ST HELENS PRIMARY

Friday 24th March 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Attendance week from: 13/03/17 to 17/03/17

Class	Attendance	Late Arrivals	Minutes Lost Through Lateness	Unauthorised Absences
Wren	98.9%	0	0	0
Robin	93.9%	1	5	0
Puffin	96.6%	0	0	2
Kingfisher	95.8%	1	5	2

Whole school attendance for the week was 96.3%

If your child is too unwell to attend school please contact us to let us know. You can phone on 872442 or email us on admin.sthelenspri@tiscali.co.uk. If you let us know by phone please can you put the reason for your child's absence in writing when they return to school. We are required to ask you for this in order to follow the Local Authority attendance procedures, and if we don't receive a letter or email we have to follow it up.

I thought you might be interested in an update on the new arrangements for dropping off your children in the mornings. They are working extremely well and I'm so proud of the children. I know some of you have been anxious about leaving your children at the front door, but I would like to reassure you that the children have adapted very well and are actually finding it easier to settle into the school day. However if you have any concerns about this – or anything else – do please come and talk to me about it. I know the new arrangements may appear to make me and the teachers less accessible, but I will often be at the front door in the mornings if you need to talk to me. If I'm not around, please speak to Mrs Anderson so that she can make arrangements for you to see me, but please remember that I'm teaching on a Friday.

Easter Activities

Our new PTA are planning some wonderful activities for Friday 7th April just before we break up for Easter. Details will follow in a separate communication.
After our Easter Assembly on Thursday 6th April at 10.00 we hope to have an Easter egg raffle for our children, and would be very grateful for contributions in the form of eggs.

Mini-Mediator Training

I thought you would be interested to know that Mrs Jenvey our school ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) is training four of our older children to be mini-mediators to help resolve disputes between other children and prevent them from escalating. They will be given skills to cope with incidents in the playground, and know when to involve

adults if a situation is more serious. As many of you will know, we successfully ran a similar scheme last year. I am pleased to say that bullying is not a common problem at St Helens, but I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of our procedures to deal with any incidents of bullying behaviour at school. Our Anti-Bullying policy can be found on our web-site along a children's version which is displayed around the school for all pupils to read.

The Big Pedal

Congratulations to this weeks winners so far, Galt, Grace, Tilda and Sofia. The competition will continue next week.

eat right stay bright

EAT LEARN LIVE Chartwells

W/C Monday 27th March 2017 (Week 1)

Monday:	Mozzarella & Tomato Pizza/Italian Style Omelette(v), with Herby Garlic Bread Wedge, Sweetcorn and Broccoli, Yoghurt and Fruit Dippers
Tuesday:	Pasta Bolognese/Mediterranean Tart with Cous Cous(v) Peas and Apple Slaw, Cheese and Biscuits
Wednesday:	Roast Pork with Roast Potatoes & Gravy/Quorn Roast with Roast Potatoes & Gravy(v), Braised Red Cabbage and Carrots, Chocolate Cake with Chocolate Sauce
Thursday:	Chinese Chicken Noodles with Green Beans and Roasted Veg/Sweet Potato & Veggie Balti(v) with Basmati Rice, Green Beans and Roasted Veg, Fruit Flapjack
Friday:	Golden Fish Fingers with Chips and Baked Beans or Peas/Cheesy Leek Sausages(v) with Chips, Baked Beans and Peas, Banana Bread and Butter Pudding with Custard

Reminder: All Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Children are entitled to a free school meal.

If your child would like the vegetarian option on a particular day, please can they let Mrs Anderson know so she can order enough portions from Bembridge kitchen.

TOTAL HOUSE POINTS AS AT WEEK ENDING 3rd March 2017

MARSHALLS	1321
FAKENHAM	1267
HILLGROVE	1545
EDDINGTON	1683

Dates for your diary

Monday 27th March – Parents Evening Year 5, Wren, Robin & Puffin Class
Tuesday 28th March – Parents Evening Puffin Class
Thursday 6th April – Easter Assembly 10.00am
Thursday 6th April – Year 6 UKSA Sailing pm
Friday 7th April - School closes at 2.00pm for the Easter Break
Monday 24th April - School reopens at 8.45am for the Summer Term
Monday 1st May – School Closed Bank Holiday Monday

Year 6 SATs information:

