ren to sign up for a club. I have had a couple of questions around clubs for EYFS. In our experience we have always found that the children in EYFS are not ready for an after school extra-curricular club, which may focus on multi-skills etc just yet. We will look to develop these clubs from the start of Term 4- but this will be in communciation with Bristol Sport.

**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>



**Attendance:** Thank you to everyone for your time and effort in ensuring if well enough your children are in school. Yesterday I attended a head's briefing and the local authority and indeed the DFE (Department of Education) are having a huge push (as they should be) on children's attendance across schools. We know that you do not want to send your child to school if they are not well enough to cope with a full day and we are really grateful for your continued support in ensuring that your children's attendance is as high as it possibly can be. At the moment- we have 143 children, whose attendance is above the school target of 97% - which is a great achievement. Once again to reiterate we cannot authorise any term time holidays.

<b>Key Dates:</b>	
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Photographs. (Individual and Sibling)
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	FOSH Hawaiian Christmas Fair 12pm to 3pm
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	FOSH Christmas Wreath Making Night
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Nativity 9:30am -10:30am
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Nativity 2pm – 3pm
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3 and 4 Christingle Service in Church 4pm.
<b>Inset Days:</b>	
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023</b>	
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2024	
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2024	

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

Holly class – Amber, Theo, Prithvicka, Jacob  
Beech class – Aria, Charlie, Charlie  
Oak class – Flora, Archie, James, Holly

Ash class – Elsie, Isabelle, Chloe, Hugo  
Sycamore class – Justin, Viola, Harry, Honey  
Elm Class – Zack, Imogen, Catherine, Ava

