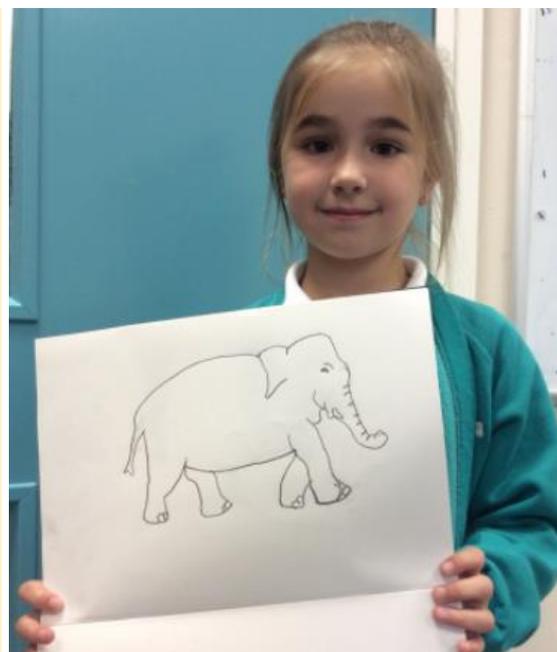


From Mr Spens:

One of the highlights of my week is when there's a knock at the door and one of the children pops in to brighten my day and show me some of the amazing work that they have done in class. This week, I've had a number of visitors, but Emma came to show off such an amazing piece of art, that I thought I would share it with the whole school through the newsletter! She had carefully drawn an Indian elephant and the result was incredible for someone only in Year 3!

In this edition of the newsletter, we've got all the information around our Christmas nativities and performances that will be coming this term. This year, our KS2 children will be doing something different to previous years and will be involved in an exciting project which will involve recording a school CD and then performing the songs in St Helen's church.

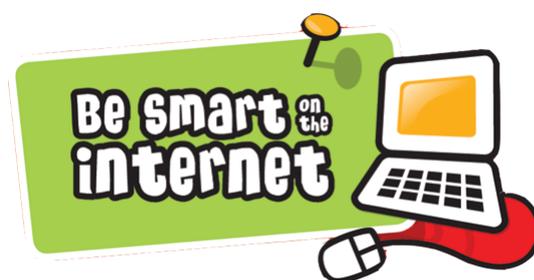
Have a great weekend!



Online safety training for parents – Tuesday 14th November, 6-7:30pm

The school have organised a training session on 'online safety', particularly suited for parents of children in Years 3-6. With technology quickly advancing and changing it's important to be aware of potential dangers that our children may be facing online.

We really want to urge as many parents as possible to attend this important training session. Due to the content of the training, it will not be appropriate for children to attend, but the children will be learning about e-safety through the computing curriculum this term.



1,000 Acts of Kindness, Anti-Bullying Week and Children in Need

Our value for the term is 'Compassion' and next week we are attempting a bit of a challenge! Our goal is to try to see if as a school we can total over 1,000 different acts of kindness in one week. In assembly, we calculated that if 207 children each tried to do one act of kindness that they wouldn't normally have done, every day between Monday and Friday, then we exceed 1,000 acts by 35. If we then add in the staff, it should be possible and we think it will make our school community an extremely happy place!

Next week is also national 'Anti-Bullying' week and through our Jigsaw (PSHE) lessons this term the children have been thinking through a unit of work called 'Celebrating Difference'.

At the end of the week, on Friday 17th, we'll be supporting 'Children in Need' by holding a non-uniform day. For a donation of at least £1, which should be given to class teachers, children are invited to come to school dressed in as many colours of the rainbow as they can! We'll try to share some photos of the most colourful outfits on our school Twitter page (www.twitter.com/sthelenspri) where you can also keep up to date with lots of the learning that goes on day in day out at St Helen's.



Attendance update and attendance of the week!

Our school attendance for last week was 97.1% and increased this week to 98%. This is a really brilliant start to Term 2! Last week, Oak class (Year 3) achieved 99.7% attendance and this week Cherry class (Reception) and Sycamore class (Year 5) had the joint highest attendance of 99.3%.

Match reports from recent football matches:

St Helen's 7 : St Peter's 0

'On 20th October, St Helen's played St Peter's and they showed one of St Helen's best performances this school has ever seen! Despite the fact that we had two new players, Harry who took Tom's role in defence and Charlie, who I think was man of the match because he scored two goals on his debut, we won 7-0!

Ben scored three goals as striker. Well done to Peter H too who scored a cracker from the half-way line; he was also the captain and showed excellent motivation towards the team. The last goal was an own goal by St Peter's. Jackson played very well showing an all-round performance and Logan kept his outstanding clean sheet!' – **by Peter H.**

St Helen's 4 : Bailey's Court 3

'On 2nd November, St Helen's played Bailey's Court and it was an outstanding match with everyone defending and attacking. We played very well, the scorers were Jackson with one, Ben with two and Charlie, who scored the winning goal. The 'Man of the Match' was Harry B with his outstanding defensive work and an amazing goal line clearance. Logan, who was amazing in goal, dropped the ball and then their striker was running through on goal, when Harry came soaring in like a bird and cleared it out of the face of the goal. – **by Jackson P.**

Reflective / Sensory garden update



Voting is now open in Tesco at Thornbury. Every time you shop there, you will be given a blue plastic coin which you can use to vote for our project. We are guaranteed to be awarded either £1000, £2000 or £4000 towards the development of our garden. We believe that voting will continue until 1st January and every vote counts!