Monday 8th May – English reading
Tuesday 9th May - English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 1: questions
Tuesday 9th May - English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 2: spelling
Wednesday 10th May – Mathematics Paper 1: arithmetic
Wednesday 10th May – Mathematics Paper 2: reasoning
Wednesday 10th May – Mathematics Paper 2: reasoning
Thursday 11th May – Mathematics Paper 3: reasoning

Thursday 18th May – Sports Day pm
Friday 26th May - School closes at 3.00pm/3.10pm for half term
Monday 5th June - School reopens at 8.45am
Tuesday 6th June – Group Photos (Class & Whole School)
Monday 19th to Friday 23rd June – Year 6 Residential
Monday 10th July – KS2 Play Dress Rehearsal 10.00am
Tuesday 11th July – KS2 Play 1.30pm
Tuesday 11th July – KS2 Play 6.00pm
Friday 21st July - School closes at 2.00pm for the Summer Break

PTA dates for your diary

31st March 15:15 (after the assembly) - PTA meeting
5th April - Superhero Collection Day (Bring a bag of unwanted textiles and come dressed as your favourite superhero!)
7th April - Easter Fun Day
5th May - PTA Meeting
9th June - PTA Meeting
7th July - PTA Meeting

Remember to look at the school website for the latest school updates and information at www.sthelensprimaryschool.org.uk

Yours sincerely

Miss Jane Loader
Headteacher

New Tennis & Activity Programme coming to Isle of Wight Sports Club

Junior/Adult Weekly Coaching Programme-
Starts Monday April 24th and will run every week-

Monday 5-6pm Mini Tennis (Age 5-10)
Monday 6-7pm Family touchtennis (All Ages)
Saturday 9-10am Mini Red (Age 5-8)
Saturday 10-10.45am Tiny Tots (Age 2-5)
Saturday 11am-12pm Mini Orange/Green (Age 8-12)
Saturday 12-1pm Adult Drills (Age 16+)

All Sessions are drop-in £5 pay and play (family touchtennis deal - £10 for up to 4 people). No need to book.
For details on touchtennis (fastest growing racket sport in the world) please see here- www.touchtennis.com

Junior Holiday Camps-
There will be Junior Holiday Camps taking place over the May/June Half Term plus Summer Holiday's. There will be a range of activities available for ages 5-16, including-
Tennis - Squash - touchtennis - Badminton - Team Games

Booking and full information available here and on this link- www.jgtennis.co.uk

Contact: joshgook@jgtennis.co.uk

Isle of Wight Sports Club, Ryde Rd, Seaview PO34 5AD.

Half-term Fun at Wight Karting

Adrenaline packed race day for ages from 8-15, fill your morning with three karting sessions, technical tuition, certificates and lunch all for £45!
Event dates are Tuesdays and Wednesdays (11th, 12th, 18th and 19th) of April.
8:45am registration/drop off - 1pm Finish/collection.
Please call us on 01983 565366 or email us at info@wightkarting.co.uk for more information or to make a booking. Alternatively please visit our website www.wightkarting.co.uk or visit us in person at Wight Karting Ltd, Brading Road, Ryde, Isle of Wight PO33 1QS.

'Phil' the Bag™ is an exciting textile recycling initiative which aims to promote awareness of textile recycling in schools and the community.

At St. Helens school we would like to invite YOU to be the Superhero and do your little "bit" to save the planet (and help to raise funds for school at the same time!).

DATE: 5th April, 2017

PLACE: St. Helens Primary School

MISSION: To collect over 100 bags full of textiles. School receives £0.40 for every kilogram we collect.

Bring along a bag full of textiles and come to school dressed as your favourite superhero! Don't have a costume? Why not be creative and invent your own superhero instead?

All money raised will go towards our incredible Library Bus project that will bring benefits to the whole community.

What do we collect?

We collect all types of unwanted textiles including: All kinds of clothing; Shoes; Bags; Belts; Hats; Towels; Household linen. Items should be in wearable condition for re-use and we are happy to accept your collection items in any bag types.

We do NOT accept: rugs, canvas tents, sleeping bags, duvets, pillows, fabric offcuts or any wet items.

Where does it go?

These textiles are then sold on & distributed to people who can use & enjoy them in developing countries, which at the same time saves our environment from the burden of further resources going to landfill.