

St. Helen's Church of England School



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Join us in fulfilling our vision to

love ❤️ learn 📚 serve ✨

'Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.' Hebrews 10:24

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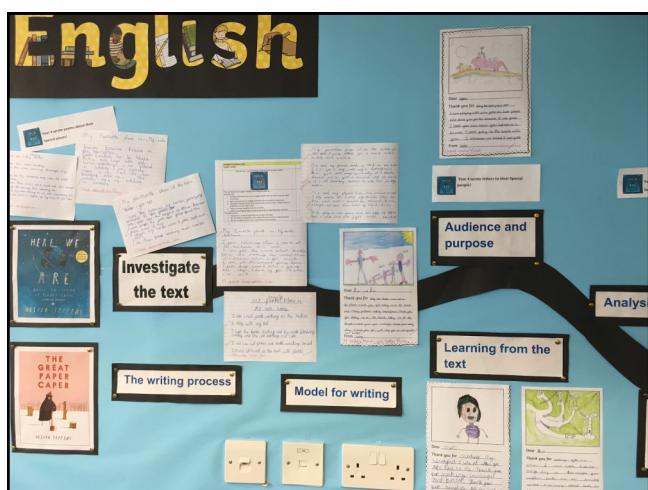


Dear parents and carers,

This week I thought I'd share with you some images of the classrooms coming to life with the children's work, along with a selection of photos of life across the school this week.

I hope you enjoy your weekend.

Kind regards,
Claire Lewis



Drop off and collection:

Please only one parent/carer on school grounds in the morning and after school. Also, please phone the school on 01237 475276 or email sthèlens.sch@alumnismat.org before coming to the school office. If you do come to the office only one parent/carer at a time. Thank you.

Absences: Please ring every day before 9.15am with accurate details if your child is unwell and will not be attending school. Thank you.

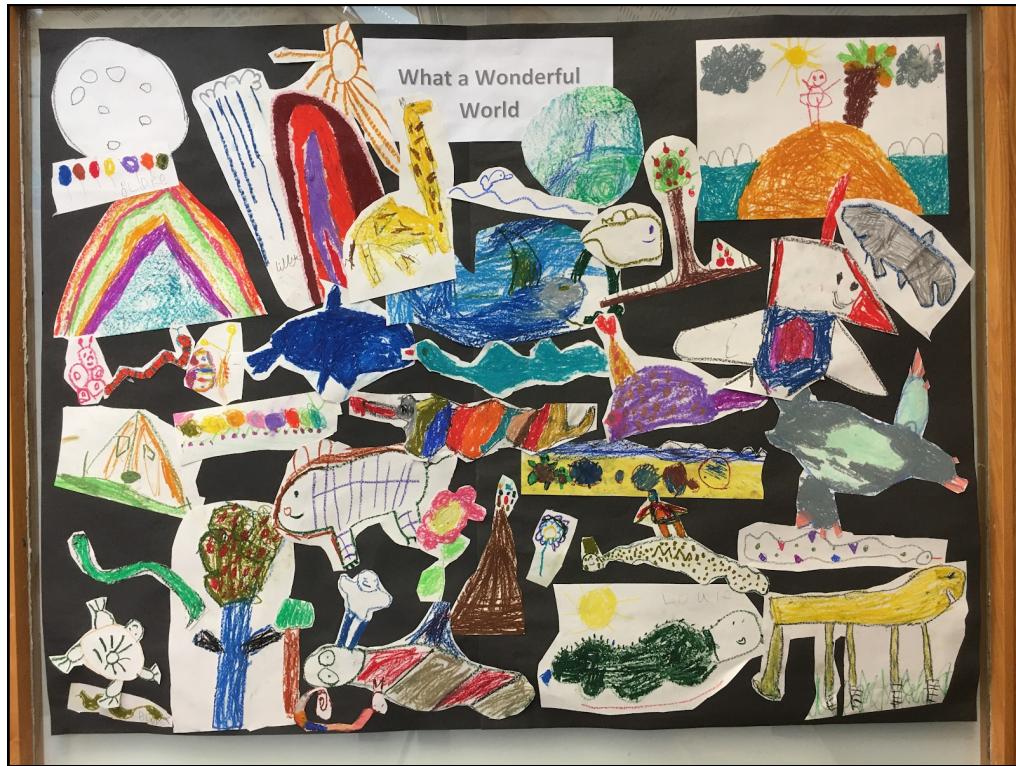
Rucksacks: Please could we remind parents/carers that children can only bring in a rucksack containing a reading book, coat and drinks bottle/lunch box. No other items in school please.



