



**ST HELENS PRIMARY**



Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

Another week has flown by. The children have been on excellent form as usual.

In class:

In Adventurers, Luke has enjoyed making the papier mache whales which have now been painted and hung up. Alena has enjoyed solving word problems.

In Discoverers Barnaby excelled in maths even answering some Upper Key Stage 2 level questions and Clara loved her writing opportunities.

In Explorers Harvey enjoyed doubling and halving and continuing to develop his phonics knowledge. Isabella, Betty and Rowan were able to solve doubling problems.

Meanwhile in Pioneers Alexis has loved making the horse heads out of clay linked to their class text, War Horse, Alba completing her tables.

Year 5 enjoyed their first venture on the waters. For 5 years now, Seaview Sailing Academy has kindly provided expert training where children learn basic skills that enable them to sail dinghies (unaccompanied) in the Solent in a safe manner. Despite the occasional watery event, the children love the visits and benefit so much from the experience. The 10 week programme will continue throughout the majority of the summer term only interrupted by half term and the Residential. All the clubs, Explorers trip to Butterfly World and of course SATs are a few of the many things we have to look forward to in the next few weeks before half term.

**Have a great weekend**

**Mr Wake**

**Attendance week from: 15/04/2024 to 19/04/2024**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Late Arrivals</b>	<b>Minutes Lost Through Lateness</b>	<b>Unauthorised Absences</b>	<b>Authorised Absences</b>
Explorers	90%	0	0	0	13
Adventurers	96%	0	0	10	2
Discoverers	87.9%	0	0	12	17
Pioneers	95%	0	0	9	4

Although we strive for 100%, our whole school attendance for this week was 92.8% 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](mailto: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.



**THIS WEEKS AWARDS**



<u><b>Class</b></u>	<u><b>Worker of the Week</b></u>	<u><b>Star of The Week</b></u>
Explorers	Ronnie	Jamie
Adventurers	Arlo	William
Adventurers	Lizzie	John
Discoverers	Travis	Zach
Discoverers	Emily	Luke
Pioneers	Millie	Blossom
Pioneers	Ellie	Jarryd



We would like to wish a very 'Happy Birthday' to the following children who celebrate their special day this week:

Pippa age 11

**School Dinner Menu (£2.75) per day or free to Reception, Year 1 & 2 pupils)**

On **TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS only**, the children will be able to order baguettes - fillings cheese, tuna or ham.

Chartwells School		WEEK 1				
		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
SPRING/SUMMER 2024	NOT SPECIALS	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Served with Half a Jacket Potato	Classic Beef Burger Served with Potato Wedges	BBQ Chicken Served with Roast Potatoes	Chicken and Broccoli Pasta Bake	Fish Fingers Served with Chips
	JACKET POTATO	BBQ Quorn Filled Served with Wholegrain Rice	Vegetarian Burger Served with Potato Wedges	Cheesy Ploughman's Plint Plate	Chilli No Carne with Crispy Tortilla Served with Wholegrain Rice	Quorn Dippers Served with Chips
		Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings, including Salmon Mayo maise	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings
Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with panna pasta						
All main meals are served with two vegetables						
DESSERT		Crispy Crackle Bar with Fruits	Raspberry Jolly	Carrot, Orange and Sultana Slice	Vanilla Ice Cream	Original Flipjack
<b>PACKED LUNCH AVAILABLE</b> Ham, Cheese or Tuna baguette available daily with veg sticks and fresh fruit or dessert of the day		<b>AVAILABLE EVERY DAY</b> Water, salad, freshly baked bread, yoghurt & fresh fruit		Vegetarian Oily Fish Wholegrain Fruity! Nutritionist's Choice		

# WEEK 2

WC: 22/04, 13/05, 10/06, 01/07, 22/07, 16/08, 07/10

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT SPECIALS	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Served with Potato Wedges	Beef Bolognese Served with Wholewheat Pasta	Roast Pork Served with Roast Potatoes and Gavy	Butter Chicken Curry Served with Wholegrain Rice	Southern Fried Chicken Served with Chips
	Vegetarian Bolognese Served with Wholewheat Pasta	Veggie Burrito	Quorn Roast Served with Roast Potatoes and Gavy	Macaroni Cheese	Veggie Fingers Served with Chips
	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings, including Salmon Mayo/mousse	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings
Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with panne pasta					
All main meals are served with two vegetables					
DESSERT	Chocolate Cookie	Carrot, Orange and Sultana Slice	Orange Jelly	Chocolate Shortbread with Fruit	Orange Drizzle
<b>PACKED LUNCH AVAILABLE</b> Ham, Cheese or Tuna baguette available daily with veg sticks and fresh fruit or dessert of the day		<b>AVAILABLE EVERY DAY</b> Water, salad, freshly baked bread, yoghurt & fresh fruit		Vegetarian Oily Fish Wholegrain Fruity! Nutritionist's Choice	

