

**From Mr Chappell**

I would like to start this newsletter by saying a huge thank you to everybody who has continued to support the school in so many different ways over the last few weeks, whether as a staff member or a family supporting your child at home with their learning. The team effort in the St Helen's community has been magnificent and for me to read so many supportive and positive messages on Class Dojo and Tapestry, has shown the strength of our working relationships. As you are aware, the government have this week released plans to allow more children back into school. This is something that we have planned for and have communicated our thoughts to you over the last few days. We are hoping to let you have our final plans by the middle of next week. You may have many questions at this moment and we are in the process of developing a series of communication forms and these will be shared with you next week. In the meantime, please remember that if you have any concerns or questions, do not hesitate to contact us and we will try to help. Take care and stay safe.

<http://www.sthelensprimaryalveston.org.uk/safeguarding/>

**The St Helen's community, children, families and staff - 'Flying High - Soar on Wings Like Eagles'**



The school was 'visited' this week by the Times Table Rockstar Legend Matt 'Mad' Bianco, who brought a number of his TTRS friends along with him, to encourage the children to keep learning their Timestables facts in their battle with St Mary's. This seems to have worked, and the children of StHelen's have done us proud, with a resounding lead on average scores.

Keep going with TTRS!

1	St Helen's Church Of England Primary School, Bristol	1,300
2	St Mary's Church Of England Primary School, Yate	955

Well done to everybody who has contributed to this, but a huge well done in particular to Katie T in Year 6 who was the top scorer in both schools with an amazing score of 26,464 questions right! A special mention also to Tom P and Charlotte P who also made the top ten of children in both schools, and to Harry M in Year 4, who gave Mr Leeming his first ever defeat in TTRS battle. Well done, Harry – what an achievement!

RESULTS				Speed
Who		Green	Red	
1	Harry M	117	0	0.51
2	Mad Bianco	102	1	0.59

**TTRS Challenge to all children**

Can you beat your own personal best? Mr Chappell will be looking on TTRS this week, specifically for every child who improves their time this week, and they will receive a very special certificate.

## FINAL TOTAL

A HUGE THANK YOU to everybody who donated to our Colonel Tom challenge. When we started this idea as a partnership with St Mary's, we were hoping to raise £1000 for



Southmead Hospital and we ended raising an amazing £11,650. This is a fantastic effort that everybody in both schools should be extremely proud of and it was great to see so many different and unique challenges.

Well done everyone!



## School Learning

Thank you for all you are doing to help your child with their learning at home. We appreciate this can be a tricky time, and trying to get your child to do things that we or you are providing can be difficult. Every child is different and you will find a routine and structure that works for you.

What works for you and your child is best and this may mean doing more work on some days than other days. The important thing is to try and do the core skills we outlined last week: Maths, Reading, Writing and Spelling. If you need any further help or support with home learning, please email us and we will try to help.



## Safeguarding

During the closure, I will continue with my reminder about safeguarding: It is imperative that if you have any concerns you contact the school or South Gloucestershire's Access and Response Team. Our greatest priority as a school is to always ensure the safety, well-being and happiness of all our children. In these unprecedented times, and during the school closure, the safeguarding of all our children remains our number one priority.

We will continue to support our families through different means: whether by frequent phone calls, class Zoom meetings, emails and, when necessary, face to face house visits (with social distancing protocols). We are also continuing to work with external agencies during this period of closure. If you have any safeguarding concerns regarding our children, please contact us as a matter of urgency. Mr Chappell is the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) and Mr Spens is Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL). Throughout the closure we are contactable at all times via the school email: [sthelensprimary@sgmail.org.uk](mailto:sthelensprimary@sgmail.org.uk). South Gloucestershire Council's Safeguarding Access and Response Team (ART) is also available to report concerns about a child: 01454 866000 Monday to Thursday 9.00 am – 5.00 pm (4.30 on Friday) and 01454 615165 out of hours and at weekends.

This is a challenging time for many reasons and there may be some families who need additional support, so if you have **ANY** questions or concerns please feel free to contact us and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

## Celebration Assembly

Well done to those children who have achieved certificates over the last few weeks. Thank you to everybody for all their hard work! Congratulations to our certificate winners:

Cherry Class – Chloe and Dougie	Becky and Bronnie	Ash Class – Harley and Harriet	Alfie and Evie
Holly Class – Luke and James	Emily R and Mia	Sycamore Class – Niyumi and Max M	Katie H and Alexander
Beech Class – Charlotte and Isaac	Luca and Casey	Elm Class – Katie T and Libby	Alekss and Alice H
Oak Class – Emily and Emilia	Lacey and Phoebe		



**Working in partnership with St Mary's Primary School, Yate**

**'Growing together, pursuing life in all its fullness'**



## Quiz Night Answers

We showed these baby photographs in the last newsletter and asked you to guess the member of staff! The answers are below. How many did you get correct?

1) Miss Kitching	2) Miss Clarke	3) Mr Chappell
		
4) Madame Kossmann	5) Mrs Browning	6) Miss Adams
		
7) Mrs Collier	8) Miss Hurd	9) Mrs Boffin
		
10) Mr Spens		
		

