



ST HELENS PRIMARY

Friday 20th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

The last few weeks have obviously been very testing to say the least.

The Corona virus has obviously been at the forefront of everybody's minds and the government have now decided to close the schools.

The children have been amazing throughout this period and we have made every effort to provide a first class education and maintain consistency in order to make sure the children have not affected. Pioneers were amazing yesterday and I know the others teachers have been equally impressed with their classes.

However there continues to be uncertainty with the school now closed for a number of weeks until it is deemed safe to return.

I sent an email this morning to update the latest position and will continue to work with the admin team and ICT manager to keep you informed about the school on a regular basis.

Corona Virus Update

The government has published a list of key workers whose children can still go to school if they cannot be looked after at home. These workers' jobs are considered "critical" for the response to the pandemic.

The list has been separated into eight categories, including frontline health workers and social care staff, nursery and teaching staff and those involved in food production and delivery.

It also includes the police, those in key public services, transport workers and critical staff in financial services and utilities.

The list comes as an appeal is launched to ask more than 65,000 retired doctors and nurses in England and Wales to **return to the NHS to help tackle the outbreak.**

Meanwhile, the chancellor is **set to announce a wage subsidy package** to protect jobs later.

Please see the latest link below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision>

To ensure the children's education does not suffer unduly, we will provide an array of opportunities for the children on the website. Please go to the class pages in the curriculum link and see the section entitled school closure.

We are not on holiday so the expectation is that all the children will be working every day to match a typical school day. Many of the children have already mentioned the activities and schedules that have been planned for them which is fantastic to hear. Thank you parents for your support during this time.

The teachers will be happy to receive questions during this time and help as much as they can. Please see the following email addresses below:

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or contact the office at admin@sthelenspri.iow.sch.uk

Mrs Lacey can be connected through Tapestry.

In Discoverers this week they have been thinking in our Science lesson about our skeletons; appreciating that some animals have back-bones and are called vertebrates. They are now more aware of the names of some bones in our bodies and what they protect.

In Literacy they have been considering and writing about what magical gift Father Christmas would have given us and what magical properties would it have. Things are getting complicated now in the book as Edmund has gone to the White Witch's palace (looking for some more Turkish delight) which by the way they tasted this week..... They have also been writing a description TOP Trumps style of some of the mythical characters in the book and creating our own.

In Maths they have all been successful with subtraction so have this week been testing ourselves in different contexts; using our skills in one and two step word problems. They have also been looking at the properties of 3D shape; constructing 3D shapes and thinking about nets. In PE Mrs Shenton has been extremely impressed with our hockey skills, knowledge and ball /stick control. In History they have been thinking about the Crime and punishment in the Anglo Saxon period and how it is different from today.

This week in Explorers they have been doing lots of bug hunting. The main bugs they found were woodlice. They have built some great houses for them, using sand, grass and leaves.

In Maths they have been looking at division by sharing out the tasty treats that Mrs Allman brought in as a leaving gift for the children.

Explorers have been impressing me with how well they can use the phase 3 sounds they know, in their writing. At the end of the week they have been busy making some mother's day treats.

For Adventurers, the children have worked hard to produce beautifully written letters to Juniper



Jupiter for the end of our English learning journey.

















In maths we have been learning our times tables. Year 1 used arrays to help them work out their 2 and 10 times table. Year 2 children have been using skip counting to work on their 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables.

In phonics, Year 1 children have been exploring the different ways to spell the /w/sound and Year 2 have been exploring the spelling rules for adding the suffix ly to words.

We have continued our work on Florence Nightingale in

topic lessons and the children created great pictures of her, using tissue paper.

Following a special request, I enclose the weather forecast for the Island for the next few days

Date	Weather	Temp	Wind	Speed	Gust	Humidity	Pressure	Rain total
Fri 20 Mar		8°C		27mph	34mph	78%	1027mB	1.5 mm
Show details								
Sat 21 Mar		8°C		33mph	40mph	68%	1024mB	0 mm
Show details								
Sun 22 Mar		6°C		29mph	35mph	66%	1028mB	0 mm
Show details								
Mon 23 Mar		6°C		25mph	30mph	65%	1031mB	0 mm
Show details								
Tue 24 Mar		7°C		20mph	24mph	63%	1029mB	0 mm
Show details								
Wed 25 Mar		7°C		19mph	25mph	61%	1023mB	0 mm
Show details								
Thu 26 Mar		8°C		15mph	19mph	75%	1016mB	0.6 mm
Show details								
Fri 27 Mar		8°C		3mph	4mph	76%	1011mB	0 mm
Show details								

