

From Mr Spens:

I wanted to begin the newsletter with a huge 'well done' to all of our Year 6 children who have worked so hard in the national assessment or 'SATS' week. This week, they have sat the national tests in Reading, Spelling, Grammar and Maths and reminded us all that when you combine hard work, focus, perseverance, positivity and support for one another, you can achieve anything! We are really proud of them and I'd like to say a big thank-you to Mr Leeming, Mrs Robinson, all of the other volunteers who have helped them this week and to the parents of Year 6 for their continued support.

Elm class have enjoyed a relaxing day today, exploring the woods and enjoying a special movie and popcorn celebration this afternoon!

Included in this newsletter are some important things not to miss:

*** INSET dates for Terms 1 and 2 next academic year ** New packed lunch launch ** Guidance on sunscreen ***

Have a great weekend!

INSET Days for Terms 1 and 2 in 2016/17

We wanted to give you as much notice as possible of the INSET Days that we have allocated for the beginning of the next academic year. So far, we have allocated 3 of the 5 days:

Term 1:

INSET Day 1 – Friday 1st September (The new academic year starts on Monday 4th September 2017)

INSET Day 2 – Friday 20th October (Term 1 ends on Thursday 19th October)

INSET Day 3 – Monday 18th December (Term 2 ends on Friday 15th December)

REMINDER: We also have an INSET day on Friday 21st July 2017, so the end of this academic year will be on Thursday 20th July 2017.

Sunscreen

As the weather improves, please remember to apply long lasting sunscreen to your children before school. On sunny days the children should bring a sunhat into school and can also bring a named bottle of sunscreen to keep in the classroom. Particularly on hot days, children can reapply sunscreen before lunch but, due to allergies, we will not allow children to share their sunscreen. Don't forget water bottles too!

New packed lunches launching

From Monday, 'Autograph', the new name for our catering company, will be launching a new packed lunch option for the summer. When the weather is good, we like to give the children the chance to eat their lunch outside and this means that all children can have the opportunity to do this. Packed lunches cost the same price and can be ordered on 'ParentPay' in the same way as the normal dinner options.

Packed lunches will be self-service and children will have a choice of rolls, crudities, a choice of cake or biscuit and a choice of yoghurt or fruit.

Roald Dahl Themed Menu – Thursday 25th May!

Jamie's (Y4) themed menu will be served during the last week of term. This will be available to book on ParentPay from next week.



St Helen's Sandwich Bar Menu

Hoagie Rolls:
Ham
Chicken
Tuna Mayo
Egg Mayo

Crudities:
Carrot Sticks
Cucumber Sticks
Cherry Tomatoes

Dessert:
Cake or Biscuit

Accompaniments:
Yoghurt or Fruit

Jigsaw – A mindful approach to PSHE

St Helen's is part of a pilot group of South Gloucestershire Primary Schools introducing a new approach to teaching PSHE (Personal, social and health education) called 'Jigsaw'. This is a highly regarded scheme of work and is used across Bristol and other local authorities. Classes are now trialling the Jigsaw curriculum ready for a full launch in September 2017.

PSHE Association: "This is a really comprehensive resource. It links emotional literacy, social skills and spiritual development alongside an integrated mindfulness approach in order to support pupils' learning in PSHE."

In term 6 (the final term of the year), we will be following the Jigsaw units across the school called 'Changing me'. This covers key topics such as transition to the next year group and secondary school, but also delivers the 'Sex and Relationships' areas of PSHE. We will be running an information session for parents of all children on **Wednesday 24th May from 5-6pm** introducing the new material. Please do put this date into your diaries.

Congratulations to our certificate winners last week and this week:

Cherry Class – Isabel, Ava, Sophie and Harry
Holly Class – Harry M, Jake, Bede and Levi
Beech Class – Katie, Alisdair, Jonny and Elena
Oak Class – Lucy, Bethany, Isla and Esther
Ash Class – Jamie, Cassy, Luca and Lizzie
Sycamore Class – Hattie, Evie, Ben and Isobel W
Elm Class – Chelsea and Molly S

Congratulations to Oak Class (Year 3) on their fantastic attendance last week – 100%!
Congratulations to Elm Class (Year 6) on this week's best class attendance – 99.6%

Out of school achievements

- Alex (Sycamore class) achieved his PADI Junior Open Water Diver (scuba diving) qualification whilst on holiday at Easter.
- Sophie (Sycamore class) passed her ABRSM piano grade 4 exam.
- Bea and Evie (Oak class) and Cerys, Emelia and Laura (Cherry class) took part in the maypole dancing at Tytherington May Day Fair.
- Lola (Beech class) took part in her first gymnastics competition and came 4th in her age group.



PTA Summer Fair – Saturday 17th June 2017

PTA would like to start collecting donations from parents. They will be collecting donations for the tombola, donations of wine and prizes for the raffle before and after school in the covered area outside Y5/6 on Friday 26th May.



SEA CADETS, THORNBURY

Do you have a child aged between 10 and 18? Would they like to join the Sea Cadets in Thornbury? Every Monday and Thursday, 7pm - 9pm next to Sixth Form College on Glos Rd. As a Sea Cadet you can go to sea, learn to sail and take part in adventure training. Dinghy sailing, kayaking, power boating, canoeing, rowing & windsurfing.

<http://www.sea-cadets.org/thornbury/>