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# WEEK 3

WC: 29/04, 20/05, 17/06, 08/07, 02/08, 23/08, 14/10

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT SPECIALS	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Served with Potato Wedges	Pork Sausages Served with Mashed Potato and Beans	Roast Chicken Served with Roast Potatoes and Gavy	Cottage Pie Served with Gravy	Fish Fingers Served with Chips
	Tomato and Herb Lentil Pasta	Vegetarian Sausage Served with Mashed Potato and Beans	Cheese and Onion Pie Served with Roast Potatoes and Gavy	Meatless Balls in Tomato Sauce Served with Rainbowrice	Quorn Dippers Served with Chips
	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings, including Salmon Mayo/mousse	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings
Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with panne pasta					
All main meals are served with two vegetables					
DESSERT	Chocolate Brownie with Fruit	Strawberry Jelly	Banana Cake	Lemon Sicilian Coolée	Chocolate Ice Cream
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**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 The Bay kitchen.**

### **Dates for Your Diary**

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	- May Bank Holiday – school closed
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	- Explorers Butterfly World trip
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> to Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	- KS2 SATs
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	- Class Photos with Cardwell & Simons
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	- FOSH Colour Run (details to follow)
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	- School closes at 3.00pm for half term
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	- School reopens at 8.45am for Summer term 2
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	- RNLI Day
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	- Year 5/6 Residential trip
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	- FOSH Summer Fayre
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> July	- School closes at 3.00pm for Summer holidays

### **This Week's Class Updates**

#### **Explorers**

We have had a great week in Explorers!

The children enjoyed their visit from Joanne Ryan on Monday. They challenged her to a race up on the field and found her race videos interesting!

In phonics this week we have started phase 4, we will be about consolidating and improving their knowledge, while introducing trickier words with increased vocabulary.

In maths this week we have been exploring doubling and halving. The children have enjoyed using ladybugs to practise their doubling skills by doubling the ladybugs spots.

We have enjoyed making our own bugs out of egg boxes, the children made bees, ladybugs, spiders and flies. The Explorers have also enjoyed playing 'Beetle' to draw their own beetles to help decorate our home corner. Beetle is a game of rolling dice and drawing a beetle based on the numbers you roll, the first to complete their beetle is the winner!

We have also been talking about the season of spring. The children have enjoyed talking about all the new things you can see when spring comes, including chicks, lambs, green leaves, flowers and butterflies. Today we have taken clipboards up to the woodland area and have been sketching the signs of spring that we could see.

Have a lovely weekend.





## **Adventurers**

Adventurers were very excited to paint their paper mache whales this week! They were all fully engaged and have done an excellent job. This has been a great hook into our Big Blue Whale text, which has been teaching us lots of exciting facts about blue whales.

In science we did head outside for another hunt, this time for things that are: living, once living and never living. Some items can be tricky to sort; for example grass is living but once picked it no longer is!

Maths has seen us exploring the 2s, 5s and 10s times tables. For year 1 this may be counting in 2s, 5s and 10s; then the year 2s exploring them more as a times tables and looking at the number facts. We just had a fun music session learning about the 'celeste' (see if your child can remember anything about this instrument!) They are hard to come by so we created underwater piece using a triangle and separate bars from a glockenspiel. We changed the dynamics (volume) and decided that the louder the music, the bigger the fish!

We have made a good start on completing the daily mile. At the moment our goal is one lap of the field a day - but ask your child if they were one of the ones who completed more than one lap today; there were some keen beans!

Have a lovely weekend.



## **Discoverers**

In Maths we have been doing column addition and column subtraction and estimating. This week in English we have been working on a newsletter about our missing dragons. In science we have been classifying vertebrates and invertebrates. This week we have been learning about Viking long boats and made one in art. In history we have been learning about Scandinavia and labelled a map.

By Georgina Parkinson

## **Pioneers**

This week I would like to share some independent writing work with you from Year 5 and 6. I am sure you will agree that their writing is entertaining and vibrant. This descriptive work was as a direct result of watching the film and reading our book War Horse. In this scene the horses are involved in a practice cavalry charge. The writing is from the horse's point of view. Scattered in amongst the writing are sketches created by the children, made to help with their pottery horse heads which they began working on this week in art.



## Extracts from Year 5

*“ Charge “ I heard someone yell from the other side of the plain. My ears pricked up like I was being electrocuted. I felt like bolting, but I held myself back.*



field.



