

## From Mr Spens:

It's been a super first week back at St Helen's despite the weather! We have had a fantastic time learning all about democracy, even holding our own 'St Helen's General Election' too.

The Year 5 and 6 children met three of the local candidates over the last couple of weeks and gave them a real grilling over their different policies and found out about their plans for the local area too. They then presented in an assembly about the different parties and their manifestos before the whole school went to the polls!



Particularly popular with the children was the Labour policy around free school meals and the Green party's plans to abolish SATS! Year 6 marshalled the polling station and counted the votes. You can see our results below!

**Labour – 38%, Green Party – 30%, Conservatives – 17%, Liberal Democrats – 14%**

Have a great weekend!



## HOWZAT! Year 5 and 6 cricketers crowned tournament champions!

On Wednesday, Mr Chappell took a team of 8 girls from Year 5 and 6 to a tournament of Bristol schools at the YMCA in Bristol. The girls were an absolute credit to the school, behaving superbly, encouraging each other and playing particularly well as a team. The team won every single game they played.

They scored 274 runs in one game and are now through to the regional finals in Cheltenham later this month. A particular mention goes to Maddie (Y6) who scored 14 runs in one over including a 'six'! Well done girls!



### New MUGA coming on rapidly

The wet weather this week has not held back our team of builders who have been making quick work of the new Multi-Use Games Area or 'MUGA' which we are building to celebrate our 50 year anniversary.

A large amount of stone has arrived on site to form a solid base for the pitch and now the edging stones have been laid. Fence posts started to go in on Thursday and the building work will continue over the next couple of weeks.



## Congratulations to Ash class on this week's best class attendance – 99.3%

### St Helen's Got Talent 2017!

Back after popular demand is St Helen's Got Talent. Today, Miss Beech spoke to the children about it and we're going to be looking for individuals and groups of children who are keen to audition for a place in the grand final, which we hope to hold in July. If your son or daughter has a talent, do encourage them to sign up next week!

### Sports Day – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July (am)

The Reception & Key Stage 1 events will start at 9.25am, followed by a short break while our gymnastics team perform for us, then the KS2 events start between 10.30am and 10.45am. We aim to complete all the events by 12 noon, but hope you will appreciate that timings will be a little flexible depending on how quickly the children complete the races!

### Fidget Spinners

Fidget spinners have been around a little while now and we've been happy for children to bring them to school, using them sensibly and safely, but clearly not using them in class! Over the last few days, we've seen more and more elaborate spinners coming into school and unfortunately this has resulted in more issues. As a result, we would like to ask that children **do not** bring fidget spinners to school from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June. Thank-you in advance for your support and understanding with this.



### Congratulations to our certificate winners this week:

- Cherry Class – Oliver H and Katlyn
- Holly Class – Evie and Cody
- Beech Class – Charlie H
- Oak Class – Rose and Katie B
- Ash Class – Jack and Lewis
- Sycamore Class – Harry, Elsie and Jake
- Elm Class – Tom and Charlie





## Summer Fair Reminders!

1. **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June is a non-uniform day.** Please bring in raffle tickets, donations for the tombola etc on this day.
2. There will be a **cake competition** and also a **sweetie jar competition.** The theme for both of these is 'summer'. Please bring entries to school on Friday 16<sup>th</sup>, or Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> from 10am.
3. Invite your friends and family to **come and join us** on the day!

### Dates for your diary

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June – Class photographs for Reception and Year 6

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June – PTA Summer Fair

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July – Sports morning

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July – School performance – Y5/Y6 – 7pm

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July – School performance – Y5/Y6 – 7pm

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July – Whole school visit to Tyntesfield

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July – Leavers' Service – Y6

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July – end of Term 6

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July – INSET day

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September – INSET day

### Out of school achievement

- Harley in Holly Class has achieved the British Gymnastics proficiency award 4.

