



ST HELENS PRIMARY

Friday 6th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Attendance has improved dramatically this week. After an all-time low, I think we have probably managed to achieve our best rate ever. Well done everyone. I hope this is a sign of things to come.

In Pioneer Class, during English lessons, they have been closely looking at punctuation used within narrative writing. The children looked at how to use punctuation for parenthesis by using brackets, dashes and commas. The children have also looked at colons and how to use them. In Maths, the children have been looking at measurements and solving problems involving them and looking at conversion graphs.

They had a wonderful World Book Day on Monday. The children enjoyed the range of activities: visits to the library bus, a book quiz, the book mark competition, hearing Mrs Lacey's and Mr Booth's favourite stories and poems and sharing their characters with each other. Thanks to all the parents for helping and supporting their children in choosing their characters and for their costumes. Please see the website for the classes recommended reading lists! There is a wide range of authors and books that we know the children will enjoy!

Unfortunately, they didn't managed to go down to St Helens Duver to look at the coastal management strategies in place due to the awful weather. However, we still completed our 'field sketches' by using images. They then looked at different strategies and the advantages and disadvantages. They also had an interesting debate about whether intervening with nature is the correct thing to do.

This week, Explorers read the story of The Koala Who Could. They all had a brilliant time sharing books and telling everyone about the book characters they had come dressed as. Last Friday, Explorers baked cupcakes and Mrs Allman asked Explorers if they could help work out the new measurements if they were to double them. Following on from this, Explorers have looked at doubling this week in a variety of ways and have become very good at it too. With all this rain we have been experiencing, Explorers have been keeping a rain chart with Mrs Sharp. They have been analysing how much rain fall we have been getting each day and comparing which days had more or less rain.

Adventurers have had a very exciting week. We enjoyed world book day on Monday, all the children were enjoyed storytelling and craft based on The Fox in Sock by Dr Seuss. In Maths we have investigated fractions of shapes and the children created some beautiful Mexican artwork based on fractions of a circle.

Space camp was amazing! The children found out about the solar system, different planets, space travel and why our own planet Earth is so special. We had lots of fun with the crafts and experiments. The children particularly enjoyed making the moon rocks and using straw rockets.

Lottie said "I liked making the moon rocks, we got messy." and Alba said "I liked learning facts about space, I can name the planets."

Despite the weather, the evening was still a success with the children completing astronaut training, finding out about star constellations and enjoying space cinema. Year 1 children went home at 7pm after a very busy long day of space learning.

After lots of giggling and being settled in their tents the Year 2 children had a peaceful night's sleep.

Obie said "I liked the marshmallows and hot chocolate, and I liked the space astronaut training."

Nikola said "I liked sleeping in the tent with Lottie."

We are looking forward to arranging a family star gazing evening event for KS1 children later on this month.

This Wednesday the Discoverers class had a wonderful time at Carisbrooke Castle: Anglo Saxon Living History Day. We were really involved right from the beginning by all dressing up as Anglo Saxons. So thank you for your support in getting the children to look so authentic, as it really made a difference to their experience.

The children were entertained by a story teller: they looked at artefacts and some replicas from an IOW Anglo Saxon burial site (some artefacts have previously been kept by the British Museum, but have now been returned to the Isle of Wight and are on display in Carisbrooke Castle museum). Before lunch we were all fascinated by the display of Anglo Saxon weapons and armoury shown to us by a group of Anglo Saxon warriors! We especially liked the shield war and the chain mail. In the afternoon the children really enjoyed writing in runes and using quill pens and creating illuminated letters. The finale of the day was a re-enactment of a battle between Saxons and Vikings. It was a great day despite the weather.

Last Friday and Saturday, the school opened its inaugural art gallery celebrating the artistic talents of the children, staff and the local community. It was an amazing success highlighting the creating talents of the children.

A special thank you must go to Mrs McDougall who supported the children with their art work, searched high and low for the frames and assembled all of the paintings.

