



ST HELENS PRIMARY

Friday 24th January 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Attendance has been excellent again with the majority of children attending nearly every session.

Another week has flown by. The Book Fair arrived which the children have been keen to attend. I couldn't resist buying the Giggle Pigs for my daughter. The books are returned on Tuesday so please note Monday will be the last chance to buy a book or two.

Year 6 operated the cake sale on Tuesday with the money going towards much needed PSHE resources for the school. Thank you to those children who brought in their 20ps and thank you to Mrs Leslie and the Pioneers for selling the cakes.

Staff had some training in delivering music within the curriculum on Thursday. I look forward to seeing it implemented.

Today the children came in their brightest clothes to give their support to The Wessex Cancer Trust. This is one of many excellent charities and I'm sure they are extremely grateful for any support we can offer.

Talking of bright, the hall looks continues to improve with a range of work on show. Thanks to Mrs Yardley for her excellent display skills.

The Explorers were really excited as Mr Hammerton kindly bought the class some more Lego for their role play area. We have now seen lots more detailed models and instruction books being made. They have been focusing on number formation in Maths and have been doing so in a variety of ways. Writing on whiteboards, with chalk outside, making numbers with their bodies and have even been making their own number lines to display in class. The number of the week was 12 and they have been exploring this number through a variety of activities. Mrs Sharp and Mrs Shenton have been very impressed with Explorers work on the apparatus over the last few weeks, with their confidence and ability improving every week.

I will add my praise for the gymnastics work currently taking place with Mrs Shenton on Tuesdays. The children are keen to challenge themselves on a wide range of apparatus. Great work everyone. I would like to thank Mrs Shenton and Mrs Shobe for their PE lessons which the children enjoy. The after school clubs are well attended which also promotes a positivity towards sport. Art club will be joined by Mardis Gras club and football club in February offering the children plenty of choice.

Discoverers have been looking at decimal places and equivalent fractions in maths. They had a fantastic hands-on science investigation on Monday exploring magnets and their strength. In English they are now writing up extremely informative non-chronological reports on How to Survive in the Stone Age. Stonehenge was briefly looked at and on Friday afternoon the children have been getting to grips with clay; making replicas of The Thinker of Cernavoda (created 5,000BCE) and some Stone Age style jewellery. Amazing work Discoverers.

In Pioneer Class, the children have been looking at negative numbers, rounding numbers and ordering numbers with up to two decimal places in Maths. In English, they have been writing two contrasting diary entries linked to our class text 'Ice Trap' about Shackleton's expedition to Antarctica. The children had to imagine what it would have been like to have been living in the harsh environment not knowing if they would be rescued or not. This was preceded by some classic drama. Harry L, William and Nancy were in fine form.

In PE the children have enjoyed using the gymnastics equipment in the hall and it is great to see some of the children helping out at the Key Stage 1 gymnastic club. Mrs Leslie would like to add her thanks to the Year 6s for organising the cake sale. She added 'We are so proud of them. They were very sensible and mature. Watch this space for some more fund raising events from the Year 6s!'

Adventurers have been working on sketching Disney characters such as Mickey Mouse. They have worked on using light pencil marks and editing our work. The children have enjoyed finding out about Walt Disney and loved watching the first Mickey Mouse cartoon in black and white. Everyone agreed that being creative is definitely a super hero skill!

In Maths the children have used number lines to add 2 digit numbers. Most children made jumps of ten from any number on the lines and some children drew their own number lines.

The children have been exploring verbs in English by moving like Eliot the Midnight Superhero. They also planned their comic strips ready for the final piece of work next week.

Next Friday the inaugural draw for the St Helens Lottery will take place. Only £1 per ticket thus a 1:49 chance of winning the weekly £20 prize money. We will need to sell at least 25 numbers for the draw to take place so please sign up. Money raised will go towards adding brand new books to the school library helping to maintain and further the children's love of reading.

Have a splendid weekend

Mr Wake

THIS WEEKS AWARDS

| <u>Class</u> | <u>Worker of the Week</u> | <u>Star of The Week</u> |
|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Explorers | Micah F/Ben | - |
| Adventurers | Hannah | Alfie P |
| Adventurers | Evelyne V | Millie-Jay |
| Discoverers | Elsie | Annabelle |
| Discoverers | Harvey | Shannon |
| Pioneers | Reuben | Bea |
| Pioneers | Katie | George |

Children receive their awards certificates at the Celebration Assembly on Fridays at 9:00am. If your child has been selected, you will receive an invitation to the assembly via school text message. Please note all parents are welcome to attend the assembly.

Attendance week from: 13/01/20 to 20/01/20

| Class | Attendance | Late Arrivals | Minutes Lost Through Lateness | Unauthorised Absences | Authorised Absences |
|-------------|------------|---------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Explorers | 99.2% | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Adventurers | 98.2% | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 |
| Discoverers | 98.1% | 1 | 10 | 0 | 6 |
| Pioneers | 95.5% | 1 | 20 | 2 | 8 |

Although we strive for 100%, our whole school attendance for this week was 97.7% which is above the national expectation of 96%

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.iow.sch.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 otherwise the absence will be marked as unauthorised. 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.

St Helens Primary Weekly Lottery

In our November 29th newsletter, Mr Wake announced plans for a St Helens lottery; the first draw will take place on **Friday 31st January**. Details on how to join in are below:

For just £1 per number, there will be a weekly £20 prize; therefore, a 1:49 chance of winning as well as the chance to support the school with much needed resources. Surely it must be worth joining in the fun! Please come to the office with your money to pick your number. Draws will take place during term time only and assuming a minimum of 25 numbers are sold. If the draw does not take place the entries will be rolled over to the following week.

