



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 on Friday. A big THANK YOU to all the members of the PA for all their hard work in organising the refreshments at the coffee morning. It was lovely that the School Nurse also joined us and I know last night she spoke to many parents.

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 over the last 2 nights. 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.*

**INFORMATION EVENINGS**

**Foundation Stage - Thursday 22nd September, 7pm** - Information regarding day to day learning, activities and ways to help at home. **FOR PARENTS ONLY.**

**P.E. STARS OF THE WEEK**

Zofia Brzozowska & Freya Wheatley	Class 4
Oba Samuel & Joseph Wainwright	Class 5
Maddie Howard & Dexter Wakerly	Class 6
Che Dredge	Class 7
Cai Samuels	Class 8
Ashwin Justin	Class 9

**KITCHEN CORNER**

Monday 20th September  
Menu Week 3

Parents, if you would like to volunteer to help in school for an hour or two please ask at the office for more details.

We would be very grateful for any donations of boxes of tissues as we use so many of them in school at this time of year. Thank you

House	This Weeks Points	Accumulative Points
St. Bernadette	23	23
St. Clare	40	40
St. Francis	32	32
St. Martin	32	32

Well Done to St. Clare's House for being the first winner this term

**OPEN MORNING  
20th OCTOBER 2016**

- Open Morning (not suitable for young children) on Thursday, 20th October at 9.30am, for parents of children due to start school in September 2017.
- Refreshments will be served from 9.15am. Walk around our new school, enjoy a presentation by the Head Teacher and see the children working in the classrooms. For further information, please contact the school on 01277 215626.

**Attendance League Table**

Remember the class with the greatest attendance will be rewarded.

Class	%
7	99.63
5	98.89
4	98.52
6	97.96
9	96.58
8	94.43

**WATER BOTTLES**

Year 1 and Year 2 may still bring in a small bottle of water each day if they wish. The bottle will need to be clearly labelled with their name (and surname) and class number. Children will be encouraged to drink throughout the day. The bottle will be taken home each evening too.

You do not have to send in a bottle of water as children do have free access to a water fountain in their classroom as well.

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

The Car Park Permits for this academic year should now be purchased if you wish to use the facilities. The cost is £25.00 for the year or £10 per term. Spot checks will take place on a regular basis to ensure only parents with permits are using the car park.

**A permit is required regardless of the number of days or times that you access the Car Park.** However, a duplicate permit can be used by other family members who drop off/pick up your child.

The permits can be purchased in person, (CASH OR CHEQUE ONLY) from the Infant School Office. **IF YOU WISH TO USE THE CAR PARK YOU MUST HAVE A VALID PARKING PERMIT**

**Late Arrivals**

There were **11** 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

Thank you to those parents who attended last night's information evening and for completing the questionnaires.

**ENGLISH** - The children have met Naomi Noun from the Grammar Gang. She has helped them to learn that a noun is a person, place or thing. The homework sheet is revision of what they have learnt.

**MATHS** - Year 2 have been revising making numbers to 99 using Deines by separating the Tens and Ones. They then wrote the

number in their book using the headings T (for Tens) and Ones.

e.g.

T	Ones		
	□ □	4	5
	□ □		
	□		

**SCIENCE** - We have started the topic of Materials and investigated the properties of man-made objects, such as rough,

## YEAR 1

**ENGLISH** - This week we have read the story *Whatever Next* by Jill Murphy. We have written lists and then sentences about what Baby Bear took to the moon with him. We have remembered to say our sentences out loud before we write them down and have practised the Kung Fu punctuation for a capital letter and full stop. Ask your child to say a sentence out loud and demonstrate this to you. We have also sequenced the story ready to write it in our own words next week.



**SPELLINGS** - Your child will have a spelling book today. Please help your child to learn their spellings ready for a test next Thursday. Remember **DO NOT WRITE IN THE RED SPELLING BOOK**. Thank you

## HOMEWORK FOR YEARS 1 & 2

As explained at the Information Evenings, your child's homework wallet will be given out each Friday and will contain an activity that needs to be completed and returned to class by the following Thursday.

Thank you for your support this week with your child's homework.

## 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.

## DIARY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2016 - 2017

### AUTUMN TERM 2016

Date	Day	Time	Event	Class/Year	Details
22 Sep	Thurs	7p.m.	<b>Foundation Stage Information Evening</b>	<b>Foundation Stage</b>	<b>NO CHILDREN</b>
5 Oct	Wed	1.15p.m. <b>OR</b> 7p.m.	<b>CEOP Training for parents</b>	All Years	<b>NO CHILDREN</b>
7 Oct	Fri	During School Day	<b>St. Francis House Celebration</b>	St. Francis House	For children in St. Francis House. Children can wear 'Yellow' ribbon.
18 Oct	Tue	4p.m - 6.30p.m	<b>Parent/Teacher Consultation Evenings - you will only attend one evening either 18<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> October.</b>	All Years	<b>NO CHILDREN</b>
20 Oct	Thurs	9.15a.m for 9.30a.m start	<b>Open Morning Prospective Sep'17 parents</b>	Prospective Sep'17 parents	Parents of children due to start school in September 2017
20 Oct	Thurs	4p.m - 6.30p.m	<b>Parent/Teacher Consultation Evenings - you will only attend one evening either 18<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> October.</b>	All Years	<b>NO CHILDREN</b>
21 Oct	Fri	During School Day	<b>St. Helen's Day Celebration</b>	All Years	Children can wear Red and Green Ribbons

**AUTUMN HALF TERM - Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Oct to Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Oct (inclusive)**