



From Mr Chappell: I cannot believe that this is the penultimate newsletter of the year and the next one you receive will mean the end of another very busy year- where does the time go? We still have so many things to do, for example Year 5 and 6 Production performances, Sports Day, Moving Up morning, and so much more. One of the things that we have been emphasising this week is that we do not let our standards slip, whether it's our behaviour in and outside the classroom, the presentation of our work, or the way we conduct ourselves with our friends. Please continue to keep these standards high in all the things that you do at home to help and support us- for example hearing your children read day in, day out, such a small thing...but the most important thing! Have a great weekend.



Values Postcard Competition: Our school values mean a lot to us, our older children in particular will talk a lot about them to visitors and headteachers from other schools. School values are not just talked about in Collective Worship and not just words in the hall, we want our children to live and breathe them, to ensure they leave St Helen's school with the values needed to do well in the wider world. We have our lovely Value shields, but now want to recognise the day to day actions that show these values and in September we are aiming to introduce new Values postcards. Like our Flying High postcards- Value postcards will be given by all members of staff to children who demonstrate good values throughout the day. This could be for

example friendship in the playground, service to others in classroom, showing truthfulness at lunchtime. Over the next week or so we would love for children to design their own postcards to represent a value. This can be done on A4 paper in the medium of felt tip pens or pencil crayons. The children can design the postcard in their own style but it would be great to see the value 'loud and clear'. Some of the Flying High designs are below. There's no limit to the number of designs that children can enter or even if they would like to do more than one value. Staff will decide on 4 designs for each value ready to print for September, all we ask is that children put their name and year group on the back of the A4 paper, so that their design can be recognised. Please note deadline for this will be **Monday July 15th**.

Examples of our Flying High Postcards:



St Helen's School Crew Neck PE Sweatshirt Black

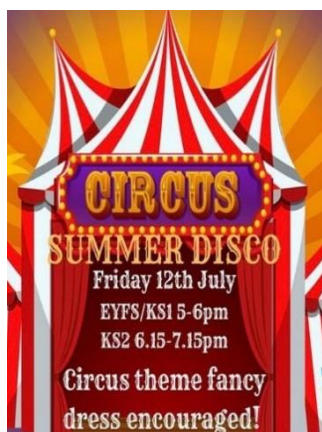
Uniform for September: As you know we have trialled in KS2 wearing PE kit to school on PE days. This has been very successful over this term and will become the norm next year for all children across the school. For this to happen, all children will need to wear the correct uniform for PE. We are giving you a significant amount of time to purchase the correct uniform either from our new uniform suppliers **Linela** or from Monkhouse, who are running a sale until the end of this term, FOSH or shops where plain black shorts and joggers can be bought (in the winter months, plain black tracksuit jogging bottoms will be need). It is very noticeable that the younger KS1 children adhere to our PE uniform policy really well, but is something that we feel as a staff needs to be developed for some children in KS2. Wearing smart uniform, where all children have the same standards is something that we aspire to and as we have stated before, secondary schools have a zero tolerance policy on uniform. A part of getting children ready for secondary school begins with setting the correct standard for uniform. I have been asked before why this 'small thing matters'- how does it impact children's work?

The reality is that if you can get the small things right in school with things such as uniform, the children feel a sense of pride in what they are wearing (provided by you) and it enables them to continue to develop a sense of pride in what they do within the classroom and their school. Thank you for your support around this matter. Please feel free to pass to us any unused uniform/PE kit for children who may not have the correct uniform. Please note we particularly want to make sure all children are wearing plain, black shorts.

Please see the link below for our new uniform suppliers.

<https://www.linelashop.co.uk/product-category/schools-embroidery-for-uniforms/st-helens-ce-primary-school/>

Attendance: A huge thank you to everyone for your continued efforts in keeping your child's attendance as high as it can be. We all know the importance of high attendance and when this is not the case for a number of reasons, it's important to know that we work with families in a **supportive process** which also includes work with our EWO (Educational Welfare Officer). Our whole school attendance currently stands at 95.06% and I would like to think we can keep it above 95% until the end of the year. A huge well done to Year 1 and Year 3, who are above the whole school average with both at 95.7%. We have an **amazing 74 children** over the **national target of 97%**, a brilliant effort! It is also worth noting that as a school we were rated by the EWO as a 'green school category' as our attendance is above 95% - this is great but as always, we are aiming to be Flying High and would want to see this even higher next year!



Reminder: Tickets for the Happy's Circus are now live and can be purchased via the following link: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofsthelens1/?event=event&eventId=81070>

After just a few weeks tickets are selling fast with an amazing 249 tickets sold so far! Please help support this amazing event being organised by FOSH, which will be one of the first PTA events like this in the local area. All the funds raised by FOSH will be put in to providing a new trim trail on the field which the children will love! Sadly our current trail is not being used due to over 15 years of wear and tear with constant use. Please help spread the word about the circus to the wider community.

Don't forget Summer Disco – next Friday!

Sports Day: We are really looking forward to our annual Sports Day on Monday. Please note that at the moment the weather is looking variable with some rain forecast. We will make an early decision if we need to postpone and move to Thursday (a text will be sent if need be.) As usual please ensure you and any family members stick to the designated spectator areas and do not encroach on the finishing line. If there are any issues such as falls, injuries, tears from children etc - as in previous years please let the staff deal with this. We are aiming to start races for KS1 for 9:15 am and KS2 for 10:45 am and we hope for another great Sports Day.

House Points: Congratulations to **Britannia House** who will receive a treat next Wednesday for achieving the most house points in Term 5. As we reach the final few weeks of this year, the total for the year is very close, currently in first place

Brabazon House lead with a grand total 11,499 House Points for the Year! Well done everyone !

Key Dates:

July	
Sports Day* 8th July KS1 9:15 am to 10:30 am KS2 10:45 am to 12:15 pm Reserve Day: Thursday 11 th July KS1 9:15 am to 10:30 am	FOSH Summer Disco Friday 12 th July End of Year Reports Out: Tuesday 16th July Leavers Service to Parents 2pm Friday 19th July
Year 5 and 6 Production: Wednesday 10th July 5:30 pm Thursday 11th July 2 pm	Inset Days 2024-25 2.9.24 2.12.24 21.3.25 21.7.25 22.7.25



Next week is our final assembly of the term- where our Values' shield winners and Brave Changemaker Certificates winners will be shared.