

From Mr Spens:

It's been a busy start to term 2 and there is so much planned for next week, I wanted to briefly remind parents of some key events that are coming up next week:

- The second of our **Parents' evenings** are coming up on Tuesday 13th November from 4pm-7pm, children are welcome to attend with their parents if they are in Year 2 or above.
- **Odd Socks Day** is on Monday 12th November to celebrate difference as part of Anti-Bullying week. Children can wear odd socks for the day!
- **Book Fair** will run next week on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, with books on sale after school. **Please note:** there will be no book fair on Tuesday 13th November due to parents' evening.
- **Recycling week** kicks off on Monday 12th November. We'd love your help in collecting and bringing in objects we can use so please start collecting... bottle tops (any size), flexible scrap materials (fabric, netting, plastic), wool, plastic bottles, shoeboxes, cardboard castle building materials (tubes etc), can tops, netting, etc and we're asking Year 5 & 6 to bring in an old t-shirt we can recycle too!
- We'll be celebrating **'Children in Need'** on Friday 16th November by holding a non-uniform day. For a donation of £1, brought to their teacher in the morning, children can come to school wearing non-uniform.

Lots to look forward to from Monday! Have a great weekend.

Remembrance Artwork by Year 5 and 6

Their moving pieces of artwork will be on show at St Helen's Church this weekend.



Cakes and Sweets

There are more and more children bringing in cakes and sweets to share with their class to celebrate birthdays etc. As this is becoming a much more regular occurrence and due to a number of our children having various allergies, we would like to ask parents not to send in cakes, snacks or sweets into class. Many thanks in advance for your understanding with this.

Artist in residence started this week

Our new artist in residence, Jo, started work with us this week. She spent a day with ten children from Year 2 on Tuesday and a day with ten Year 1's on Wednesday. They've created some amazing artwork linked to their topic on 'Medieval Life' which you can see in the corridor leading up to their classrooms. Come and take a look! Next week, Jo will be working with Year 3 and 4 on their Egyptian topic.

Year 3 and 4 visit to the Bristol Museum

On Tuesday, Year 3 and 4 went to the Bristol Museum as part of their topic on 'The Egyptians'. They had a brilliant time handling artefacts and immersing themselves in Egyptian life. *'I liked finding out what it was like to be a woman in ancient Egypt.'* Lola (Y3). *'I liked the real life mummy that moved when you touched the button.'* Katie H (Y4)



Attendance Update: Congratulations to Beech Class, whose attendance for this week was 100%

Out of school achievements

- Bonnie-May in Holly class has achieved her stage 4 swimming award.
- Sebastian in Holly class was a mascot at the recent Bristol Rovers vs Oxford match. He walked onto the pitch with Stuart Sinclair and had a kick about with the players.

Deadline for 'shoe boxes' – Friday 16th November

Christmas dates (more info coming):

Tuesday 11th December, 2pm – KS1 Nativity

Wednesday 12th December, 6pm – KS1 Nativity

Tuesday 18th December, 6pm – Y3 & 4 Carols by Candlelight, St Helen's Church

Wednesday 19th December – School Christmas Dinner

Friday 21st December, 3:30pm – Carols around the Christmas Tree



Friends of St Helen's Events:

FILM NIGHT, Paddington 2: Friday 16th November, 5pm-7:15pm

£2 per person - Tickets will need to be reserved through Eventbrite (link sent to you by text) and then paid for on the door. Hotdogs, sweets, popcorn and soft drinks will be available to buy on the night. 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.

FoSH Meeting – Monday 26th November, 3.30pm, in the Elliott building. All welcome!

St Helen's Christmas Fair – Friday 7th December, 3:30pm

Please come along and do some Christmas shopping! Visit Santa's Grotto, buy some cake and take a chance at the Raffle! Sweetie jars and lots of fab stalls!