



St. Helen's Catholic Infant School

Newsletter

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LOVE ONE ANOTHER

Dear Parents,

A very warm welcome back to you all and to our new look newsletter. Please bear with us as we make small changes to its layout over the next few weeks.

I hope you all had a lovely summer break. The children have settled back into school life very well this week, although the school seems quite empty without any Foundation Stage children. We will begin to welcome them into our school family over the next week.

I hope that lots of you will be able to attend the Year 1 and Year 2 Information Evenings this Thursday as they will be a valuable opportunity for you to hear about the year ahead and what you can do to support your child's learning.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and I look forward to seeing you all for our first full week in school next week.

C. Morris

YEAR 2

Please ensure that all P.E. kit (all items to be clearly marked) is in school. **NO Earrings should be worn for School on P.E. days.**

Class 7 - Tuesday & Thursday

Class 8 - Tuesday & Thursday

Class 9 - Monday & Thursday

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 23rd September starting at 1.00pm

Class 8 - Tues 24th September starting at 1.00pm

Class 9 - Weds 25th September starting at 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.

Unfortunately, if we do not have enough offers of help, this activity will not be able to take place.

We are sorry but we are unable to accommodate any other children of any age on this visit including children in buggies.

Please complete the form that will be sent via Parentmail next week by Friday 13th September, indicating if you

can help or not on this day. Thank you, Year 2 Team

Year 2

After School Clubs—Please look out for the parentmail being sent out next week, giving information and how to register your child's interest for the after school clubs. This form must be completed as soon as possible but, please note, we cannot guarantee a place on the club you may request if the club is over subscribed.

YEAR 1

Please ensure that all P.E. kit (all items to be clearly marked) is in school. **NO Earrings should be worn for School on P.E. days.**

Class 4 - Wednesday & Friday

Class 5 - Monday & Friday

Class 6 - Wednesday & Friday

TEACHER COACH DUTY ROTA

When the teachers are on coach duty, they are unavailable on that day for after school meetings.

Class 1	Miss Hurst	Tuesday
Class 2	Mrs Boness	Monday
Class 3	Mrs Webb	Friday
Class 4	Miss O'Sullivan	Wednesday
Class 5	Mrs Allen & Mrs Oldershaw	Friday
Class 6	Miss Ryan	Monday
Class 7	Miss Marven	Wednesday
Class 8	Mrs Ellis	Tuesday
Class 9	Mrs McCarthy	Thursday

FORTHCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

WEEK BEGINNING 9th SEPTEMBER 2019

Thursday 12th September 7p.m. **Year 1 Information Evening** For parents/ carers of children in Year 1 **NO CHILDREN PLEASE**

Thursday 12th September 7p.m. **Year 2 Information Evening** For parents/ carers of children in Year 2 **NO CHILDREN PLEASE**

Friday 13th September Foundation Stage Children all start full time 9.00a.m - 3.20p.m

Friday 13th September 9.00a.m **Coffee Morning for Parents** of children in **All Years** In the **School Hall after drop off - All Welcome**

PARENT HELPERS AND FRUIT HELPERS

A BIG thank you to all the parents and grandparents who have volunteered to come and help in this forthcoming year. The rota will come into effect from Monday 16th September. If you would like to be a parent helper or a fruit helper then please call into the office next week to confirm days, times etc

UNIFORM

Do make sure your child is wearing the correct school uniform - no 'mixing' of summer and winter uniform - and please ensure they have a suitable coat/jacket for school. This must be navy/black or a school reversible jacket. Long hair must be neatly tied back in school colours (royal blue or yellow) and these should be small and insignificant.

Children also need their book bag in school every day. Please

COFFEE MORNING FOR ALL PARENTS

We are holding a coffee morning on Friday 13th September at 9.00am. This is an opportunity for our new parents to come and meet our existing parents, to have a coffee and chat and get to know each other better. All parents are most welcome to attend in the school hall. I look forward to seeing you all there.

POSTCARD CHALLENGE RESULTS

Class 7 - 44 Postcards

Class 4 - 32 Postcards

Class 8 - 23 Postcards

Class 9 - 16 Postcards

Class 6 - 12 Postcards

Class 5 - 6 Postcards

WELL DONE to Class 7 who won our Summer Postcard Challenge. The Class will be choosing their treat which they will have next week.

