

From Mr Chappell: The first few weeks of this term have been really busy as we continue to work as hard as we possibly can and also start to think about Christmas and all the different productions and services that will take place. Indeed in the space of an hour yesterday I encountered some amazing dancing in EYFS in PE in the Hall, saw some great writing from Year 1 children and then heard some lovely singing from Year 2! There really is so much going on in school every day! As we come to this busy time of the year, it is important not to forget all the important things that we have worked so hard over the years to develop in school. Please ensure your child's attendance is the best it possibly can be and that children are continuing to do the fundamental basics of reading daily at home and learning number facts!

The St Helen's community, children, families and staff - 'Flying High - Soar on wings like eagles'

Extra- Curricular Clubs: It has been amazing to see so many children taking up all the different opportunities for extra-curricular activities. Having finished Tag Rugby last Friday it was great to walk through the hall to hear the sounds of Mr Daniel's School choir and most importantly see the joy on the children's faces! So far this term, excluding EYFS children, we have a grand total of **77 children** doing at least one club a week. I would love to see this number increase to over 100 in Term 3. If any parents would like to discuss our clubs provision or have any ideas for clubs that we could try to get please contact the school. (Although with all the clubs we are doing, we are now short on space with some nights like Thursday – when the field, MUGA and Hall are all being used!) Please note there are still places left in a number of clubs particularly Bristol Sport Clubs. We are hoping to release our clubs for Term 3 in the next few weeks and there is the possibility of some additional clubs. We are also exploring the possibility of an external teacher running a French Club after school. To gauge the interest in this French club please email the office to register initial interest so we can see whether the numbers would be enough. To register for Bristol Sport Clubs –please click on the link below.

[Buy Tickets: Bristol Sport Ticketing \(bristol-sport.co.uk\)](https://bristol-sport.co.uk)

Clubs Last Night:



Football



Basketball



Dance

Parents Evening: Tuesday 15th and Thursday 17th November 4 pm to 7 pm. If you have yet to sign up for a parents' evening slot, please to do this before next Tuesday.

Behaviour Advice and Support

On the morning of **Wednesday 30th November** 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.



Photographs: Monday 14th November: A reminder that individual and Sibling photos will be taken in school by Tulip Photography on Monday 14th November. Unfortunately as in previous years we will not be able to cater for any pre-school or younger siblings, it is just for school based children.

Book Fair: The travelling book fair will be in school for the week from Monday 14th November to Thursday 17th November. Please note; The Book Fair are encouraging payments be made by the scanning of a QR code at the fair and paying online rather than using cash. The book fair will be situated in the library for the week- due to clubs and parents evening.



Children In Need Day: Friday 18th November: Next Friday we will be taking part in BBC's Children in Need Day. The theme is 'Be Spotacular'. Children can come to school dressed in anything spotty or any other non-school uniform for a donation of **£1**. As usual for all our non- school uniform days, please ensure that footwear and clothing are suitable for the daily routine of school.



Anti-Bullying Week 2022: Reach Out

Next week is the designated national anti-bullying week across the country with the theme of 'reaching out.' As a class teacher, my mantra was always that **every week and every day- should be 'anti-bullying'** and that it is the responsibility of everyone linked to school; children, staff and parents, to work together to help solve problems, if and when they do exist. As a school we are very proud that in our last OFSTED parent view survey, parents felt strongly that on the rare occasions of bullying in school, incidents were dealt with successfully, quickly and effectively and this is normally the case when incidents or difficulties that children may be having are brought to our attention quickly. If you have **any concerns** please let your class teacher know. As part of our value for this term – Forgiveness - we will next week in assembly focus on how we develop positive relationships, help each other, and remind children of the differences between an occasional fall out with a friend and what constitutes bullying.

Update from FOSH - Friends of St Helen's News

Note for your dairies: School Christmas Fair - Saturday 3rd December 2022

Well done to those children who were awarded the Values' shield last week for Perseverance in Term 1:

Holly class – Rufus	Ash class – James
Beech class – Elliott	Sycamore class – Lexi-Mae
Oak class – Kai	Elm class – Oliver H



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

Holly class – Molly, Gabriela, Martha	Ash class – Harry, Cole, Honey
Beech class – Bavisha, Ciara, Amelia-Rose	Sycamore class – Isaac Imogen, Rose
Oak class – Bea, Avah, Diego	Elm class – Emelia, Selby, Frankie



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