

From Mr Spens:

It's been a great week in school and so good to start welcoming back some of our children from Years 2-5 for a 45 minute session in our marquee with their current teacher. Over the next few weeks, we hope to see every child from Years 2-5.

Parents and carers will have received a letter from Mr Chappell and myself this week with some initial thoughts about September. The government guidance for schools came out yesterday and we are now beginning to work on plans for September as a team of leaders from both schools, working alongside our governors. As our letter to you stated, we'll aim to write to you by Monday 20th July with detailed plans for September including timings for pickup and drop-off, breakfast club and after school club arrangements and a mechanism for gathering your questions.

Finally, I just wanted to say a massive thank-you to all of the parent community for their support over these last few months. Having three children at home myself, I know only too well how tough this period has been for parents and families. It is our aim to have every child back into school full-time from the beginning of September and we are extremely grateful for your continued partnership with us.

Have a great weekend!

Help us to start September with some refreshed reading corners!

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, the annual St Helen's Summer Fair will not be able to take place this year. Together with the Friends of St Helen's, we've come up with an alternative way for families, friends and neighbours to support the work of the school, by buying a book or two from one of our Wishlists on Amazon. The teachers have compiled a list of books that they would love to have in their book corners. These books cover reading for pleasure, but also some will support our global curriculum and so contain books that tackle issues such as identity, diversity and the environment too. You might want to buy a book for the class that your child/ren will be in next year, or a book for the class that they are in this year, or just go for a book that you like the look of! The office staff have also created a 'wishlist' of equipment that we will be needing for the next academic year and Miss Kitching and Jo Bushell, our artist in residence, have created a 'wishlist' of some art supplies that would enable us to continue developing Art in school next year.



If you feel able to support us in this way, please use this link to take you to the school's Amazon wishlist which can be found on our website. <http://www.sthelensprimaryalveston.org.uk/wishlists/>



THANK-YOU! We have already started to receive some of the really generous donations of books from parents (see photo above). These will be grouped per class and handed over to class teachers ready for September!

St Helen's Virtual Sports Week - Monday 6th July to Friday 10th July

With our love of sport at St Helen's, we are really looking forward to our Virtual Sports week! A number of different activities will be held including Daily Challenges, Sport-related learning, Virtual Sports Day, a Virtual Sports Competition, Dance and an A-Z of Sports Video. Look out for details on Class Dojo!

Miss Tomlinson

We are looking forward to welcoming Miss Tomlinson to our Reception class in September. She sends a message to you:

Hello everyone! My name is Miss Tomlinson and I am thrilled to be joining you all at St Helen's. Starting in September I will be the Reception teacher working alongside Mrs Boffin. I have recently qualified specialising in the Early Years and I'm very excited to be part of your child's journey and develop their learning potential. I have a passion for outdoor learning and being creative so I love to express my teaching methods through the natural world and creative means. I also love finding exciting ways to encourage children's love for reading. I can't wait to get to know you all for a year filled with fun and lots of fantastic learning.



Art at Home



Jo, our artist in residence, has launched a 'Lockdown Art Challenge' on our YouTube channel. It's simple to do and gives all of our children an opportunity to share their experiences of lockdown with us as a school. We'd love to see photos of these and we are hoping to compile a big 'Lockdown Art' display in school ready to welcome back the children in September and re-connect home and school together. Please do have a go at this if you can – all you need is a camera, no previous art experience is necessary!!

You can find the video on our Partnership Youtube channel, or by clicking here: <https://youtu.be/VrHZ2fZPK9U>.

Partnership assemblies: Don't forget to check out the Partnership's YouTube Page. These come out on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8am.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXhs6M7J3aPHn8iwOhjUE6Q>

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 is to always ensure the safety, well-being and happiness of all our children. During school closure, the safeguarding of all our children remains our number one priority.

Mr Chappell is the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) and Mr Spens is Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL). We are contactable at all times via the school email: 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.

Congratulations to all those children who have received school certificates in our class bubbles.

EYFS Bubble A: Freddie and Joshua

Year 1 Bubble A: Ollie B

Year 6 Bubble A: Alice H, Isla

Keyworker children Bubble: Charlotte M

EYFS Bubble B: Bronnie and Seb

Year 1 Bubble B: Emily R

Year 6 Bubble B: Kiara

