

From Mr Chappell

As we come to the end of a great first term, I just wanted to say a huge thank you to everyone connected to St Helen's: staff, children and families. Once again we have seen the importance of working together in partnership and this has contributed to all the children old and new settling in really well. There have been some brand new routines such as dinnertimes in the hall, playtimes together and assemblies. Rather than me talk about what has gone well this term and what has been enjoyable, I went to Year 6 and selected the first house captains I came across to give me their views on what is like to be back in school. After they had shared their thoughts they then went to Year 5 to get two more children, who likewise went to Year 4 and so on, with the children selecting each other. You can read below what our children think about the term! Have a great break!

Pupil Voice:



Year 6: Harriet: I've really enjoyed being in the playground with everybody playing different games. It has been so nice seeing everyone together and being back as a community. Camp was amazing! It helped us with team building and learning to get on with each other.

Harley: We love the year 6 roles that we do such as House Captains and running the computers in assembly. Learning is getting trickier but we like the challenge that we have been given!

Year 5: Katlyn: I have enjoyed being supported and pushed in our learning and challenges are good. We can also go around the school and assembly. It's great to be back doing school choir and being with my friends.

Macy: I have enjoyed the freedom of the playtimes, as we can play loose parts, go on the field or playground and play lots of different games. It's great to be back sitting in groups on our tables. We can work with different people and our partners rather than sitting in rows.



Year 4: Toby: Being in school is so nice! It's better than staring at a screen all day, like when we were at home. We sometimes lost the assembly code so now it is good that we are back together and in the hall. It has just been nice!

Isaac: It is nice to be back with my friends, we also have better teachers than the teachers at home! I have enjoyed the subjects - in Science we are doing Solids, Liquids and Gases.

Toby: Did you know that ice melts into water and water evaporates into gas, into water vapour. We have been doing lots of investigations into gases.

Year 3:

Pixie: I have enjoyed Maths - we are adding and subtracting 3 digit numbers. In English we are learning a new book The Village that Vanished. I enjoy doing TTRS which helps my learning.

Michael: I've enjoyed handwriting lessons, as I always want to get my handwriting neater. I like being back in the hall doing singing assembly. Assemblies about generosity have been good, and it is good being together again. I enjoy Maths as it is my favourite lesson.

Ethan: I love TTRS and I like playing with my friends.



Year 2: James: I have loved doing PE such as football and basketball. I like doing football club with Mr Goodwin. Maths has been good. I like being with my friends, as if you were alone, you couldn't play with anyone and it would be lonely. I like playing Tag and games with friends.
Bronnie: I loved doing Maths as I like a challenge, we have been doing adding and subtracting. I like playing with my friends. We can play on the Muga and Adventure trail.



Year 1: Parker: I like playing outside, we like to play in the little house. We like to build constructions in the classroom. I like to build a rocket with my friends. I like to be doing writing.
Ciara: I like to play with the sand pit and I like playing with my friends. I like to paint pictures of sunsets in class and love the art table.



Year R: Mollie: I like to play with the prams and the mobile and playing with the toys. I like to do some reading! I like to play the musical instruments.
Louis: I like playing with the cars inside. I like playing outside with my friends. I like playing with bikes at break times.

Parents' Evenings - Tuesday 9th November and Thursday 11th November

Please keep the dates free. Please note that the meetings will be conducted via zoom.

Flu Immunisation

The Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Mass Vaccination Programme has asked us to share this update:

Thank you for your patience in waiting for details for this year's flu immunisation programme. As you are aware, we were asked by NHS England to roll out the national COVID-19 vaccination programme for 12-15-year-olds in secondary schools from mid-September which meant a change to our planned timings for the Primary School Flu programme.

We are confident that all 140,000 children in Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire will have been offered their flu vaccination by the end of January, which is the national target completion date. This means we are scheduling visits to primary schools from November through to 31 January recognising the need to accommodate school Christmas activities. The schedule of visits will be available next term when we will be sharing with you the online consent form. If your child is at higher risk from flu because of an underlying medical condition, they can have their flu vaccination at their GP practice and parents/carers should contact their GP practice to book an appointment.

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

Holly class – Tessa, Elliott, Albie
Beech class – Dougie, Isla, Becky
Oak class – Lily, Michael, Ocean

Ash class – Neiva, Fred, Ava
Sycamore class – Isabel, Madison
Elm class – Logan TG, Layla, Cody



Well done to those children who were awarded the Values Shield today for their acts of Generosity:

Holly class – Parker
Beech class – Bronnie
Oak class – Kaia

Ash class – Catherine
Sycamore class – Emily
Elm class – Harriet

Out of school achievement:

Well done to Abigail in Oak class on achieving the level 8 proficiency award in British Gymnastics.



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