*As the afternoon sun shone on my back, I felt a jolt of excitement for the “charge” practice. Excitement rushed from horse to horse preparing for the bugles to sound. Captain kicked me, signalling it was time to move. I slowly went, from a walk to a trot, to a canter, then the bugles blew and I caught sight of the sabre over my right ear as I was galloping across the empty*

*A furious sound of thunder like hooves surrounded me. I suddenly realised the importance of not letting the stallion next to me (whose name was Tophorn) get ahead of Captain Nicholls and me....*

*Every memory of my early life was in the back of my mind. Almost everyone Albert, his face, his voice, how we grew up together. That was the one at the front. I could smell the fresh long grass beneath my feet.*



## Extracts from Year 6

*As the flies buzzed closely and the beautiful light expanded over the plain, the horses, including me, lined up ready for the last manoeuvre. On this occasion my rider Captain Nicholls was significantly heavier than Corporal Perkins, who had been my previous rider. The humid, warm air swamped with excitement as the first commands were bellowed.*



*Captain Nicholls stated, “Alright it looks like everyone’s here - get in formation” all of the cavalry horses got in line. “Take out your sabres,” Captain Nicholls ordered. After a minute every soldier had their sword unsheathed. “CHARGE” Captain Nicholls bellowed.*

*The herd started to charge, the sound was like thunder and the yelling of the soldiers didn't help.*

*But it gave me some kind of adrenaline boost and I charged ahead of the others. The only one who could keep up with my speed was the stallion.*



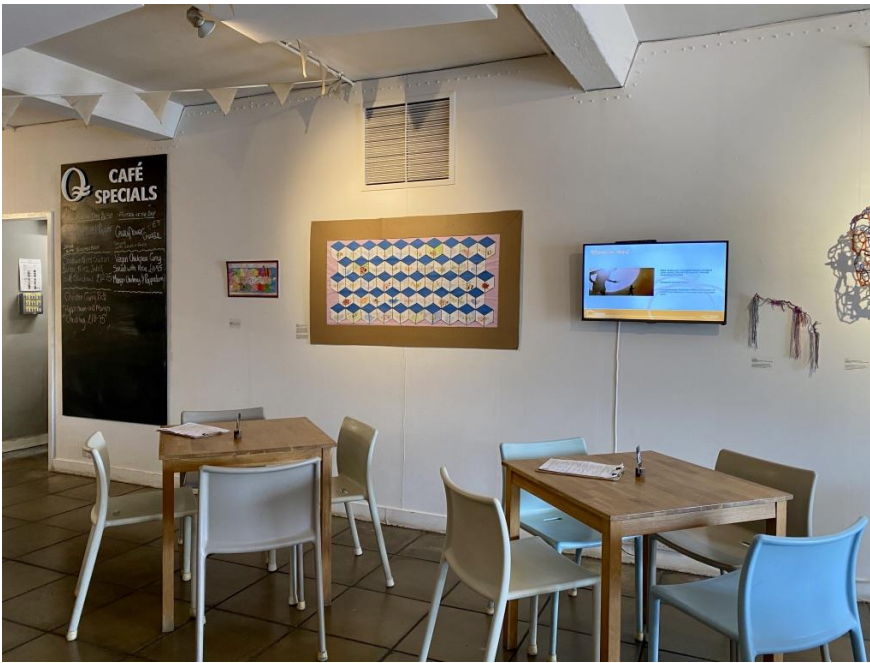
*It was a glamorous evening, as the sun sparkled on my red bay and white determined face, I heard the unerring sound of the bell for war. Captain Nicholls leapt onto my large glimmering back. It felt like a huge rock was on top of me! I suddenly felt a surge of excitement as we were about to leave the meadow-like pasture....*



REMINDER QUAY ARTS PEACH ART EXHIBITION ST HELENS PRIMARY SCHOOL INVOLVED

If you are near Quay Arts this weekend it is your last chance to see the Peach Art Exhibition, including our contribution, which is on the wall of the cafe.





## Textile Bank

Don't forget that we have a textile bank where you can donate unwanted **clothes, belts, paired shoes, bags, hats, (in a tied bag)**. The donated items will be collected and weighed fortnightly and the school will receive 20p per kilo towards our funds. **Donated items (bagged please) should be left near to the front entrance of the school. Please let the office know you have left items!** ***Please do not donate duvets, pillows, cushions, household textiles, soiled rags, curtains, blankets as the recycling company will deduct the cost of disposing of these items from our overall total raised.***

Remember to look at the school website for the latest school updates and information at [www.sthelenspri.iow.sch.uk](http://www.sthelenspri.iow.sch.uk)