

From Mr Chappell It's been another incredibly busy few weeks and the children's work continues to impress all staff members. The only thing we ask is that our children *'always do your (their) best'* and aim to be Flying High every single day. Thinking about some of the things we have seen this week shows me how children try to do this. This week walking through the cloakrooms, I've had numerous Year 2 children asking me to test them on their multiplication facts as we are having a big blitz on this! Wanting to learn even on the way to play, shows the determination our children have! If you have been in on a Friday assembly, I am sure you have been amazed by how many of our younger children shout out the answers to some tricky multiplication questions, all just trying their best! Why not try with all your children this weekend no matter what class your child/ren are in, just the square numbers! 3 x 3, 4 x 4 etc you'll be amazed how quickly they learn these with daily rehearsal! Have a great weekend!

FOSH Fundraising Trail:



As you know, most sections of our timber play trail was condemned earlier this year due to age and the timber rotting. After much fundraising from our amazing FOSH team (including the hugely successful Circus last month) we are now in a position to replace the play trail. Following the children voting (as you saw in the last newsletter) it has now been ordered and we are delighted to say it is due to be installed before Christmas! We can't wait for all the children to start using this on our return after the Christmas break. **Thank you FOSH for the great service to us.**

Children in Need:

A huge thank you to everyone who donated to last week's Children in Need day. **Due to your generosity an amazing £254 was raised. Thank you so much!**



Anti-Bullying Week: Last week we looked at elements of the anti-bullying alliance, with the 2024 theme being *'Choose Respect.'* Although we are aware that sometimes there are friendship issues in school, which children, parents and staff try to help support and improve, bullying in our school is very rare. Over the years we have done a lot of work on what constitutes bullying and the vast majority of our children are able to tell



you what bullying is. It is worth noting that in the Parent/Carer survey in July 2024, **92.5% of respondents out of 95 people said that their child had not experienced bullying at St.Helen's.** This is great but we would like to think we can get this even higher with the work we do around our school values. Indeed, next week we will be sending out a link to a question around bullying, so that we can see whether the actions we have put in place since the start of the year has continued to have an impact. Our oldest Learning Councillors have been working on designing new anti-bullying leaflets and these are

now in all classrooms and around school. Please remember, we only record issues as bullying when we are officially following our school's anti-bullying policy (see link to our website page below.) Once we are engaged in this process you will meet with a member of SLT (Senior Leadership Team) and record clearly your concerns and actions. With your support we will try to get to the aspiration of 100% of children not experiencing any bullying. Friendship issues do occur and as a staff we do try to help as best as we can with the capacity we have. Thank you for your support on this.

<https://www.sthelensprimary.org.uk/anti-bullying/>

Football Matches: Two very exciting football games took place this week; some children from Year 5 and 6 played in a friendly match on Monday, and speaking to Mr Leeming, conducted themselves superbly showing lots of **perseverance**. The following day another group of Year 5 and 6's were one match away from becoming South Glos Primary Small School Champions! Mid-tournament, having won their first two games, the snow came down and the whole tournament was cancelled! The tournament has been re-arranged for Tuesday so the message to the boys is go and win it again! All children in both tournaments represented our school superbly! Today is the turn of the girls to play another game. Good luck all children involved.



Monday Football Team



Tuesday South Glos Finals



Girls Football Team

Staffing News:

Congratulations to Mrs Burns (SEN TA) who has been offered a new job working as a Children's Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy Technician for the NHS. Mrs Burns has worked at St Helen's for over 10 years and will be sorely missed by all the staff and children. Luckily for us, she intends to stay on working Friday mornings, so we're not losing her completely! We wish her all the best in her new role.

Key Dates: Term 2	
Tuesday 26 th November	School Photographs
Monday 2nd December	Inset Day
Tuesday 10 th December	9:30 am KS1 Nativity Play
Thursday 12 th December	2:30 pm KS1 Nativity Play
Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas Dinner
Thursday 19 th December	4 pm Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Carol Service in Church.
Monday 6 th January 2025	Term 3 Starts:

Well done to those children who were awarded a Celebration Certificate last week:

- Holly Class: Ivy & Wren**
- Beech Class: Elliott & Prithvicka**
- Oak Class: Eva & Arlo**
- Ash Class: Albie & Scarlett**
- Sycamore Class: Babilan & Sara**
- Elm Class: James & Viola**

School values shown in our newsletter this week: **Respect, Perseverance, Generosity, Service**. Discuss them with your children.