THANK You to everyone who took the time to send in a postcard to their class. The children have enjoyed sharing their postcards with the rest of their class.

KITCHEN NEWS

Week Beginning Monday 9th September Week 2 Menu

Please note that if you have ordered a school meal and then send in a packed lunch your child will be given the school meal and sent home with their packed lunch. This is to avoid unnecessary food waste. This will come in to effect from Monday 9th September 2019.

KITCHEN HELP WANTED

We are currently compiling a list of adults who would be interested in working in our kitchen on an ad hoc basis. If this interests you then please contact the school office for further details.

OPEN MORNING

24th OCTOBER 2019

Open Morning (not suitable for young children) on Thursday, 24th October at 9.15am, for a prompt start at 9.30am. This is for **parents of children due to start school in September 2020**. 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



Diary Dates Sep '19 to July '20

**AUTUMN TERM 2019**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Class/Year</u>	<u>Details</u>
5 Sep	Thurs	Open at 8.45a.m	Children Return to School	Year 1 & Year 2	YEAR 1 & YEAR 2
12 Sep	Thurs	7p.m.	Year 1 Information Evening	Year 1	NO CHILDREN
12 Sep	Thurs	7p.m.	Year 2 Information Evening	Year 2	NO CHILDREN
13 Sep	Fri	9.00a.m - 3.20p.m	Foundation Stage start fulltime	Foundation Stage	Foundation Stage Children
13 Sep	Fri	9.00a.m	Coffee Morning for Parents	All Years	School Hall after drop off - All Welcome
18 Sep	Wed	2.55p.m	Class 9 Assembly	Class 9	Parents/Carers of Class 9
19 Sep	Thurs	7p.m.	FS Information Evening	Foundation Stage	NO CHILDREN
23 Sep	Mon	1p.m	Year 2 Walk around Brentwood	Class 7	Parental help will be requested
24 Sep	Tues	1p.m	Year 2 Walk around Brentwood	Class 8	Parental help will be requested
25 Sep	Wed	1p.m	Year 2 Walk around Brentwood	Class 9	Parental help will be requested
25 Sep	Wed	2.55p.m	Class 6 Assembly	Class 6	Parents/Carers of Class 6
2 Oct	Wed	2.55p.m	Class 4 Assembly	Class 4	Parents/Carers of Class 4
3 Oct	Thurs	3.20pm – 3.30pm	Book Look	All Years	All Years
4 Oct	Fri	8.45am – 9.30am	Drop Off, Drop In	All Years	Parents/Carers All Years
4 Oct	Fri	During School Day	St. Francis House Celebration	St. Francis House	For children in St. Francis House who can wear yellow ribbon.
9 Oct	Wed	2.55p.m	Class 5 Assembly	Class 5	Parents/Carers of Class 5
22 Oct	Tue	4p.m - 6.30p.m	Parent/Teacher Consultations - you attend one evening either 22nd or 24th	All Years	NO CHILDREN
24 Oct	Thurs	9.15a.m for 9.30a.m start	Open Morning Prospective Sep'20 parents	Prospective Sep'20 parents	Parents of children due to start school in September 2020
24 Oct	Thurs	4p.m - 6.30p.m	Parent/Teacher Consultations - you attend one evening either 22nd or 24th	All Years	NO CHILDREN
25 Oct	Fri	During School Day	St. Helen's Day Celebration	All Years	Children can wear Red and Green Ribbons
AUTUMN HALF TERM - Mon 28th Oct to Fri 1st Nov (inclusive)					
4 Nov	Mon	Open at 8.45a.m	Children Return to School	All Years	All Years
7 Nov	Thurs	3.20pm – 3.30pm	Book Look	All Years	All Years
8 Nov	Fri	8.45am – 9.30am	Drop Off, Drop In	All Years	Parents/Carers All Years
8 Nov	Fri	During School Day	St. Martin House Celebration	St. Martin House	For children in St. Martin House who can wear green ribbon.
11 Nov	Mon	9.15a.m.	Class 7 Walk to War Memorial	Class 7	Parental help will be requested
11 Nov	Mon	1.00p.m.	Class 8 Walk to War Memorial	Class 8	Parental help will be requested
12 Nov	Tues	9a.m – 10a.m OR 2p.m – 3p.m OR 6p.m – 7p.m OR	Phonics Workshop for FS and Year 1 Parents	Foundation Stage and Year 1 Parents	Parents will be invited to attend <u>one</u> of the 3 sessions to learn more about phonics.
12 Nov	Tue	9.15a.m	Class 9 Walk to War Memorial	Class 9	Parental help will be requested
13 Nov	Wed	2.55p.m	Class 7 Assembly	Class 7	Parents/Carers of Class 7
15/22 Nov	Fri	During School Day	Children In Need DATE TBC	All Years	All Years
19 Nov	Tues	am / pm session	Class 4 Activity Session with your child	Class 4	am or pm session will be available. More details to follow
20 Nov	Wed	am / pm session	Class 5 Activity Session with your child	Class 5	am or pm session will be available. More details to follow
20 Nov	Wed	2.55p.m	Class 8 Assembly	Class 8	Parents/Carers of Class 8
21 Nov	Thurs	am / pm session	Class 6 Activity Session with your child	Class 6	am or pm session will be available. More details to follow
26 Nov	Tue	am / pm session	Class 1 Activity Session with your child	Class 1	am or pm session will be available. More details to follow
27 Nov	Wed	am / pm session	Class 2 Activity Session with your child	Class 2	am or pm session will be available. More details to follow
28 Nov	Thurs	am / pm session	Class 3 Activity Session with your child	Class 3	am or pm session will be available. More details to follow
5 Dec	Thurs	3.20pm – 3.30pm	Book Look	All Years	All Years
6 Dec	Fri	8.45am – 9.30am	Drop Off, Drop In	All Years	Parents/Carers All Years
12 Dec	Thurs	During School Day	Christmas Dinner	All Years	For Children Only
16 Dec	Mon	1.45p.m	Christmas Nativity - FS	Foundation Stage	Parents of Foundation Stage welcome
17 Dec	Tues	1.45p.m	Christmas Nativity - Year 1	Year 1	Parents of Year 1 welcome
18 Dec	Wed	1.45p.m	Christmas Nativity - Year 2	Year 2	Parents of Year 2 welcome
19 Dec	Thurs	1.15p.m	Whole School Blessing 1:15 SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1.45 p.m.	All Years	All Welcome. No coaches taking children home from the INFANT school on this day. All children