Mrs Rainford, the inspiration behind the idea and only possible thanks to her energy and vision worked tirelessly with the governors to prepare and deliver the flyers, prepare the gallery and sell the paintings.

The FOSH provided their support supplying tea and cake for the visiting admirers. Thank you to everyone for their support. The money raised will go to helping the school replenish much needed resources.

As a direct link with the project, we were delighted to receive a £250 donation from the St Helens Coffee Club. The money will be used to supplement our art resources. Thank you very much.

This week, Key Stage 1 enjoyed space camp. There were lots of excited, if a little tired, space cadets when I arrived on Thursday morning having spent the night at Moon Base Helen. Mrs Rees, Mrs Yardley and Beci Yardley 'thoroughly enjoyed' the experience of course but probably did look forward to an early night on Thursday. Thank you to the teachers for their commitment to the school. This is yet another example of the time and energy our staff spend on our great children.

World Book Day

Sophia Porter and Taylor Rolf were the deserving winners of the bookmark competition. Both will receive a £5 National Book Token. Our judge, Mrs Rainford, had the difficult decision choosing the winners from such a great selection of entries.

Medical/ updates

Please remember it is essential to update the school with changes in children's medical needs, allergies, change of address and/or telephone number in order for us to safeguard the children at all times.

Corona Virus

St Helens are committed to reducing the risk of the virus by encouraging children to wash their hands on a regular basis. Posters are also displayed above every sink.

Government Coronavirus action plans

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ART TAKE OVER OF THE ISLAND THIS WEEKEND

On Friday we were lucky to receive an unexpected visit from Nick Corsten co-founder of STEAM.Co who entertained the children with his blend of art and science. Thank you Mrs Meredith for thinking of us.

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He now has two sessions left before he leaves the island:

- **BOOK LAUNCH** - he has invited you to the launch of his book #Rocket Kid Stories at Lord Lewis Library - 4-6pm Friday 6th March. Free books for first ten people, then £2 [FACEBOOK LINK](#)
- **JUNIOR ART ACTIVIST WORKSHOP** - find out how you can make the world a better place with your art. Design an #ILOVEART logo and print it on a t-shirt at Quay Arts Quay Arts 9=2pm Saturday 7th March [FACEBOOK LINK](#)

Both events are free, see videos of Nick's wee and find out more in the attached flyer or on the website here: www.steamco.org.uk/iow

Hopefully the rain and wind will cease now that Spring has arrived. (Meteorologically-speaking).

Have a delightful weekend

Mr Wake



THIS WEEKS AWARDS



<u>Class</u>	<u>Worker of the Week</u>	<u>Star of The Week</u>
Explorers	Taylor	Emily
Adventurers	Hannah	Thomas
Adventurers	Ellie	Theo
Discoverers	Evelyn	Alex
Discoverers	Sophia	Brooke
Pioneers	Harry P	Sophie
Pioneers	Marley G	Daisy

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.

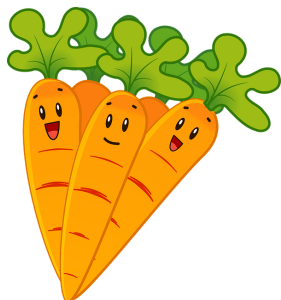
Attendance week from: 24/02/20 to 28/02/20

Class	Attendance	Late Arrivals	Minutes Lost Through Lateness	Unauthorised Absences	Authorised Absences
Explorers	100%	2	30	0	0
Adventurers	99.1%	0	0	2	0
Discoverers	97.7%	0	0	2	4
Pioneers	98.9%	1	12	2	0

Although we strive for 100%, our whole school attendance for this week was 98.7% 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.

Gardening Club



Our Gardening Club will begin again on Tuesday lunchtimes from 10th March. Mrs Jenvey and Mrs Yardley would be most grateful for any donations of seeds, pots, compost etc or anything else that you think may come in useful!

We are also looking for donations of shelving for our lovely new greenhouse if anyone has anything suitable that we can make use of.

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F.O.S.H is a friendly and enthusiastic organisation dedicated to giving the wonderful children of the school as many opportunities and the dedicated staff as much support as possible.

