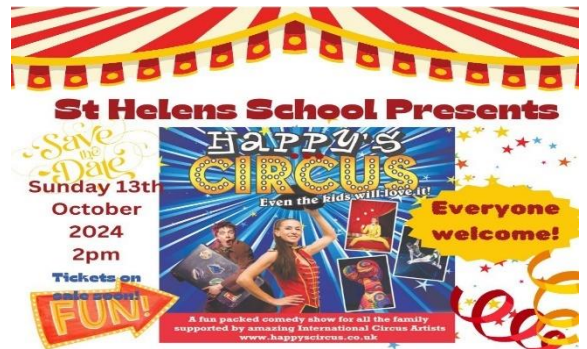




From Mr Chappell: Welcome back to Term 6, the whole term will be extremely busy but we know the children will continue to aim to do their very best! Once again thank you for all the responses in our Parent/ Carer survey. After initially scrutinising the responses to the survey, they are currently being looked at by the SLT (Senior Leadership Team) and we are aiming to share this with you all next Friday- the positive parts and the areas to develop! There were some really nice comments, some that leave us with things to consider carefully and some which will need to be followed up. We know we can't get everything right, especially when you have 208 different personalities in school and different parent/ carer expectations, but everyday I am proud to walk around, hear and see all our children doing the very best that they can do and aiming to be Flying High. All the staff I know genuinely love this school and work so hard, day in, day out to give the best experiences to your children! Indeed a few weeks ago I wrote about our CSP (Challenge School Partner) visit to school for the whole day, to look in depth at our inner workings and this week we received his final report: In it states: *'The levels of enjoyment of learning amongst the children was wonderful to see....They could all talk about their current learning with accuracy and could also recall learning from previous units and last year. They had a secure understanding of global location against what was in their year group plans and could talk about some of the big picture themes like settlement or sustainability with confidence. Some of them showed an incredible depth of understanding when quizzed about their learning. For example, talking about how the climate at the equator was influenced by the thickness of the Earth's atmosphere and how this then influenced the weather and thus the vegetation within the equatorial rainforest biome. They were universally positive about their learning and showed a real enthusiasm and love for the subject.'* This section is a small part of a very positive, external report that vaildates the work we do and I want to take the time to say thank you, to all of you, for all your help and support in cultivating the best environment for your children to develop, academically, socially and emotionally alongside all our great staff. Have a great weekend!

FOSH News: Message from FOSH: Reminder of our amazing Happy Circus. All funding raised by FOSH is currently being put towards the upkeep of the trail on the field which, having been here for many years needs some work and repairs. Please help by supporting the FOSH team with this very exciting event. All help is appreciated! So far 97 tickets have been sold and this is before it goes to the wider community. Please click on the link to access the website to buy the tickets.

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofsthelens1/?event=event&eventId=81070>



This term's value is Friendship - please have a look at some of the ideas on the Home School sheet about some thoughts around Friendship. This week children across the school have been recording their own thoughts about friendship and we hope to be able to share these thoughts soon.



Newsletter 2: 24th May 2024

Children's Out of School Achievements:

*'Excellence, Enjoyment and achievement together in a nurturing Christian Community'
 'They will soar on wings like Eagles – Isaiah 40:31'*



Oily (year 5) has been selected for the Gloucestershire County Cricket U10 Summer squad for 2024.
 A group of approx 30 U10's took part in winter training at Hartpury College following selection from initial trials. (The initial trials consist of a large number of children put forward by their respective clubs)

Last week Oily received the news that they had divided those from the winter training into a County and development squad and that he had made it into the County squad which is considered the strongest team/squad.
 Here is a picture of him in his Gloucestershire kit with Former England Captain Joe Root. Taken at a recent match between Yorkshire and Gloucestershire.

Clara (year 3) took part in her first one day event on Sunday. In this competition you have to compete in dressage, show jumping, and cross country all in one day. Clara did brilliantly with her pony Tippy and she won her class! She also went on to compete just in cross-country at the next height up and came 5th in her class, a great achievement. Clara still intends to 'fly high' all the way to Badminton!



Children's achievement newsletter: A reminder of our 'new' newsletter that will go out in the alternative weeks to this newsletter. *'Our Children's Out of School achievements.'* Please feel free to email the school office with any information and photos of your children's achievements outside of school so that we can include them. In the week before half term we had three achievements to celebrate! This is such a lovely idea and we would love to see this become full with even more achievements. The last couple of weeks has been two pages, but the beauty of this newsletter it can be as long as we want it to be! I am always hearing on the playground from children about awards for swimming, for athletics, activities that

have been completed for Cubs etc – so let us know of any achievement you feel is worth celebrating, if you include photos please let us know that you are happy for them to be shared with the wider school community.



Uniform and PE Kit- Thank you so much for all your support around sending children into school in the correct PE kit and for ensuring that children's uniform is the required standard. Staff have been remarking on how smart the children are - it also means the cloakrooms are a lot smarter as we do not have to worry about bags and kit on pegs! As we have discussed before, we need support from you to make sure we get this correct and we are pleased with how the first week has gone. I have had a couple of questions about why we are 'cracking down' on

uniform now and not earlier! The reality is that we have always had conversations behind the scenes with parents/ carers about uniform and when standards are not what we expect, these discussions with class teachers do happen and when children arrive in school not wearing appropriate jumpers etc, we do always find them something to wear from our spare stock. This has also been happening with PE kit, we have had to hand out a couple of PE tops this week to children who turned up in football kit or patterned tracksuit bottoms instead of plain black. I was asked why we feel this is important and how does 'this impact their learning' if they do not have the right uniform. This is a fair question but it relates to things we talk about everyday about standards in the classroom and how we conduct and represent ourselves. If we get the small things right then it helps children to have high aspirations and to be proud of to be part of their school community. It's also important to know that the standards that secondary schools expect for uniform is extremely high and lack of correct uniform is not tolerated. As we come to the end of the term – we are hoping as a school that these standards remain high. It is also worth noting as we come to the end of the year, that current uniform suppliers Monkhouse have a sale on at the moment on some items.

Key Dates:

June	July
Year 4 MTC week 3rd June- 14 th June	Friday 5 th July – Curriculum Showcase / Choir / Country Dancing 3:30 pm
Year 1 Phonics 10th June- 14 th June	Sports Day* 8th July KS1 9:15 am to 10:30 am KS2 10:45 am to 12:15 pm Reserve Day:
11 th June Year R and Year 6 Photographs	FOSH Summer Disco Friday 12 th July
Year 5 and 6 Bikeability Training: June 10 th – 14 th June	Year 5 and 6 Production: Wednesday 10th July 5:30 pm Thursday 11th July 2 pm *
	End of Year Reports Out: Tuesday 16th July
	Leavers Service to Parents 2pm Friday 19th July
	*Please note changes:

Well done to those children who were awarded a Values Shield and Brave changemakers curriculum certificate.

- Holly class – Ava & Barnaby
- Beech class – Molly & Elana
- Oak class – Rosa & Amelia
- Ash class – Seb & Chloe
- Sycamore class – Luke & Oliver
- Elm Class – Bonnie & Darcey

