

From Mr Chappell

'Flying High is the vision that sits at the heart of St Helen's Primary School'

Hopefully by now you have read the school's OFSTED report that came out on Monday. It is a fantastic achievement for the whole school community; we should all be extremely proud. The opening line from the OFSTED report (above) is something that we feel very proud about, as it encapsulates the culture and vision we have worked so hard to foster for all our children. The amount of hard work that all our staff members put in, day in day out and the relationships we have developed together as a school community, was something that shone through the two days of inspection. The fact that our children remarked about how much they loved school is something we are particularly pleased with. It is a great accolade for our school but we now look forward to moving on to the next chapter of our school's development as we aim even higher. As we talk about in school: **'Flying High - Soar on wings like eagles'**

Numbots

A really good understanding of key number facts is crucial for children to develop their fluency skills in Maths and, following the success of Times Tables Rockstars, we are delighted to introduce another online resource to inspire your children in Maths. KS1 children have this week been introduced to Numbots, which helps to develop the quick recall of number facts and it was great to walk through the computer suite to see Year 6 children working with their buddies in Reception on this new programme.



Girls' Football Team

Well done to the girls' football team who made it through to the third round of the Cup after a very exciting 3-1 win on penalties v Mangotsfield Primary. This was after a great match which saw the girls winning 4-2 with only 5 minutes left, before finally drawing 4-4. A special mention to Evie R in Year 4 who scored all 4 goals!



Emergency arrangements for severe weather

If a decision is made to close the school due to severe weather, we will endeavour to notify all parents by text. School closure will also be notified on the school website, the South Gloucestershire Council website and local radio stations. Please note that, if the school is closed, there will be **no Breakfast Club**. Do check that the school is open **before** allowing your child(ren) to walk to school unaccompanied or you drop your child(ren) off.

Uniform

As with our classroom expectations we want to uphold the highest standards and want the best for all our children. With this in mind, it has become increasingly noticeable that more and more of our children are not adhering to the school uniform policy. On our website there is information about the policy, please have a read if you are unsure of our uniform and PE kit guidelines. The link is: <http://www.sthelensprimaryalveston.org.uk/uniform/>

Cakes and Sweets

Reminder: We ask parents not to send in cakes, snacks or sweets into class. Thank you for your understanding with this.

Term dates

Term 3: Monday 6th January 2020 to Friday 14th February 2020

Term 4: Monday 24th February 2020 to Friday 3rd April 2020

Term 5: Monday 20th April 2020 to Friday 22nd May 2020

Term 6: Monday 1st June 2020 to Friday 17th July 2020 (Monday 20th July is an INSET day)

2020/21

Term 1: Inset days: Tuesday 1st September & Wednesday 2nd September

Thursday 3rd September 2020 to Friday 23rd October 2020

Term 2: Monday 2nd November 2020 to Friday 18th December 2020

Term 3: Monday 4th January 2021 to Friday 12th February 2021

Term 4: Monday 22nd February 2021 to Thursday 1st April 2021

Term 5: Monday 19th April 2021 to Friday 28th May 2021

Term 6: Monday 7th June 2021 to Wednesday 21st July 2021

Attendance

Congratulations to Oak class who had 100% attendance last week. The school total was 97.6%.

Congratulations again to Oak class who had 99.3% this week. The school total was 96.3%

Congratulations to our certificate winners last week and this week:

Cherry Class – Bronwyn, Ruben, Emilia and Isabelle

Holly Class – Luke, Lola, Bear and James

Beech Class – Imogen S, Nithilan, Frankie and Billie

Oak Class – Charlie, Isaac, William and Laura

Ash Class – Sam D and Alfie

Sycamore Class – William and Charlie H

Elm Class – Miles, Esther and Isla



Out of school achievements

- April in Holly class has achieved her Level 3 in swimming.
- Fendi in Beech class has achieved her Level 2 in swimming.

Friends of St Helen's

Children's Disco – Friday 7th February

KS1 6pm to 7pm – KS2 7.15pm to 8.15pm

£3 per child, to include refreshments



Mojo - Family Friendly Muddy Madness race – Sunday 29th March

2k course for younger children (£6.50) and 5k course for 7 years and old (£12.50)

Mojo will donate £1 per entry to the school nominated by each individual.

There will be a Super-Hero theme and every participant receives a medal. There will be other activities and refreshments on-site for spectators. For more information visit: <https://www.mojoactive.co.uk/muddy-madness>

Bicycle Health Check

Repair Café – St Helen's Church - Saturday 15th February - 10am to 1pm

Volunteers on hand to repair your broken possessions. New! Bring your bicycle for a health check.

Supported by Alveston Parish Council and the Alveston Community Forum.

<https://repaircafe.org/en> <https://Alveston.org>