We've also found out that we've been successful in our application to the Aviva community fund, guaranteeing us £200 for the project, but with the potential of raising £1000, depending on the number of on-line votes we get! **Visit the 'Aviva Community Fund' website** to cast your votes!



With school funding challenges ahead, these grants mean that we can continue to press ahead with projects that really enrich the day to day experiences and opportunities for the children.

Christmas Performances at St Helen's!

Reception and KS1

The children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have started practising their singing for this year's nativity. This year they will be performing 'Baubles' and parents will be invited to come along on 5th December (6pm) or 7th December (9.45am).



Years 3-6 (KS2)

The KS2 children will be involved in an exciting singing and recording project led by Rebekah Stocker at iSingPop. They will receive two days of professional vocal coaching learning a number of special songs which support our school values as well as their learning in music, RE and citizenship.

On Thursday 14th December the children will be performing in St Helen's Church for their parents. The **Year 3 and 4 concert will be at 2.15pm** and the **Year 5 and 6 concert will be at 6.15pm**. All children will also get the opportunity to be involved in a recording on 12th December when a school album will be created and parents will be able to purchase a CD.

More information on how to book your tickets will follow.

Shoebox Project

We are pleased to be supporting 'Operation Christmas Child' again this year. We want to fill as many shoeboxes as we can and will be collecting donations **until 24th November** when we will be delivering our boxes to the local depot at St Chad's Church in Patchway. Your donation of gifts to go in a box would be really appreciated. If you'd like to fill your own box, you can download a 'How to pack a shoebox' leaflet from the Operation Christmas Child website or pick up a copy from the school office. www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk



Vacancies

We currently have vacancies for a Lunchbreak Supervisor and a Breakfast Club Supervisor. Please email or telephone the school office for details.

Alveston Calendar 2018

We have copies of the Alveston Calendar 2018 for sale from the school office (£5 each). A great Christmas gift!

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 14th November – Online Safety Evening for parents (6pm – 7:30pm)

Monday 27th November – Bags 2 School collection day - FoSH

Friday 1st December – FoSH Christmas Fair

5th December, 6pm – ‘Baubles’ nativity – Reception, Year 1 & Year 2

7th December, 9.45am - ‘Baubles’ nativity – Reception, Year 1 & Year 2

14th December, 2.15pm – iSingPop performance – Year 3 & Year 4

14th December, 6.15pm - iSingPop performance – Year 5 & Year 6

Out of School Achievements:

- Carter in Elm Class climbed Ben Nevis during the holiday. He has now climbed Ben Nevis, Scarfell and Snowdon, the tallest mountains in each country of the UK!
- Martha in Holly Class has achieved her Level 1 swimming award.
- Kiara in Ash Class took part in a charity pageant and was awarded the director’s choice, best smile and came second.
- Kiara also took part in a 10 mile charity walk to raise money for Julia’s House, a children’s hospice.

Congratulations to our certificate winners this week and last week.

Cherry Class - Catherine, Luca, Fendi and Nithilan
Holly Class – Oliver H, Madison, Emelia and Sophie
Beech Class – Aliona, Harry M, Cody, Finley and Hudson
Oak Class – Thomas, Evelyn, Alisdair and Lola

Ash Class – Neve, Ryan, Lilie and Katie B
Sycamore Class – Kody, Anais, Lucy and Lizzie
Elm Class – Beck, Iwan, Alexis and Rylee



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Smarties:

Thank you for returning your Smartie tubes; £830 was raised! Oak Class returned the most tubes and the prize draw was won by Alice H in Ash Class.

Bags 2 School Collection

We are raising money by collecting old textile items which will be collected by ‘Bags 2 School’ on Monday 27th November. The more we can collect, the more money we can raise for the school! Bags 2 School accept the following ‘good quality’ items for RE-USE - men’s, ladies’ and children’s clothing, paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around), handbags, hats, bags, scarves and ties, jewellery, lingerie, socks, belts, soft toys, household linen, curtains, towels, bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases, duvet covers). More information can be found here: <http://uk.bag2school.com/>

Thornbury Baptist Church Christmas Fun Factory

Wednesday 20th December - 10.30am to 12.30pm

For children from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Register at www.thornburybaptistchurch.co.uk

or call 01454 419118

Alveston Community Forum

Christmas at the Alveston Parade

Saturday 2nd December – 10am to 12 noon

Carols by St Helen’s School Choir and Alveston Singers

Stalls, raffle, children’s entertainment and more ...

Everybody welcome!



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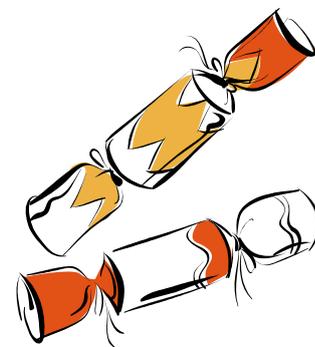
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Friends of St Helen's

Christmas Fair



Friday 1st December
3.30pm



Please come along and do some Christmas shopping!

Contributions to the stalls would be welcome.

Donations can be sent into school any time during week commencing 27th November
(cakes on 1st December please!)



Decorated Sweet Jars

Children (and adults!) are invited to decorate a jar
(on a Christmas theme) and fill it with sweets!

Please put your name and class
on the bottom of the jar as
prizes will be awarded for the best!

The jars will then be sold in a tombola at the Fair.

Cake stall

All cakes welcome - large cakes, small cakes, cupcakes -
sponge cake, fruit cake, chocolate cake, yummy cake!



Draw tickets

Draw tickets will be distributed soon - please sell as many as you can and return
the tickets stubs, money and unsold tickets as soon as possible.

Thank you!