

From Mr Chappell

Supporting your children with their learning and working in partnership with school is crucial to your children's education, so we would like to say a huge thank you to every single person, who continues to spend time with their children on their home learning. Over the last few years we have stripped back the expectations for home learning to the core basics and activities linked to our fantastic Connected Curriculum. It is imperative that the work we do in school is then consolidated at home by regular reading such as phonics and key words revision, and learning multiplication facts in numerous different ways including Times Tables Rockstars. In the New Year we will be looking at revamping our Homework expectations to simplify even further and will be asking for any feedback from you as parents and carers about the current expectations we have as a school. Look out for this after Christmas but, in the meantime, please continue to support your children by taking the time to reinforce their reading daily to develop good learning habits. Thank you for your continued support!

Sporting Clubs: It has been so nice to get back to running clubs and entering competitions against other schools. In just the last week, we have been involved in the following events:



Sports Hall Athletics



Boys Football Match



Girls Football Match

What has been noticeable throughout all the times I have accompanied these children or refereed them, is the way they all conduct themselves in the most impeccable ways, demonstrating all our school values. Well done to everyone who has recently represented the school in these events! Tonight all the boys who have yet to play in a league game, will play in a friendly match against Crossways Primary. Good luck boys!

OPAL

The children continue to have great fun at break times with a wide assortment of equipment, games and loose parts!



Look at the all the fun below with so many different pieces of equipment and games!

We are always looking for donations of games such as lego, duplo or playmobile, and loose parts such as guttering and tyres. We are also looking for small sand pits and small tents for den building! If you are thinking of getting rid of anything like this, please do not hesitate to speak to me! The playtimes at St Helen's have certainly been changed and we look forward to some further excitement in the new year!

Children in Need fundraising

Thank you for supporting our fundraising – we collected £265 for Children in Need by inviting children to wear 'non uniform' for the day. It was great to see Pudsey in school!



FOSH Christmas Information: Christmas Book Fair

In light of current Covid restrictions, the FOSH will again be running different events over Christmas. Please see the message below about the first event to raise funds for the school.



Message from FOSH: To promote reading for pleasure, we are very excited to share that we are having a virtual Christmas Book Fair on Thursday 2nd December at 8pm. This Fair is being organised in conjunction with our local Usborne Partner, Lucy Viner. Every book purchased will go towards commission for free books for our school. For every £10 you spend in books for your family, Usborne will donate up to £6 in free books. This is a fabulous way for us to obtain new books, especially as the arrival of our new aeroplane library is imminent. Please do come along! The link for the event is as follows and goes live on the date of the event.

<https://fb.me/e/164M85Bd6>



Or you can scan this QR code from any mobile device to be taken straight to the event:

Books can be purchased at the event and all payments will be made via a secure electronic payment link. Books will then be sent home with your child from school, in time for Christmas. As this is a fundraising event, please do invite other friends and family members to come along. It's the perfect opportunity to do some Christmas shopping! We look forward to having lots more books for your child to read, share and enjoy.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH Wednesday 15th December



Glazed roast turkey or Sage & onion quorn log
Roast potatoes, sticky pigs, Christmas trimmings tray bake
Christmas cookie roll or Mince pie chocolate brownie



Please book using Aspens Select, in the usual way

INSET DAYS

Our remaining INSET days for this academic year are Monday 14th March and Friday 27th May 2022.

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

Cherry Class – Elana, Liam, Ed, Liliana
Holly class – Helen, Scarlett R, Neve, Rosa
Beech class – Parker, Everly, Kai, Isabelle
Oak class – Honey, Luke, Mia, Abigail

Ash class – Lewis, Darcy, Fernando, Lewis
Sycamore class – Sophia, Olly T, Issac, Sophie
Elm class – Bouthayna, Harrison, Evie, Harry C



Out of school achievement

Harley in Elm class recently competed for her gymnastics club in the West Country League and scored highest overall for her floor routine and second highest overall for all 4 apparatus combined. A fantastic achievement! Well done, Harley.



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