

From Mr Spens:

This week, we welcomed lots of prospective parents who are considering schools for their children due to start in Reception in 2018. It's always a great opportunity to show off our school and some of our Year 6 children took on the role of tour guides! They did a fantastic job and continue to set a great standard for the rest of the school. If you have a child due to start in September 2018, or know others who do, please do let them know about the dates for the rest of our 'Open Mornings':

New Parent Tours

Tuesday 17th October – 9.30am

Monday 30th October – 9.30am

Thursday 9th November – 9.30am

Places can be booked on our school website, by clicking on the 'New Parents' section.

Have a great weekend!



Parking – Underwood Close

We have been contacted by residents of Underwood Close who are concerned about parking at pick-up and drop-off times and are particularly worried about how cars can sometimes be parked in positions that may block access for emergency vehicles or present a danger to pedestrians. Please could I take this opportunity to remind parents to park responsibly, taking into consideration road markings, corners and absolutely not parking on pavements by the main entrances to the school. Thank-you in advance for your support with this.

School Photographs – Monday 9th October

The photographer will be in school on Monday to take individual photographs of all the children and sibling groups. You may bring along your pre-school child for a family group photograph from 8.30am to 9.00am. There will be no obligation to purchase photographs.

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.



Harvest

Our harvest service will be on **Thursday 19th October**. We would appreciate donations of non-perishable food items for the 'Loaves and Fishes Project' organised by The Community of the Sisters of the Church who distribute food to those in need in Bristol. Contributions of tins (in date please!) of tuna, meat, rice pudding, fruit, custard, baked beans, soup and vegetables and also cereals, pasta, rice, biscuits, tea bags and jars of coffee would be most welcome. Donations can be sent into school any time until the 19th, when we will be taking the goods into church. Unfortunately, due to space restraints, we are unable to invite parents along to this service.



Parent Governor

Parents will have received a letter yesterday about the parent governor vacancy at St Helen's. The closing date for this is Thursday 19th October.

Attendance update and attendance of the week!

Our school attendance for last week was 97.0% and this week dropped slightly to 96.4% for the week. Overall this term, our whole school attendance stands at 97.1%, which is fantastic!

Last week, Beech class (Year 2) achieved **100% attendance** and this week Ash class (Year 4) also managed **100% attendance**. Both classes celebrated this amazing achievement today with 10 minutes extra break!

Dates for your diary

Monday 9th October, 3.35pm - Friends of St Helen's (formerly St Helen's PTA) Annual General Meeting

Monday 9th October – School photographer (individual and family groups)

Thursday 12th October – Dean Field assembly, 9.05am (Year 6 parents)

Friday 13th October – Child Flu vaccinations in school (Reception to Year 4)

Friday 13th October – FOSH Film Night

Thursday 19th October – Harvest Service

Thursday 19th October – end of Term 1

Friday 20th October – INSET day

Monday 30th October – start of Term 2

Tuesday 7th November – Parents' Evening (10 minute appointment between 4pm – 7pm)

Thursday 8th November – Parents' Evening (10 minute appointment between 4pm – 7pm)

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

Congratulations to our certificate winners last week and this week:

Cherry Class - Fred and Charlotte

Holly Class – Lacey, Dexter, Emily J and William

Beech Class – Charlie, William, Bede and Harrison

Oak Class – Josh, Emma C, Jonny and Emma R

Ash Class – Joe, Caitlin, Josh L and Summer

Sycamore Class – Libby, Marni, Jamie, Maisie and Ronny

Elm Class – Isabelle, Daniel, Jake, Sidonie



Out of School Achievements:

- Maddie in Beech class achieved her Stage 2 swimming award.
- Daisy in Ash class achieved her Stage 4 swimming award.
- Harley in Beech class achieved her Stage 4 swimming award.
- Alfie in Beech class achieved his Stage 3 swimming award and 25 metre distance swimming award.

FRIENDS OF ST HELEN'S SCHOOL FILM NIGHT – "SING"

When & Where: Friday 13th October from 5.15pm – 7:15pm in the School Hall

Cost: £2 per person

Tickets: To be reserved through Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/film-night-sing-the-movie-tickets-> and paid for on the night.

Further information: Children will need to be supervised by an adult, please reserve one space for every member of your group (including adults). Please bring along a bean bag or cushion to sit on.

Please Note: This event is only open to pupils of the school and their families

*****This event has been arranged by the Friends of St Helen's School who will be selling sweets, popcorn and soft drinks, in order to raise funds for new school Interactive Whiteboards.*****



St Helen's Pre-School – Little Stars

Places available for 2.5 – 4 year olds

Coffee Morning

Saturday 14th October – 10.30am to 12 noon

Alveston Methodist Church Hall

Home made pizza – cakes – tea, coffee & squash

Cancer Research UK, Thornbury & District

Autumn Fair

Saturday 21st October – 10am to 1pm

St Helen's School

Admission £3 to include hot drink and cake

Crafts, cakes, gifts, books, jewellery, pottery, jam, etc



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