					MUST be collected by 1:45pm.
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS - Fri 20th Dec to Mon 6th Jan (inclusive)					
SPRING TERM 2020					
6 Jan	Mon	All Day	INSET DAY	All Years	School Closed to Children
7 Jan	Tues	Open at 8.45a.m	Children Return to School	All Years	ALL YEARS
15 Jan	Wed	2.55p.m	Class 9 Assembly	Class 9	Parents of Class 9
Date	Day	Time	Event	Class/Year	Details
22 Jan	Wed	2.55p.m	Class 8 Assembly	Class 8	Parents of Class 8
29 Jan	Wed	2.55p.m	Class 7 Assembly	Class 7	Parents of Class 7
5 Feb	Wed	2.55p.m	Class 6 Assembly	Class 6	Parents of Class 6
6 Feb	Thurs	3.20pm – 3.30pm	Book Look	All Years	All Years
7 Feb	Fri	8.45am – 9.30am	Drop Off, Drop In	All Years	Parents/Carers All Years
7 Feb	Fri	During School Day	St. Bernadette House Celebration	St. Bernadette House	For children in St. Bernadette House who can wear blue ribbon.
11 Feb	Tue	4p.m to 6.30p.m	Parent/Teacher Consultations- you attend one evening 11th or 13th Feb.	All Years	NO CHILDREN
13 Feb	Thurs	4p.m to 6.30p.m	Parent/Teacher Consultations- you attend one evening 11th or 13th Feb.	All Years	NO CHILDREN
SPRING HALF TERM - Mon 17th Feb to Fri 21st Feb (inclusive)					
24 Feb	Mon	Open at 8.45a.m.	Children Return to School	All Years	All Years
26 Feb	Wed	During School Day	Ash Wednesday Service	All Years	Children only
4 Mar	Wed	2.55p.m	Class 5 Assembly	Class 5	Parents/Carers of Class 5
5 Mar	Thurs	3.20pm – 3.30pm	Book Look	All Years	All Years
5 Mar	Thurs	All Day	World Book Day	All Years	Children only
6 Mar	Fri	8.45am – 9.30am	Drop Off, Drop In	All Years	Parents/Carers All Years
11 Mar	Wed	2.55p.m	Class 4 Assembly	Class 4	Parents/Carers of Class 4
31 Mar	Tue	9.30a.m (prompt)	Easter Assembly - Palm Sunday	Classes 1,2 & 3	Parents/Carers of Classes 1,2 & 3. Children DO NOT finish early.
1 Apr	Wed	9.30a.m (prompt)	Easter Assembly - Maundy Thursday	Classes 4 & 9	Parents /Carers of Classes 4 & 9 Children DO NOT finish early.
2 Apr	Thurs	9.30a.m (prompt)	Easter Assembly - Good Friday	Classes 5 & 7	Parents/Carers of Classes 5 & 7 Children DO NOT finish early.
3 Apr	Fri	9.30am (prompt)	Easter Assembly - Easter Sunday	Classes 6 & 8	Parents/Carers of Classes 6 & 8 Children DO NOT finish early.
3 Apr	Fri	10.45a.m	Easter Bonnet Parade & Easter Raffle	All Years	Children will need an Easter Bonnet from home. For Children ONLY. SCHOOL CLOSSES AT NORMAL TIME 3.20p.m
EASTER HOLIDAYS - Mon 6th April to Mon 20th Apr (inclusive)					
SUMMER TERM 2020					