However, there are only 49 tickets and it will be very much a first come first serve basis. Obviously if you wish to sign up for multiple weeks to guarantee a place in the weekly draw then let us know. The draw will take place at 1500 on Fridays with the winners published in the newsletter. Any prize money not collected within four weeks will be 'donated' to the school.

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| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 |
| 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 | 41 | 42 |
| 43 | 44 | 45 | 46 | 47 | 48 | 49 |

Scholastic Book Fair

The final day of the book fair will be Monday 27th January from 2.45pm to 3.30pm in the school hall.

Year 6 Cake Sale Update

Thank you to everyone who supported the cake sale on Tuesday. It raised a fantastic £55.28 towards resources for PHSE (personal, health, social and economic).

A4 Frames Needed

We would be grateful for any spare A4 frames for the St Helens Community Art Project where the children will be selling their art work to raise funds for the school.

New Glasshouse

St Helens are delighted to have been selected to receive a brand new glasshouse as part of the 'Glasshouses for Schools' initiative courtesy of APS Produce (formerly Wight Salads).

The construction company, Cambridge HOK have already completed the foundations as you can see below:



We look forward to the construction of the new glasshouse in February in preparation for a productive growing season. Mrs Jenvey, Mrs Yardley and Mrs Sharp are keen to start working with the Gardening Club and Explorers during this year, and for many years to come!

Gardening Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers who will be able to help us maintain our gardens beside the mobile classroom. If you are interested, or know someone who may be able to help please contact the school office.

FOSH news

FOSH held their first AGM at the start of January. The new secretary is Sarah Searle and the new treasurer is Beccy O'Donoghue. Katherine Hall will remain as chairperson for another year.

BEETLE DRIVE -FRIDAY 7th February 6-7.30pm

The Friends Of St Helens School are holding another **Beetle Drive!**

Beetle is a hilarious, family friendly game and everyone is welcome to join us on this fun evening.

The game is played in teams of two. Two children can make up a team but we would suggest that children under 8 or 9 years old pair up with an adult. (To make the game as fair as possible, all adults must be accompanied by a child). The cost of the evening will be £4 per team and simple refreshments will be available to purchase on the night.

Due to the popularity of this event, **tickets must be purchased in advance.**

If you would like to buy tickets, please place your money in a clearly labelled envelope in the trays by the office. **We need ticket orders in by Friday 31st January.**

We hope that lots of you will be able to join us to play this great game!

The Friends of St Helens School

Dates for your diary

Monday 27th January – Scholastic Book Fair 2.45 – 3.30pm (school hall) **FINAL DAY**

Thursday 30th January – Discoverers Pre-historic IOW Workshop

Thursday 6th February & Friday 7th February – Noel Turner Science Festival (Year 5)

Friday 7th February – Pioneers Science Day

Friday 14th February - School closes at 3.00pm for half term

Tuesday 25th February – School reopens at 8.45am

Tuesday 25th February – Lego League at Ryde School

Monday 2nd March – 1.00pm Year R & 6 National Child Measurement Programme

Wednesday 4th & Thursday 5th March – KS1 Space Camp

Thursday 5th March – World Book Day

Monday 16th March – Parents Evening

Saturday 21st March – St Helens Horticultural Show 9.00am to 5.00pm

Friday 3rd April - School closes at 3.00pm for the Easter Break

Monday 20th April - School reopens at 8.45am for the Summer Term

Wednesday 22nd April – Year 6 Sailing, UKSA

Friday 8th May – School Closed Bank Holiday

Friday 22nd May - School closes at 3.00pm for half term

Monday 1st June - School reopens at 8.45am

Monday 1st June – Class/Group Photos 1.30pm

Monday 15th to Friday 19th June – Year 6 Residential

Friday 24th July - School closes at 3.00pm for the Summer Break

Remember to look at the school website for the latest school updates and information at

www.sthelenspri.iow.sch.uk

School Dinner Menu Week Commencing 27th January 2020 (£2.05 per day or free to Reception, Year 1 & 2 pupils)

| | | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Week 1 | Main | Cheese & Tomato Piza with wedges  | Sausage Roll with wedges  | Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy  | Chicken with Rice  | Fish Fingers/ Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips  |
| | Vegetarian | Chickpea Curry  | Vegan Sausage Roll with Wedges  | Potato & Courgette Stack with Roast Potatoes  | Tomato & Vegetable Pasta with Garlic Bread  | Homemade Vegetable Sausage with Chips  |
| | Dessert | Apple Crumble & Custard  | Syrup Sponge with Custard  | Apple, Cheese & Crackers  | Yoghurt Station  | Pineapple Cake  |

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

Textile Bank Reminder

Don't forget that we have a textile bank (located by the bicycle racks) where you can donate unwanted **clothes, belts, paired shoes, bags, hats, bedding and towels (in a tied bag)**. The donated items will be collected and weighed fortnightly and the school will receive 20p per kilo towards our funds. ***Please do not donate duvets, pillows, cushions, household textiles, soiled rags as the recycling company will deduct the cost of disposing of these items from our overall total raised.***

FUNDS RAISED SO FAR £116.20

Ink Cartridge Recycling

The school has signed up to a scheme run by The Recycling Factory to recycle printer ink cartridges and raise funds for the school at the same time. If you wish to help out, please bring in your empty ink cartridges for us to send off - there is a box in the foyer for you to deposit them.

Walkers Crisp Packet Recycling Scheme

We have now taken delivery of a green recycling bin (courtesy of Amey) which will be placed at the front of the school, in the corner by the side gate. If you, your children, family and friends would like to take part in the recycling scheme too, then please collect your empty crisp packets at home and when you have a few, bring them to school and put them in our bin!

CRISP PACKETS COLLECTED SO FAR - 4134

