

Dear Parents,

Firstly can I thank you all for your patience and understanding during our snow days. The school is never closed without a lot of thought, discussion and consideration for everyone's safety. It is always done as a last resort and the weather last week unfortunately put us in such a position. I must say a big thank you to Mr Rider and Mr Fitzpatrick for all their efforts during the snow days.

This week everyone has come back full of even more enthusiasm than usual for their learning and have worked just that little bit harder to make up for any learning missed over the 3 days.

Yesterday we were all able to celebrate World Book Day together as a school family. The school was filled with a colourful array of wonderful pyjamas and hats. The day started with an assembly where the book 'Old Hat' by Emily Gravett was shared with everyone before each class paraded around the hall showing off their pyjamas, hats and their groovy dance moves! The day was then filled with a variety of book led activities which only stopped when a bell was rung and everyone stopped what they were doing and read their favourite book for 5 minutes. Thank you to the Literacy team for all their hard work.

Finally I want to welcome Mr Rider, our new caretaker and Mrs Woodford, our new admin assistant and LSA to St Helen's as members of staff. We hope that they will be very happy here and I know that you, along with all the children and staff, have already made them feel very welcome.

Have a lovely weekend.


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STARS OF THE WEEK

☆☆ Nahia Keskin -Tarten	Class 1
☆☆ Jack Hersey	Class 2
☆☆ Toby Baker	Class 3
☆☆ Jack Brickell	Class 4
☆☆ Oskar Golba	Class 5
☆☆ Aadvika Aradhaya	Class 6

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Easter Bonnet




Remember to start creating or buying the items for your child's Easter Bonnet in readiness for our annual Easter Bonnet parade. The parade will take place on Thursday 29th March. This is for children only. Each child will need to bring an Easter Bonnet in to school on that day.

Well Done to St. Bernadette's House for being this week's winner

House	This Weeks Points	Accumulative Points
<u>St. Bernadette</u>	***133***	559
St. Clare	114	637
St. Francis	126	544
St. Martin	118	574

MULTI SKILLS STAR

Caitlin Campling - Class 7
Liam O'Herlihy - Class 8



BUG CLUB IS NOW WORKING, SO ENJOY READING THE BOOKS AGAIN


Attendance League Table Spring Term

Remember the class with the greatest attendance will be rewarded at the end of the Spring term.

Class	%
4	98.11
8	97.70
2	97.45
3	97.32
9	96.97
1	96.61
6	95.70
5	95.28
7	93.68

BASKETBALL STAR

Ella Fagan - Class 8




KITCHEN CORNER

Monday 12th March
Menu Week 2

KARATE STAR

Daisie Reeves - Class 9




WORKERS OF THE WEEK

Class 1	Amelie Irvine	&	Joseph Wood
Class 2	Aashika Ambavarapu	&	Oliver Polacik-Solecki
Class 3	Ellis Attfield	&	Harley Parkes
Class 4	Rithik Prabhu	&	Luca Tredgett
Class 5	Oscar Daly	&	Arush Pandav
Class 6	Harper Lee Loughnane	&	Sebbie Wheldon

CALLING ALL CHILDREN FOR PALM SUNDAY! At the 9.30 a.m. Mass in the Cathedral on Palm Sunday our children will act out in word, song and drama the Passion of Jesus. Fr Martin is also looking for a donkey!! We need lots of children to be involved and play a part in our dramatisation of the Passion. If you are interested please stay behind with your child after 9.30 am Mass this Sunday.

TAG RUGBY STARS

Felicity Hart - Class 8
Luke Quy - Class 8



P.E. STARS OF THE WEEK


Hollie Hudson	Class 4
Sofia Parkinson	Class 5
Milena Valaseviciute	Class 6
Chloe Alexander	Class 7
Lexie Dearing & Riley Hodgson	Class 8
Amelie Milin & Joseph Olaoluwabowale	Class 9

Late Arrivals

There were **16** late arrivals this week. Please remember that the doors open at 8.45a.m. every morning.

School Photographer

The School Photographer will be here on Friday 16th March to take class, individual and family (siblings in Infants) photos only.



YEAR 2

ENGLISH - This week we have been looking at St. Lucia. We have written facts about it and used conjunctions such as 'but' and 'however' to compare the Island to the UK.



MATHS - This week we have been thinking about different known facts and the relationship between 2 numbers

COME AND SEE - We have been retelling the Bible Story of the Last Supper. We thought about how Jesus gave thanks to God.

P.E. - Please note that PE next week will be on Friday instead of Thursday.

We look forward to seeing you next Thursday (15th) for our activity afternoon starting at 2.00pm. Just a reminder only one parent/carer per child and no other children of any age.

YEAR 1

TARGETS - Please support your child with the new targets at the front of their yellow diary. Thank you.

GEOGRAPHY - The children have been creating information books on the British Isles, with facts about each country and their capital cities.

MUSIC - The children have compared 'Winter' and 'Spring' by Antonio Vivaldi. Perhaps you could listen to the pieces together and discuss the weather outside.



SCIENCE - The children have enjoyed learning interesting facts about oak trees including how they change through the seasons and how they spread their seeds (with a little help from squirrels).

Tree of the Week - Cherry Tree

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FOUNDATION STAGE

Wow, what a week! It was great to see all of the children and with their favourite bedtime stories! We had a pyjama parade, shared books with each other and completed many book related activities throughout the day. Let's keep this love for reading going. Thank you for the contributions and the photos of the children reading at home.

The children have really been focusing on using their phonic sounds to write about their hats, books and The Gruffalo. It is really good to see these two skills coming together and most children are now producing some good phonic based attempts in their work. We will be continuing to look at the work of the author Julia Donaldson.



Next week, we will be planting our potatoes in the raised beds outside and Foundation Stage will be sharing the care of them throughout the coming months.

In Maths we will be returning to addition and number values.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2018

Date & Time		Event		Details
14 Mar	Wed	2.55p.m	Class 7 Assembly	Class 7 Parents of Class 7
15 Mar	Thurs	2.00pm	Year 2 Activity Afternoon	Classes 7,8 & 9 Only 1 Parent for each child. No siblings of any age
16 Mar	Fri	During School Day	School Photographer	All Years ALL YEARS
26 Mar	Mon	9.30a.m (prompt)	Easter Assembly - Palm Sunday	Classes 1,2 & 3 Parents of Classes 1,2 & 3. Children DO NOT finish early.
27 Mar	Tue	9.30a.m (prompt)	Easter Assembly - Maundy Thursday	Classes 4 & 9 Parents of Classes 4 & 9. Children DO NOT finish early.
28 Mar	Wed	9.30a.m (prompt)	Easter Assembly - Good Friday	Classes 5 & 7 Parents of Classes 5 & 7. Children DO NOT finish early.
29 Mar	Thurs	9.30am (prompt)	Easter Assembly - Easter Sunday	Classes 6 & 8 Parents of Classes 6 & 8. Children DO NOT finish early.
29 Mar	Thurs	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 - Fri 30 Mar to Mon 16th Apr (inclusive)

SUMMER TERM 2017

16 Apr	Mon	All Day	INSET DAY	All Years	School Closed to Children
17 Apr	Tue	Open at 8.45a.m	Children Return to School	All Years	ALL YEARS
18 Apr	Wed	All Day	Year 1 Trip to Weald Park	Year 1	Parents/Carers of Year 1
25 Apr	Wed	2.55p.m	Class 4 Assembly	Class 4	Parents of Class 4
2 May	Wed	2.55p.m	Class 1 Assembly	Class 1	Parents of Class 1