



Dear Parents,

What a week! Life has been particularly busy here this week. The two Parent/Teacher Meetings were very well attended and very positive. Thank you to you all for your support and much thanks to the Teachers for their hard work.

On Wednesday we had a delightful day learning about stories from the Old Testament. Ask your child what they learnt about. Hopefully they can give you some facts.

Yesterday we held our annual Open Morning for parents whose children are due to start school next September. It was very well attended and Year 2 did a tremendous job as 'Tour Guides'. Many, many visitors commented on the children's confidence and their ability to undertake such a role. Very well done Year 2!

Today we have been celebrating St. Helen's day. We have had a great time at our assembly where we shared information about St. Helen, ate cakes and sang hymns with gusto! Many thanks to Fr. Martin for celebrating with us too.

Have a great half term.


S. Rainford.

SCHOOL REOPENS TO PUPILS ON MONDAY 29th OCTOBER 2018

SCHOOL UNIFORM - Please note that all children *must be in full winter uniform* after the October half term - **NO Polo Shirts or Summer Dresses**. Girls must wear navy pinafores. **NO SKIRTS** are allowed. Please ensure your child comes to school every day in a **warm coat** - only **dark, plain** coloured coats are allowed. They also need to have a **tracksuit** in their P.E. bag. **All P.E. Bags** to be back in school on Monday 29th October. *Please, Please label all items of uniform.*

STARS OF THE WEEK
 ☆ Livy Butler Class 4
 ☆ Ted Lobo Class 5
 ☆ Emily Wadsworth Class 6
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MULTI SKILLS STARS
 Pippa Howlett
 Class 7




WORKERS OF THE WEEK

Class 4	Mollie Kavanagh	&	Quinn Wingrove
Class 5	Hope Parsons	&	Olivia Onyolu
Class 6	Angelina Cheung	&	Samuel Olubode

GYMNASTICS STARS
 Scarlett Bexley - Class 8



TAG RUGBY STARS
 Ava O'Neal - Class 7
 Samuel Willis - Class 8



KARATE STARS
 Freddie Fordham - Class 7



Attendance League Table
 Remember the class with the greatest attendance will be rewarded.

Class	%
4	99.37
8	98.33
3	98.29
6	98.23
5	98.01
7	97.97
1	97.85
9	97.14
2	95.11

Message from the School Council
 "Thank you for collecting all the food and toiletries for the food bank. Thank you for all your hard work getting the food to us. We can't believe how much you've brought in."

Many thanks to the ladies who served the refreshments and helped at the Open Morning on Thursday. It was really appreciated by everyone. Thank you to the catering team for baking cakes. Also thanks to the parent who counted the skips this week.

Well Done to **St. Francis' House** for being the winners this week.

House	This Weeks Points	Accumulative Points Autumn Term
St. Bernadette	99	840
St. Clare	119	755
St. Francis	127	724
St. Martin	124	674

POPPY DAY COLLECTION BOX
 Once again, after Half term we will have poppies and other items for sale in the foyer from 29th October - 9th November. We have managed to collect well over a £100 each year and hopefully we can do as well this year. So save your pennies and any loose change and please come into school and buy a poppy.

KITCHEN CORNER
 Monday 29th October - Menu Week 1
 The new winter menus start on Monday 29th

P.E. STARS OF THE WEEK

Amelie Alexander	Class 4
Juliet Kavanagh	Class 5
Ethan Shepherd	Class 6
Georgia Hardy	Class 7
Luca Tredgett	Class 8
Thomas Zechmeister	Class 9

Year 2

ENGLISH - We have focused on Old Testament stories this week, including Jeremiah, David and Goliath and Ruth.

MATHS - We have described the properties of 3D shapes, using the related vocab :- vertices, edges, faces.

This half term the children have all learnt B, A and G on their recorders. Please practise over the holidays!



Year 1

Thank you to Fr. Martin for visiting each of our classrooms to help us to act out a Baptism. The children enjoyed taking on the different roles. We have also enjoyed looking at the Baptism photos that have been sent in. Thank you

ENGLISH - The children have written about the life of Louis Braille. Can you find the Braille on a ten pound note?

MATHS - The children have been introduced to Dienes. Dienes are a type of apparatus that we use to help with Maths. We use sticks of Ten or individual Ones.

Shape of the Week - Octagon

COME AND SEE - We have been focusing on the Old Testament this week. The children have learnt the different stories about Moses.



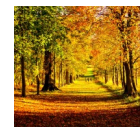
FOUNDATION STAGE

This week we have been focusing on the sounds 'b','h' and 'f'. Keep practising all the sounds that we have already learnt so far.

In Maths we have been making amounts to 10 and recognising numbers. We have also practised writing the numbers too.

We have had our first skipping challenge. In your child's wow books we have recorded the amount of skips they have completed in 2 minutes. We have given them a skipping rope to practise their skipping at home. Well done everyone!

After half term we will still be working on our Autumn topic. Please continue to bring in things that you find on your Autumn walks. Have a lovely half term.



ALL YEAR GROUPS

If you have a spare moment during the half term holiday why not:-

Read some books from Bug Club.


Sign into Mathletics - Can you earn another certificate?



HOME TIME ARRANGEMENTS

Can we please ask that if you need to make a change to your child's home time arrangements that you call the school office by 2.0'clock at the latest to advise. Many thanks. The Office Team

DROP OFF, DROP IN

The Drop Off, Drop In coffee morning for  next month is on Friday 2nd November. Just come along and enjoy each others company for half an hour or so. See you there!

BOOK LOOK - THURSDAY 1st NOVEMBER

The next Book Look will take place on Thursday 1st November from 3.20pm to 3.30pm. If you would like to reserve your space, please contact the school office by lunchtime on Wednesday 31st October.

Please remember Friday 2nd November is St Martin Feast day. The children in St Martin's House can wear a green ribbon for the day to celebrate St. Martin.

School Dinners for parents, starting Monday 5th November. You can start booking your place to come into school to sample the delicious food that is served to the children. It only costs £1.50. You will need to arrive at 12.15am and we ask that you to leave by 12.45pm at the latest.

Remember to book a space via the school office. We look forward to welcoming you for your lunch. 6 spaces a day available.

PA News - AGM – Monday 12th November – 7.30pm - The PA needs you! The PA plays a vital part in the school community and all parents/carers are invited, as members of the PA, to support the Annual General Meeting (AGM). Please come along and find out about your PA and how you can support your schools. The AGM is also an opportunity for you to elect the PA Committee to represent the association throughout the forthcoming academic year. We welcome new members and if you are interested in becoming involved and would like more information please contact Nina or Nic (sthelenspta@gmail.com).

Christmas Fundraising – Only 67 days until Christmas! The PA are busy planning our traditional fundraising Christmas events and activities so keep checking updates for information in the school newsletter, Facebook and our PTA website (www.pta-events.co.uk/st-Helens). After half term we will start collecting teddies for the Christmas Fun Day and welcome any donations of good condition, soft washed teddies/fury friends. Christmas is coming!!

Fizzy Festive Pop Up Shop! Grown Ups only! – Wednesday 21st November – Junior School – 7.00pm – 9.00pm – Save the date! Come along to our Christmas Pop Up Shop and enjoy an evening full of shopping, mince pies, Prosecco and Mulled Wine! There will be lots of fabulous gifts and products from our local businesses. If you are interested in being a stall holder please contact Tori (sthelenspta@gmail.com)