

**From Mr Chappell** I cannot believe that we are only three weeks away from the end of term. The last couple of weeks have been extremely busy but the children continue to make really good progress from their starting points in September. Indeed, over the last few weeks we have had a number of visitors into school, who have reflected on how great our children are, for example a temporary cook in the kitchen, who has been helping out this week, talked about how polite and well- mannered the children are, which is something our great cooks Hannah and Heather always say to me, about how polite the children are. This is really pleasing to hear and as we move to the excitement of Christmas and all the things that this brings- it is important that the children remain focussed on what it means to be Flying High at all times.



A huge thank you to Emma Gordan, a parent in Year 2 who gave up her whole day yesterday, to spend the time in school taking photographs in order for us to improve and update our school website. The lovely pictures (like the one above) are a number of years old and it will be great to be able to get more up to date pictures on the website and in our school environment of children who are attending now. We have a list of children that cannot be on the website and will be ensuring that none of these children appear. We have a list that is updated regularly of any children who cannot be on social media or websites outside of school control, but please let us know, if you want to add your child to this list or even if your child was once on this list and feel it is okay for them now to have their image in the public domain. We look forward to seeing the photos soon and then getting them on the website and also in our school environment. The children certainly had great fun at lunch time – trying to be photographed doing lots of amazing things!

**Christmas @ St.Helen's** – Please remember to support our amazing FOSH team in the events below:



Please click on the link to take you to the Raffle Draw: <https://raffall.com/347952/enter-raffle-to-win-reindeer-rainbow-hampers-hosted-by-claire-gregory>

Attending these events or by offering to support and volunteer is crucial for FOSH and helps support the school in purchasing new items. In the last week – we have received some new playground games equipment and the outdoor music system you would have seen on Class Dojo is a huge part of the children's enjoyment at lunchtime. Thanks FOSH!



**Last** week we explored the anti-bullying them ‘Make a noise about bullying.’ With this in mind it was great to speak to Luca in Year 6, who took it upon himself to design his own anti-bullying poster that will now be displayed around school. If there are any other children who would like to design a poster for us to put around school reminding everyone of their responsibilities on this. Just this week we also received our NSPCC certificate after the children in Year 5 and 6, participated in a workshop with the NSPCC on staying safe.



Keeping children safe at St.Helen’s is our number one priority- if you have any concerns around bullying or the safeguarding of any children please contact as, as soon as possible.

**Curriculum Showcase: Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December:** It was so nice to see so many people for our end of term ‘open’ classrooms. At the end of this term we will be having a whole school curriculum showcase, which involves a showcase within the hall for some year groups and enables you, as families to go around the whole school from class to class so that you can see what is going on for our topic of ‘rights and responsibilities.’ Please ensure that you keep this date in your diaries as it is always a great occasion to take a look right across the school and the children enjoy showing their work.

<b>Key Dates:</b>	
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	FOSH Hawaiian Christmas Fair 12pm to 3pm
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	FOSH Christmas Wreath Making Night
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Curriculum Showcase after school.
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>	
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	
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 – Ava, Berry, Barnaby, Lakshan  
 Beech class – Lucas, Ella, Louie, Eva  
 Oak class – Bavisha, Clara, George, Rosa

Ash class – Everly, Sienna, Bronnie, Dougie  
 Sycamore class – Pixie, Emily, Chloe, Lily  
 Elm Class – Bonnie, Lexi-Mae, Casey, Charlotte

