

From Mr Chappell: There is only one place to start this week and that is about the fantastic effort of everyone involved to get the library plane on our school site. It has been a phenomenal effort from so many people to enable us to edge ever closer to the library being open. It has been a very long time coming, but the fact that we can physically see the plane on site means that there is 'light at the end of the tunnel' and we are nearly there! The plane itself has garnered a lot of media attention from being on the website of BBC Newsround to being the talk of Twitter. Indeed one of our teachers who has a Twitter account posted the picture and had a mind blowing 1.6 million views of their post. This is amazing to think about how many people are seeing the great effort that has been put in place to get this going and although it gathered a lot of media attention we cannot but remember that the purpose of this plane is to expose children to the magic and love of books! Reading really is the most magical thing that we can do- and no matter how tricky we can find reading, we want all children to all be able to read something for their own ability. Hopefully the Library plane will inspire children to pick up something that interests them – magazines, comics, non-fiction, fiction- it really doesn't matter just love reading!



Spelling Programme KS2: Thank you so much for your support this week as we have implemented a new spelling programme across KS2 linked to the work of KS1's Read Write Inc. This programme will see greater consistency across the whole school in the fact that the sequence in the classroom will be the same in every year group as the children work their way through a number of different challenges. Please look out for the log book that has been coming home and help children to rehearse some of their words that they have been given.

Attendance: At the end of Term 2 our attendance as whole school stood at 95.8% this is significantly lower than our aspirational yearly target of 97% however we are fully aware of all the illnesses that have been going around recently. Thank you for your continued support in this as we know that regular attendance is linked to the good progress and achievement of children. Can we remind you all, **that we cannot authorise any holiday requests during term time.** More information about attendance and the expectations can be found on our school website.

<https://www.sthelensprimary.org.uk/our-school/attendance/>

Behaviour Advice and Support:

On the morning of **Wednesday 25th January** 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. If you have previously seen Vicky and would like further support, feel free to book in again.

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.

Prayers Spaces and Gardening club: You would have hopefully noticed on the KS1 playground a number of fencing changes that we have had put up over the Christmas period. This is to ensure that the garden area is more of a focal point as a separate allotment which will be worked on further by the gardening club, whilst the area in front of the Muga that has been fenced, is to create our first ever outdoor prayer space. This is a piece of work that Mrs Tweehuysen alongside others will be working on over the next term and we cannot wait to start using it. When its finished it will be used as a quiet reflection area.

Lunch Break Supervisor: We currently have a Lunch break supervisor role available. If you feel you would be able to work in school, for 6.25 hrs, please contact us – we would love to hear from you! If you know anyone in the local community please pass on the link to our eteach advert. <https://www.eteach.com/job/lunchbreak-supervisor-1299712?lang=en-GB&frmsrh=Y> Working with the children at lunchtimes (like anytime) is really rewarding and we would love to fill this role.

New members of staff: We are delighted to welcome to the St Helen's staff community two new members of staff, Mrs Southcott, who has taken on the role of 1:1 SEND Teaching assistant and Miss Phipps, who is working alongside Mrs Eades in the office.

Marlwood School Quiz 'n' Chips!



Message from Marlwood FOMS: (Friends of Marlwood) Quiz and Chips Friday 27th January 6 pm start.

Value for this Term:



This term we will be focussing in school on the value SERVICE.
We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together.

End of Term Curriculum Showcase: It was great to see so many people pop into school at the end of the last term to have a look at your child's work as part of our Connected Curriculum. There were so many positive comments and feedback about what the children had been doing and how they had shared their voice as a Brave Change maker. Each long term we will be developing a display in the hall to showcase all the great work that has been going on and the impact of our work.



Well done to those children who were awarded a certificate today and last week and the Values shield.

Cherry Class- Elijah, Berry, Harry, Amelie

Holly class – Quinn, Dom, Elle, Liam,

Beech class – Amelia-Rose, Marley, Finlay, Neve

Oak class - Sara, Chloe, Hugo,

Ash class – Ferlyn, Henry, Eden, Peaches,

Sycamore class – Toby, Imogen, Bonnie, Frankie,

Elm class – Isabel, Charlotte, Phoebe, Sophie,

