



Dear Parents,

A very warm welcome back to you all. I hope you 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.

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 a dark colour. NO pastel shades! Long hair must be neatly tied back - ribbons/hair bands etc.. can be white, black, navy/royal blue or yellow. Children also need their book bag in school everyday. Only book bags and lunch boxes may be brought into school. Do not send your child in with any other bags as we do not have space for them.

**DON'T FORGET - YOUR CHILD CAN BRING A BOTTLE OF WATER INTO SCHOOL EACH DAY - NAMED - ONLY WATER!**

**INFORMATION EVENINGS** - Please make every effort to attend.

**THE CURRICULUM HAS CHANGED RECENTLY. WE WANT TO TELL YOU ABOUT IT!**

**HOMEWORK HAS CHANGED.**

There is now a much higher expectation at the end of Y1 and Y2 than previous years.

**SATS HAVE BEEN REPLACED** - come and find out how to help your child.

**SUMMER CHALLENGE** - It has been wonderful to see the lovely homework that our children have completed during the holidays. Well done children. There is a House Point (from me) for all children in Y1 and YR 2. Thank you to all parents, too, for supporting us. *S. Rainford.*

**INFORMATION EVENINGS**

**Year 2 - Thursday 15th September, 7pm** - Information regarding NEW CURRICULUM, HOMEWORK, SATS, day to day learning, activities and ways to help at home. **FOR PARENTS ONLY.**

**Year 1 - Thursday 15th September, 7pm** - Information regarding NEW CURRICULUM, HOMEWORK, PHONICS TEST, day to day learning, activities and ways to help at home. **FOR PARENTS ONLY.**

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

**Coffee Morning for all Parents**

We are holding a coffee morning on Friday 16th 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.

**KITCHEN CORNER**  
Monday 12th September  
Menu Week 2

**Parent & Fruit Helpers**

A very big thank you to all our parents who have volunteered to come in for this coming year. The rota will come into effect from Monday 12th September. If you are an existing Parent Helper or would like to be a Parent or a Fruit Helper, please call into the office early next week to confirm days, times etc.

**OPEN MORNING 20th OCTOBER 2016**

Open Morning (not suitable for young children) on Thursday, 20th October at 9.00am, for **parents of children due to start school in September 2017.** Refreshments will be served from 9.00am. 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

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

**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 or £10 per term. **These must be purchased by Friday 23rd September 2016.**

Spot checks will take place on a regular basis to ensure only parents with permits are using the facilities. The money received will go directly to the upkeep of 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, 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 money or a cheque 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**

## Year 2

We would like to thank the parents for their support with the Summer Homework Booklets. We enjoyed reading them.

## Year 1

**ENGLISH** - This week we enjoyed talking and writing about what we did in the Summer. We said each sentence out loud before we wrote it down.

**MATHEMATICS** - We have been counting on and back in 1s and 2s. Ask your child to show you how they can body count!

**MUSIC** - We have been learning a song and focussing on the 'pulse' of the music as we sing and rap.



### P.E Information

Please ensure that all P.E. kit (all items to be clearly marked) is in school. Foundation Stage by Friday 16th September. **NO Earrings must be worn for School on**

**P.E. Days.**

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**Year Foundation**

**Class 1** - Friday

**Class 2** - Monday

**Class 3** - Thursday

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**Class 4** - Monday & Thursday

**Class 5** - Monday & Thursday

**Class 6** - Monday & Thursday

**Year 2**

**Class 7** - Tuesday & Friday

**Class 8** - Wednesday & Friday

**Class 9** - Tuesday & Friday

### **Teacher Coach Rota for this Term**

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

Class 1	Miss Ayling	Tuesday
Class 2	Mrs Langridge	Monday
Class 3	Mrs Murphy	Wednesday
Class 4	Mrs Lee & Mrs McCarthy	Friday
Class 5	Mrs Boness	Friday
Class 6	Miss Robinson	Monday
Class 7	Miss Hurst	Wednesday
Class 8	Mrs Allen	Tuesday
Class 9	Mrs Chamberlain & Mrs Oldershaw	Thursday

## DIARY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2016 - 2017

### AUTUMN TERM 2016

Date	Day	Time	Event	Class/Year	Details
5 Sep	Mon	Open at 8.45a.m	<b>Children Return to School</b>	<b>Year 1 &amp; Year 2</b>	<b>YEAR 1 &amp; YEAR 2</b>
15 Sep	Thurs	7p.m.	<b>Year 1 Information Evening</b>	<b>Year 1</b>	<b>NO CHILDREN</b>
15 Sep	Thurs	7p.m.	<b>Year 2 Information Evening</b>	<b>Year 2</b>	<b>NO CHILDREN</b>
16 Sep	Fri	9.00a.m - 3.20p.m	<b>Foundation Stage Start Fulltime</b>	<b>Foundation Stage</b>	<b>Foundation Stage Children</b>
16 Sep	Fri	9.00a.m	<b>Coffee Morning for Parents</b>	All Years	School Hall after drop off - All Welcome
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)**