



Dear Parents,

We have come to the end of another busy week at school and we must say thank you to lots of different people.

It is so nice to have our Foundation Children in every day now and our school feels as it should be...every class full of children. It was great to see and meet so many parents, both those familiar with our school and those new to our school, at the coffee morning today.

I know the 'Induction' into school can be very tricky for many parents as 'drop off' and 'pick up' times are so varied so a big thank you to you all for making arrangements.

Thank you also to all the KS1 parents who attended the Information Evening last night. It was so lovely that many of you attended and heard useful information about your child's learning this year. Please do fill in the Evaluation Form - your constructive feedback is always helpful and useful. Finally thank you to all the staff for their hard work in preparing these information evenings.

Have a lovely weekend.

S. Rainford

Foundation Stage - Thursday 20th September, 7pm - Information regarding READING BOOKS, day to day learning, activities and ways to help at home. **FOR PARENTS ONLY.**

Car Park Permits for St. Helen's Infant & Junior Schools

The Car Park Permits for this academic year are now available from the School Office at a cost of £25.00 for the year. **These must be purchased by Friday 21st September 2018.**

Spot checks will take place on a regular basis to ensure only parents with permits are using the facilities. A permit is required regardless of the number of days that you access the Car Park. Please abide by the Car Park Rules at all times.

On completing the Car Park Permit application form you can purchase the permit in person, by cash or cheque (made payable to St. Helen's Catholic Infant School) from the Infant School Office or you can send in the correct payment in your child's book bag to the either the Infant or Junior School Offices and then your permit will be returned via your child's bookbag. **IF YOU WISH TO USE THE CAR PARK YOU MUST HAVE A VALID PARKING PERMIT**

REPORTING PUPIL'S ABSENCES

If your child is absent from school, please telephone and leave a message on our answering machine by 10.00am. Please state your child's full name, class number and what is wrong with them. This should be done every day of the child's absence. Please remember to write a letter upon their return to school. If you wish to speak to a member of the office staff regarding your child's absence, please note that the school office is open from 8.30am to 4.00pm.

OPEN MORNING 18th OCTOBER 2018

Open Morning (not suitable for young children) on Thursday, 18th October at 9.15am, for a prompt start at 9.30am. This is for **parents of children due to start school in September 2019.**

Refreshments will be served from 9.15am. Walk around our school, enjoy a presentation by the Head Teacher and see the children working in the classrooms. For further information, please contact the school office on 01277 215626

KITCHEN CORNER

Monday 17th September
Menu Week 3

Attendance League Table

Remember the class with the greatest attendance will be rewarded.

Class	%
4	99.52
7	99.05
5	98.52
8 & 9	97.62
6	95.71

Thank you to all the children that took part in the Summer Challenges we set relating to Mathletics, Bug Club and the Library Summer Read. We are now collating all the challenge data and giving out lots of house points too. All this information will be shared in next weeks newsletter.

PLEA - We frequently need to use large pieces of fabric for displays, role play areas etc. Our stock is gradually dwindling so we are asking for any donations of curtains, sheets, tablecloths, clean and complete that you may no longer need. Any colour, plain is best but patterned would be good too.

PARENT/TEACHER APPOINTMENTS
Tuesday 16th & Thursday 18th October
Details will be sent out shortly regarding booking your appointment

Year 2 Brentwood Walk

Year 2 will be going on a walk through and around Brentwood High Street as part of their topic about Brentwood :-

- Class 7 - Mon 24th September starting 1.00pm
- Class 8 - Tues 25th September starting at 1.00pm
- Class 9 - Weds 26th September starting 1.00pm

We would appreciate any offers of help from Year 2 Parents, Carers or Grandparents to accompany a group of children throughout the walk. The walk will last for the whole afternoon and the children will return in time for the end of school day. You will need to be here at 12.45pm.

Well Done to **St. Bernadette's House** for being the first winners this term.

House	This Weeks Points	Accumulative Points Autumn Term
St. Bernadette	77	77
St. Clare	54	54
St. Francis	49	49
St. Martin	50	50

Late Arrivals

There were **5** late arrivals this week. Please remember that the doors open 8.45a.m and anyone that arrives after 9.00a.m. is officially late.

Year 2

ENGLISH - This week we have been learning the rules of making a singular word plural.

The general rule is to add an s to a noun.

e.g. boy → boys

girl → girls

The exceptions are:- if the word ends in ch, sh, ss, x, o you add

es

e.g. church → churches

box → boxes

If the word ends in a y "change the y for an 'i' and add es"

e.g. fly → flies

lady → ladies

MATHS - We have been looking at the place value of numbers and using dienes to make 2 digit numbers. We have learnt to put the titles Ten (T) and Ones (O) on our numbers to help us identify them.

e.g. T Ones

2 7

We are learning that 27 is 2 lots of 10 (20) and 7 ones

Each week we are focussing on 5 common exception words.

Next week's common exception words will be:- wild, climb, most, only, both

These words are part of the Year 2 list of words that children are expected to know by the end of the year. Practising these at home as well as school will be very beneficial.

Year 1

As mentioned at the Parent meeting last night we have found there is a direct correlation between the number of Bug Club books read and the children's progress in reading. Please ensure that you read **Bug Club books with your children** and they should also be encouraged to frequently access **Mathletics**. Thank you

Each week Year 1 will have a *Shape of the Week* to focus on. Please support your child by looking out for examples around their environment and discussing them. **Shape of the Week - Square (a 2d shape)**.

SCIENCE - Each week we will be researching one of the 5 senses. This week will be the sense of sight and we will be finding out about Louis Braille. Thank you for your support.



Foundation Stage

Well done everyone! We have had a good start this week, the children are settling and beginning to learn the routines of Foundation Stage. We look forward to seeing you all at our meeting next Thursday to explain Foundation Stage expectations further.



DIARY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2018 - 2019

Date	Day	Time	Event	Class/Year	Details
20 Sep	Thurs	7p.m.	FS Information Evening	Foundation Stage	NO CHILDREN
24 Sep	Mon	1pm	Class 7 Brentwood Walk	Class 7	Parents/Grandparents/Carers/ NO Children
25 Sep	Tues	1pm	Class 8 Brentwood Walk	Class 8	Parents/Grandparents/Carers/ NO Children
26 Sep	Weds	1pm	Class 9 Brentwood Walk	Class 9	Parents/Grandparents/Carers/ NO Children
5 Oct	Fri	During School Day	St. Francis House Celebration	St. Francis House	For children in St. Francis House who can wear
16 Oct	Tues	4p.m - 6.30p.m	Parent/Teacher Consultations - you attend one evening either 16 th or 18 th	All Years	NO CHILDREN
18 Oct	Thurs	9.15a.m for 9.30a.m start	Open Morning Prospective Sep'19 parents	Prospective Sep'19 parents	Parents of children due to start school in September 2019
18 Oct	Thurs	4p.m - 6.30p.m	Parent/Teacher Consultations - you attend one evening either 16 th or 18 th	All Years	NO CHILDREN
19 Oct	Fri	During School Day	St. Helen's Day Celebration	All Years	Children can wear Red and Green Ribbons

AUTUMN HALF TERM - Mon 22nd Oct to Fri 26th Oct (inclusive)