

## From Mr Chappell

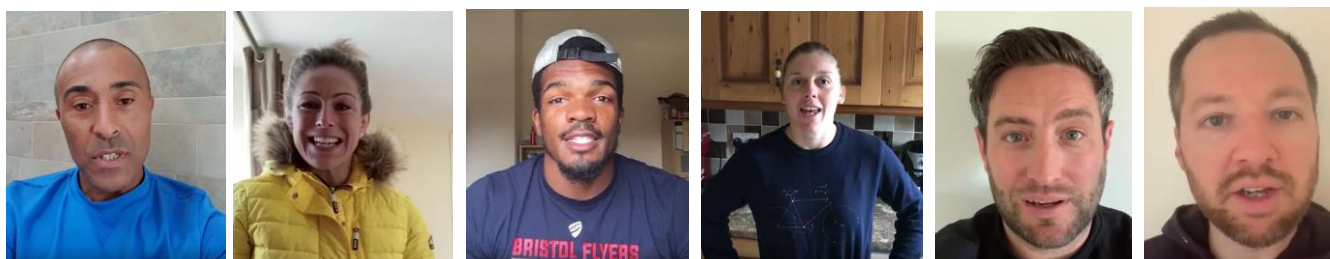
At the start of the closures I expressed that we would try to produce a brief newsletter each week, so that we could stay connected. This we have managed to do, and once again I want to say a huge thank you to the whole St Helen's community - children, parents and teachers - for the continuous interaction that I am seeing in so many different forms, whether through messages via Tapestry and Class Dojo, phone calls home, emails, Zoom meetings, there has been an immense effort from everyone. It has very much been St Helen's Flying High Above and Beyond! This contact has been so important and we will continue to maintain this, as we know the lockdown can be tricky. With this in mind, over the weekend we will be setting up links to websites for you to use if you want help in areas such as looking after your mental or physical health. These are websites that are being recommended by South Gloucestershire Council and we will put these on our safeguarding page. <http://www.sthelensprimaryalveston.org.uk/safeguarding/> A reminder that if you have any concerns or questions- please do not hesitate to contact us. Take care and stay safe.

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



A HUGE THANK YOU to everybody who has donated to our Colonel Tom challenge. As I write this newsletter, the current total stands at an amazing **£7122**, which far surpasses our expectations. When we started this idea as a partnership with St. Mary's, we were hoping to raise £1000 for Southmead Hospital, with a day still to go, who knows what our end total will be? Thank you to all the children who have persevered with their challenges, we have loved watching them and have been so impressed with the variety of activities. Thank you also to the staff, who

engaged so enthusiastically with the challenges and also used a range of different contacts to reach out to some sporting legends to give us some encouragement. On Twitter this week we have heard from:



Colin Jackson CBE   Sally Conway   Marcus Delpeche   Heather Knight OBE   Lee Johnson   Ben Garner

It has been amazing, to hear the encouraging words from these Sporting Legends, and hopefully it has inspired the children to reach great heights!



Thank you also to everybody engaging on the platform Class Dojo. The number of photos and video shared this week has been huge, with over 1,000 posts. It has been great to see the connections being maintained between children, teachers and parents.

We have been made aware that there is an opportunity on their website, or in their notifications, for parents to organise a 'Free 7 day trial of a 'Whole Class Dojo Experience – Class Dojo Beyond School'. Please note that this is **NOT** something we recommend. A parent has alerted us to the fact that they were charged an amount for this 'free trial' so please be aware of this, and only use the system that we have put in place already.

*Please note EYFS will continue to use Tapestry and there are no plans to change this.*

## Home Learning

Thank you for everything that 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.



**Please note that, from Monday, the White Rose Maths worksheets** will not be able to be accessed from the White Rose website. The video tutorials will still be accessed from this site, but the **worksheets will be found on our website**, as they have stopped the free access to the worksheets.

## 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). Please note that we are also continuing to work with external agencies during this period of closure. With this in mind please remember that if you have any safeguarding concerns regarding our children, please contact us as a matter of urgency. I am 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 were invited to a special Zoom Celebration assembly earlier today. Thank you to everybody for all their hard work! Congratulations to our certificate winners this week:

Cherry Class – Oliver and Bea  
Holly Class – Willis and Edward  
Beech Class – Nithilan and Olivia  
Oak Class – Charlotte and Jacob

Ash Class – Harry C and Levi  
Sycamore Class – Poppy and Charlie N  
Elm Class – Alice and Evie



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



## Quiz Night

Last night we held a Zoom School Quiz night for parents. Questions ranged from EYFS, with questions about Nursery rhymes, to Geography and identifying different countries from their outlines and some clues, with a few other fun rounds thrown in. The dressing up round was, in particular, very entertaining and we enjoyed seeing the different outfits and costumes that parents changed into, with only four minutes' notice to do so! Well done to the winners - the Ponting family! My thanks go to everyone who joined us, it was a very enjoyable night.

One round that was good fun was 'guess the staff' from their baby photos! With kind permission of the staff these photos are below. Can you guess who they are? Which baby is which teacher? Answers in next week's newsletter.

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10)			Which baby is which staff member?					
								