

From Mr Chappell

It has been another very busy week at St Helen's and the children have continued to settle into their new year groups really well. I have enjoyed seeing so many lovely examples of great learning and the children's 'Flying High' attitude. Indeed the focus and enthusiasm of our children has really impressed all the members of staff, and we are set up for another great year!

As you may know, one of our main visions for this year is to take our 'Flying High' ethos outside onto the playground and the children have tried really hard over the last few weeks to do this. Yesterday it was great to see so many children playing with the different activities provided by our play leaders including the chalk, which I'm sure you must have seen if you have walked across the playground. To watch our younger children being helped by the older children to draw and write was a joy to behold and I was even more 'blown away' when I saw a number of children writing our values and vision 'Flying High' in chalks on the playground. When that happens on their own accord - that's when you really know we have children who understand our belief that all children can aim high! Have a great weekend!



Year 6 Trip to Dean Field Studies Centre

Once again our Year 6 children amazed us with their great maturity, team work and encouragement for each other when they attended Dean Field Study Centre last week for their school camp. The children demonstrated so many of our school values throughout the week. Quite simply- they were brilliant and a credit to our school.



"I enjoyed camp because we learnt how to be independent and showed perseverance towards the challenging activities we had to conquer."
Neve

St Mary's and St Helen's Partnership update from Mr Spens:

Firstly, thank-you so much to all of the parents who attended our 'Back to School' Evening this week. It was great to have the opportunity to share some of our plans for this year and a really good chance to meet your child's class teacher to find out more about the year. Thanks, as ever, for your support.

On Monday, we will be beginning an exciting curriculum development project with St Mary's. Mr Adams and Miss Hurd will be working with two teachers from St Mary's, alongside a teaching and learning consultant, to look at the design and implementation of our curriculum and how we can work across the schools to enrich the curriculum and the opportunities for children. We'll update you more on this as the term progresses. Have a great weekend!

Friends of St Helen's – Annual General Meeting – Monday 7th October

Our AGM is on 7th October at 7pm at The Ship, Alveston, so please come along and find out a little more about what we do and meet the team. Everyone is very welcome! We are looking to introduce two new parent/carer representatives from each year group. If you are interested in joining and becoming a representative for your child's year, please contact our chair, Rebecca Meredith: 07827 585058 / rebeccameredith68@yahoo.com

House Captains: We are delighted to introduce our new House Captains for this year.



Brabazon: Neve and Joe



Concorde: Evie and Libby



Blenheim: Alice H and Alice M



Britannia: Lilie and Nathanael

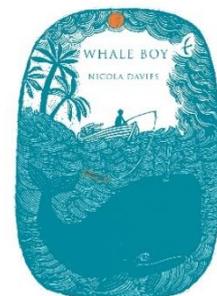
Emotional Wellbeing

Last week the school nurse, Angela Gardner, and Mr Chappell, held the first workshop: 'Supporting you and your child's emotional wellbeing'. Developed by Mark Allen (Public Health & Wellbeing, South Gloucestershire Council), Pat Carr and Allison Fry (School Health Nursing) and Claire Morris (The Park Primary School), the programme, looks at supporting parents' and children's well-being. On Monday we will be holding our second session, starting at 1:45pm. Please feel free to come along. This session will look at common emotional issues in children and how to respond as parents.

Nicola Davies, Author

On **Monday 23rd September**, Nicola Davies, author of 'Whale Boy' and 'A First Book of Nature' among many others, will be visiting the school. She will be talking to the KS2 children about inspiration for their own writing and also enthusing them about the joy of reading. During the day, she will be running different workshops with all the children in KS2.

At the end of the day, there will be an opportunity to purchase one of Nicola's books and get it signed by her. If your child already owns any of Nicola's books they can bring those in and she will be happy to sign them. Nicola will be in the Hall at 3.30pm.



Parking

Please could we politely remind parents to park responsibly in the mornings and afternoons outside the school. We know that it can get extremely congested in the car park and on the road, but please could we ask parents to help ensure the safety of our children by:

- Not leaving the car engine running for long periods of time when dropping off/picking up.
- Showing respect to others by not parking on corners, blocking driveways, on pavements or over the yellow lines.
- Driving slowly and carefully around the vicinity of the school.

Thank-you for your support with this.

Data Collection

Your children will be bringing home today a copy of the information we hold for you on our database. Please would you check this information, make any amendments, and return to the school office as soon as possible. You will find a copy of our Privacy Notice of our website.

Aldi's Kit for Schools

Please help us collect stickers to complete our poster and claim a sports kit! We also have a chance to win £20,000!

Attendance

Congratulations to Cherry and Ash classes who both had 100% attendance last week. The school total was 98.6%.
Congratulations to Beech class with 100% attendance this week. The school total was 96.3%

Congratulations to our certificate winners last week and this week:

Holly Class – Michael, Honey, Olly and April

Beech Class – Ross, Fendi and Isaac

Oak Class – Charlotte, Phoebe, Sophie and Seth

Ash Class – Sehyun, Cody, Harvey and Sam C

Sycamore Class – Cameron, Evelyn, Will and Kyle

Elm Class – Jack and Aleks

Out of school achievements

- Harry in Oak class has achieved his Level 4 and 15 metres distance swimming award.
- Phoebe in Oak class has achieved her Level 5 swimming award.
- Willow was awarded the 'Effort Trophy' this week for her amazing gymnastics
- Cerys completed a 5K 'Bubble Rush' to raise money for Bristol Children's Hospital