

## From Mr Chappell

Being out on the playground every lunchtime this week, it has been great to see our value for this term, 'Generosity', being displayed in so many different situations, as the children play alongside children in other year groups. Coming together for assemblies and playtimes has been one of the most magical moments about coming back this year. The staff at lunchtime have remarked upon how great the behaviour has been as children get used to sharing equipment (such as the lego and sports equipment), interacting with each other and forging new friendships. The pictures below show how the children are mixing as a whole school community, which is something that we have always been very proud about at St Helen's. Well done to all the children for their excellent start to the year.

## Flying High at St Helen's



## 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 visited Dean Field Studies Centre last week for their 'camp'. The children demonstrated so many of our school values throughout the week. Quite simply, they were brilliant and a credit to our school. A huge thank you to all the staff members who joined the children and made it such an enjoyable week. Thank you to Mr Adams, Mrs Kossmann, Mrs Novak, Mrs Browning and Mrs Sunderland.



## House Captains

We know that all our Year 6 children aspire to be great role models to other children around the school and have the responsibility for so many roles. This week our House Captains and Deputy House Captains have been selected. Well done to those who were chosen for these roles.



**Concorde:** Sam, Xander, Emma      **Blenheim:** Hudson, Harley, Ellie

**Britannia:** Cody, Harriet, Max      **Brabazon:** Sam, Evie, Bede

## New Governors wanted – message from Neil Martin, Chair of Governors

The Board of Governors is looking for new membership, and we would love to hear from you. We are recruiting parent governors, but we would welcome applications from non-parents/carers too as we have current and upcoming vacancies in other positions on the Board. So please mention this opportunity to friends, grandparents or anyone else you think would make a good governor. We will be circulating more information next week, but in the meantime visit the school's website. <https://www.sthelensprimary.org.uk/our-school/governors/>.

There is also some general information about being a governor on South Gloucestershire Council's website <https://beta.southglos.gov.uk/become-a-school-governor/> If you have any questions, please see me at the Parents' Evening on 29<sup>th</sup> September or in the playground the following morning. You can also contact the governors at [governors.sthelensprimary@gmail.com](mailto:governors.sthelensprimary@gmail.com)

### Meet the Teacher and SLT

Thank you to everybody who attended the 'Meet the Teacher' zoom meetings. Next Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> September, we would like to invite you to a zoom meeting with the Senior Leadership team when we will share *Welcome to Holly Class* a few things about our roles and the vision for this year. This meeting will start at 6pm and should be finished by 6.30pm; a zoom code will be sent out next week.



### Reading

As part of the 'Meet the Teacher' meetings you will have heard about the importance of hearing your children read every night. Please ensure that you set aside 10 to 20 minutes every day to sit in a quiet place together to help your children's reading development. The enjoyment of reading is something that we aspire to for all children at St Helen's and by encouraging your children to read at home, you can play your part.

### Flying Home Plane Project Update



Over the summer, the first phase of the plane project was completed and we are now waiting for it to be delivered to Filton, where the second phase of work will take place. Mr Spens and Mr Richards went to see the plane during the holidays and were pleased with the progress. In Filton, the plane will be kitted out inside, the graphics will be installed on the outside and some apprentices from GKN will get to work on the cockpit. We also have a staircase to be manufactured, concrete to be laid and electrics to be prepared. We will keep you informed over the next few weeks as the project comes together!

### Calling all ECO Warriors! Message from Mrs Baxter, School Governor

St Helen's Church needs you! A 'Bug Hotel' is being installed in the churchyard tomorrow, 25<sup>th</sup> September, from 2pm to 4pm and help is needed to fill the 'Hotel', ready for all the mini beasts that need a home. Helpers are invited to the Vicarage garden afterwards, where there will be refreshments, a raffle, stalls, children's activities from Church groups and music by Thornblowers. We look forward to seeing you!

**Singing Club (KS2):** Tamsin Birch started the St Helen's Church Singing Club this week. Tamsin is an Opera Singer who studied at the Royal Academy of Music, but loves to sing all types of music. All KS2 children are invited to go along on Wednesdays at 3.30pm; more information is available from the school office.



### Safeguarding

Our greatest priority is to always ensure the safety, well-being and happiness of all our children. The safeguarding of all our children remains our number one priority always. If you have any safeguarding concerns regarding our children, please contact us as a matter of urgency. I am the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) (Mr.Chappell) and Mr Spens is Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL). We are always 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.

### Well done to those children who were awarded a certificate today and last week.

Holly class – Clara, Bavisha, Ciara, Marley

Ash class – Toby, Amelia, Amber, Seth

Beech class – Bavilan, Sara, Elizabeth, Elsie-Lou

Sycamore class – Cerys, Jonathan, Charlie, Oliver H

Oak class – Willis, Bear, Edward, Henry

Elm class – Oliver, Aimee



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