Have an extraordinary weekend and beyond

Mr Wake



THIS WEEKS AWARDS



<u>Class</u>	<u>Worker of the Week</u>	<u>Star of The Week</u>
Explorers	Emily	Cai-Wyn
Adventurers	Ruby	Blossom
Adventurers	Millie-Jay	Theo
Discoverers	Georgia-Rose	Frankie
Discoverers	James	Annabelle
Pioneers	Harry L	Jacob W
Pioneers	Elliott	Nancy

Attendance week from: 09/03/20 to 13/03/20

Class	Attendance	Late Arrivals	Minutes Lost Through Lateness	Unauthorised Absences	Authorised Absences
Explorers	80%	0	0	2	26
Adventurers	73.9%	0	0	20	53
Discoverers	81.6%	0	0	6	53
Pioneers	83.9%	0	0	16	21

Although we strive for 100%, our whole school attendance for this week was 79.7% which is below 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.

The NHS 0-19 Public health team including Health Visitors and School nurses will continue to be available via our duty desk:

Tel: 821388

Email: www.0-19dutydesk@nhs.net

We have a Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/IOWPHTEAM/>

We recommend that parents and young people have a look at these websites for general health advice.

<https://what0-18.nhs.uk/>

<https://www.nhs.uk/>

Dates for your diary

- all dates are subject to change. We will keep parents updated.

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

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

Wednesday 22nd April – Year 6 Sailing, UKSA 1.00pm-4.00pm

Friday 8th May – School Closed Bank Holiday

Monday 11th to Thursday 14th May – SATs week

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

Tuesday 9th June – Reception September 2020 Parents Evening 6.00pm to 7.30pm

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

Saturday 27th June – Ryde Mardi Gras - cancelled

Wednesday 1st & Thursday 2nd July – KS2 Space Camp

Tuesday 14th July – Sports Day 9.00am to 12.00pm

Friday 17th July – School Reports out

Tuesday 21st July – KS2 play dress rehearsal 9.30am

Wednesday 22nd July – KS2 play afternoon performance 1.30pm

Wednesday 22nd July – KS2 play evening performance 6.00pm

Thursday 23rd July – Leavers Assembly 11.15am to 12.15pm

Thursday 23rd 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

Mardi Gras Update

The Mardi Gras in June will not be taking place. The children who had signed up for the afterschool club will have their money refunded in due course. The theme will be rolled over to next year and children will be invited to rejoin the club.

St. Helens Sports & Carnival

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Dear Parents

This is to let you know that St. Helens Carnival Queen Selecton on March 28th has been postponed, but if the 2020 Carnivals do go ahead, then we will re-schedule.

Under the present situation we are NOT alone in doing this, and most Carnivals are unsure of the future.

Margaret Cope.

There will now be a virtual selection procedure for the Carnival. Details will be put online in the next 48 hours.

FOSH are going to be working really hard over this uncertain period to keep the supportive, close-knit community of St Helens Primary strong. We want to make sure that nobody feels isolated and that the children especially still feel connected to the school, their teachers and their friends.

We invite parents and staff to join both our Facebook page and also the private Facebook group. We will be posting tips, advice, and activity ideas as well as encouraging parents and teachers to share classmate messages, videos of things you've been up to and virtual lessons etc on the private group.

FACEBOOK PAGE – Search for @FOSHPS

FACEBOOK GROUP - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2838941132853648/> (you can also find this link on the Facebook page)

Finally, Hannah's Mum Sarah would like to offer up support for anyone with anxiety or other mental health concerns who are finding this time a little overwhelming. If at any point you feel the need to let off some steam or air your anxieties without judgement, please WhatsApp her (07939084769) or add her on Facebook (Sarah Searle)

Walk the Wight

Walk the Wight now becomes '**Walk the Wight your way in May**'. People who have already registered and anyone who wants to get involved can use the special Walk the Wight map to clock up their Walk the Wight miles, raise sponsorship and receive their Walk the Wight medal. Participants can use the map to complete walk the wight in their own way whilst still collecting sponsorship. Walking, running, cycling, skipping - all activities count.

The good news for schools is that this decision only affects the on the day walk which is usually the last 4 miles from Freshwater to Alum Bay. The rest of the miles are completed on maps and stickers over between now and the end of May, building up a whole Walk the Wight. We ask that parents and children are encouraged to continue to take on the challenge and clock up the miles on their maps through any fun activity indoors or outdoors.

Medals and certificates will still be awarded and sent to schools as previously planned. We know it is important for children to feel that sense of achievement completing the miles and raising as much as possible for Mountbatten. We will be asking parents to share any photos and stories. In the event of school closures, we will be in contact about how we get packs, medals and certificates to all participants. The packs have already been updated with the new information.

Walk the Wight annually raises around £250,000 and is an important source of income for Mountbatten. We hope this gives children and families the opportunity to take part in something amazing and support Island families who need Mountbatten's support at this time.