20 Apr	Mon	All Day	INSET DAY	All Years	School Closed to Children
21 Apr	Tues	Open at 8.45a.m	Children Return to School	All Years	ALL YEARS
1 May	Fri	8.45am – 9.30am	Drop Off, Drop In	All Years	Parents/Carers All Years
6 May	Wed	2.55p.m	Class 3 Assembly	Class 3	Parents/Carers of Class 3
7 May	Thurs	3.20pm – 3.30pm	Book Look	All Years	All Years
8 May	Fri	All Day	BANK HOLIDAY 75th Anniversary of VE Day	All Years	School Closed
13 May	Wed	2.55p.m	Class 2 Assembly	Class 2	Parents/Carers of Class 2
20 May	Wed	2.55p.m	Class 1 Assembly	Class 1	Parents/Carers of Class 1
SUMMER HALF TERM - Mon 25th May to Mon 1st Jun (inclusive)					
1 Jun	Mon	All Day	INSET DAY	All Years	School Closed to Children
2 Jun	Tue	Open at 8.45a.m	Children Return to School	All Years	ALL YEARS
4 Jun	Thurs	3.20pm – 3.30pm	Book Look	All Years	All Years
4 Jun	Thurs	7.00p.m	New Parents Evening	NO CHILDREN	Meeting for parents of children offered a FS place in Sep 2020.
5 Jun	Fri	8.45am – 9.30am	Drop Off, Drop In	All Years	Parents/Carers All Years
2 Jul	Thurs	3.20pm – 3.30pm	Book Look	All Years	All Years
3 Jul	Fri	8.45am – 9.30am	Drop Off, Drop In	All Years	Parents/Carers All Years
9 Jul	Thurs	During School Day	St. Clare House Celebration	St. Clare House	For children in St. Clare House who can wear red ribbon.
10 Jul	Fri	10.00a.m	Sports Day & Picnic	All Years	All Welcome. Come and watch our Sports Day and enjoy a picnic with your child afterwards.
13 Jul	Mon	5p.m to 6.30p.m	Celebration Evening	All years	All Welcome
14 Jul	Tue	1.45p.m	Class 7 - Leavers Assembly	Class 7	Parents/Carers of Class 7 welcome. You may take your Class 7

					child and any siblings at Infant School home after assembly.
15 Jul	Wed	1.45p.m	Class 8 - Leavers Assembly	Class 8	Parents/Carers of Class 8 welcome. You may take your Class 8 child and any siblings at Infant School home after assembly.
16 Jul	Thurs	1.45p.m	Class 9 - Leavers Assembly	Class 9	Parents/Carers of Class 9 welcome. You may take your Class 9 child and any siblings at Infant School home after assembly.
22 Jul	Wed	1.15p.m	End of Year Assembly SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1:45 p.m	All Years	All Welcome. You can take your child home after the assembly.
22 Jul	Wed	1:45p.m	SCHOOL CLOSSES - 1:45p.m	All Years	School closes at 1:45p.m. <i>No coaches taking children home from the INFANT school on this day. All children MUST be collected by 1:45p.m.</i>

Please note - other dates will be added to the diary throughout the year, please lookout for them.