



St. Helen's Church of England School Newsletter | 16th September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the autumn term – we loved seeing so many of you at our welcome back BBQ on Wednesday which raised nearly £300! It was also great to have the CEO, Director of Education and lots of the other Heads from the Trust come to join us.

Community:

A huge thanks to Morrisons Bideford and Asda Bideford who generously donated buns, burgers, squash, crisps and much more to the BBQ. It really made a difference and ensured that the event raised as much as possible for Friends of St Helen's, all of which goes directly back to the children.

If you are interested in joining FOSH, please speak to a member of the team – we would love to have you on board!

Character:

We are so proud of how the children have settled back into school life. The new reception children already feel like part of the family and Visitors to the school have already commented on the fantastic learning behaviours of all the children, noticing their motivation, aspiration, perseverance, creativity and so much more. We have also been really proud of the way they have reflected so respectfully and thoughtfully on the life of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II and the characterful example she set throughout her long reign.



KEY DATES

- 29th September Y6 to Lundy
- 4th and 5th October – Appledore Book Festival
- 18th and 19th October – Parent Consultation
- 1st November – Tempest Photos
- 28th November - 5th December Scholastic Book Fair
- 2nd December (TBC) Christmas Fayre

Academic

All the information about what the children will be learning this half term is now available on the website and I know that the class teachers have also sent the information out on Seesaw.

This term sees the official launch of our enquiry-led courageous curriculum, which is the vehicle through which much of the National Curriculum will be taught. We are currently seeking your voice regarding learning and would love to know how we can support you to support your child with their learning at home. We want to run events and workshops that are useful, so please let us know what you would like to learn more about.

Digital and Innovation

Our enrichment programme is now in full swing. This fantastic weekly session gives the children the opportunity to experience a range of different activities in “family groups”, while their teachers have the chance to work and plan together to ensure that we are delivering a rich, varied, balanced, broad and purposeful curriculum, which enables all children to repeatedly achieve the Inspiring Change Maker Challenges. The Y6s who lead the stations (supported by staff and volunteers) are already growing into their roles and are showing themselves to be Inspiring Young Leaders!



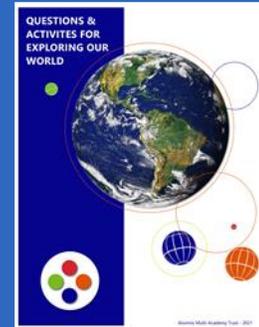
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