We've put on several events over the past 18 months and have raised significant funds for the children. However, there are very few of us doing all this work and we would really benefit from some new members lending a hand.

Joining FOSH and giving your time to benefit the students of St Helens Primary is not only a hugely rewarding experience, but is also great fun and a brilliant way to make friends and engage with other parents and the local community.

If you think you can help and want to become part of F.O.S.H we would love you to sign up. There will be a sign-up sheet in the school reception. Please add your name if you think you can give some time. We have a number of events coming up both at school and in St Helens that we would really love your support for. We are also planning a new members meeting at The Vine at 2pm on Thursday 12th March – it would be great to see some new faces there!

Newspapers

Pioneers class would be very grateful for donations of newspapers please for their next project.

Dates for your diary

Friday 13th March – School reports out
Monday 16th March – Parents Evening
Saturday 21st March – St Helens Horticultural Show 9.00am to 5.00pm
Friday 3rd April – Easter Assembly 9.15 to 10.15
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 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
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

School Dinner Menu Week Commencing 9th March 2020 (£2.05 per day or free to Reception, Year 1 & 2 pupils)

ALLERGY INFORMATION: If your child has an allergy or intolerance please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child.

Spring Menu 2020
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 feeding the imagination

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 3	Main	Cheese & Tomato French Bread Pizza 	Beef Bolognese with Spaghetti 	Roast Pork with Roast Potatoes & Gravy 	Chicken Stir Fry with Noodles 	Fish in Batter with Chips 
	Vegetarian	Five Bean Chili with Rice 	Vegetable Bolognese with Spaghetti 	Vegetable Wellington with Roast Potatoes & Gravy 	Vegetarian Stir Fry with Noodles 	Cheese Frittata with Chips 
	Dessert	Oatie Cookie 	Banana Sponge & Custard 	Sliced Cheese, Apple & Biscuits 	Yoghurt Station 	Chocolate and Mandarin Brownie 

Freshly cooked jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings (where advertised)
 Bread freshly baked on site daily
 Daily salad selection
 Fresh fruit and yoghurt

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. *D'YUgYXc' bchXcbUH'Xi j Yrgzd]' ck gZw' gl]cbgzl ci gY c'X' hM H' YgZgc] YX'fU] g'Ug'h YfYWHW]b['Vt'a dUbnik]''XYXi WiH Y'Ve'ghicZX]gdcg]b['cZH YgY]hYa g'Zca 'ci f'cj YfU'' hcHU' fU]gYX''*

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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!

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St. Helens 2020 Carnival Queens Selection

St. Helens Carnival Queens selection will take place on Saturday March 28th in St. Catherine's Chapel in the Community Centre, St. Helens.

Judging will take place at 11.00 a.m.

If you are 7 to 14 years old, and live or go to School in the St. Helens, Seaview, Nettlestone or Bembridge area, then please come and join us, and support our Carnival. **Boys are also welcome to come along to the selection event** to become part of our Carnival Ensemble this year. Same age range applies.

All are welcome.

For further details, please contact Margaret Cope on 874466.



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CROSS COUNTRY

CHAMPIONSHIPS 2020

SATURDAY 14 MARCH

SEACLOSE PARK, NEWPORT, PO30 2QS

School year	Distance	Registration	Start
Year 6 (boys & girls)	2 kms	10am	10.20am
Year 5 (boys & girls)	2 kms	10.20am	10.40am
Year 4 (boys & girls)	2 kms	10.40am	11am
Year 3 (boys & girls)	2 kms	11am	11.20am
Year 2 (boys & girls)	2 kms	11.10am	11.45am

£3
ENTRY FEE
PAYABLE ON THE DAY

Please be at Seaclose Park (below the tennis courts) for registration and collection of numbers at least 20 mins before your event starts.

Booking by Tuesday 10 March 2020 is essential. No entries accepted on the day.

Email iowac.athletics@gmail.com for an entry form or contact Ray Scovell 07915 609850 or 01983 405340 for further details.