School Uniform:

Thank you for sending your children into school wearing the correct uniform. The children look very smart and ready for learning. Please remember to make sure they have the correct PE kit too!





Mobile phones: Please note that children are not allowed mobile phones in school.

School money bookings:

Online bookings for the first half of the Autumn Term are now available for lunches, Breakfast Club and After School Club. Please go to www.schoolmoney.co.uk to make any bookings required.

Lunches: We request that lunch orders are made in advance. Unfortunately, we are unable to order a school lunch on the day. If you have forgotten to order a school lunch, we will request that a packed lunch is brought in from home.

Thank you.

School events:

Fri 25th Sep

Macmillan coffee morning

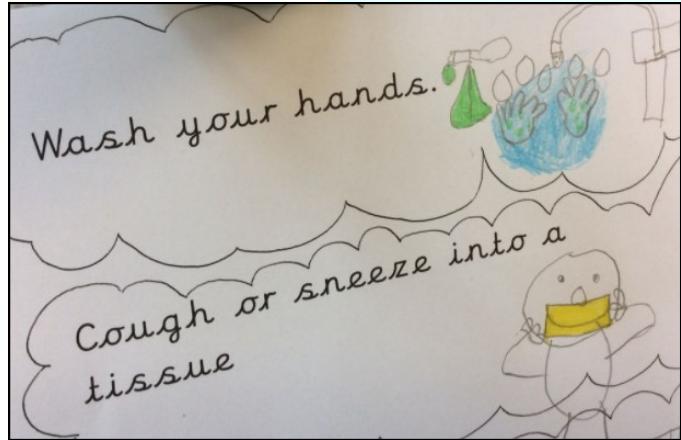
**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

Please support our Macmillan fundraiser this year.

We want to do this as safely as possible. Our school chef will be baking cakes for children to purchase in their bubbles. Pupils may bring in money to pay for cakes. Cakes will be 20p each.

Please **do not** send in cakes this year.
Thank you everyone.



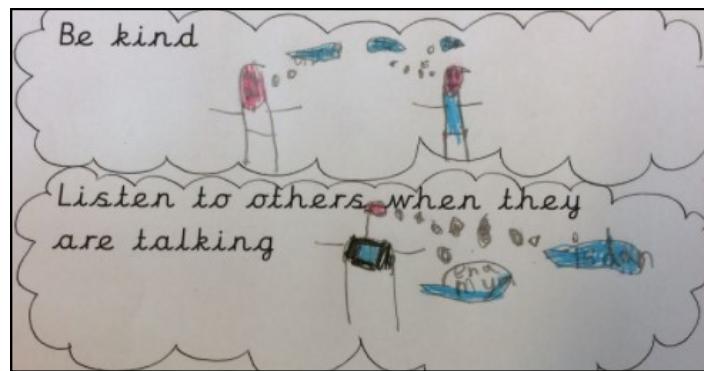


Our ideal classroom (2)

#british values # caring
rules and laws # safety

Today in PSHE, Class Two came up with a list of rules that they are going to follow to make our classroom a lovely place to be.

1. Wash your hands.
2. Help each other.
3. Be kind.
4. Listen to others when they are talking.
5. Try your best.
6. Include others in your games.
7. Walk in the classroom.
8. Put your hand up if you want to say something.
9. Use your quiet voices in the classroom.
10. Be brave.





...is Corey, Year 2, for great perseverance in running during the Daily Mile.

Achievements

This week I would like to say 'well done!' to all of the children for settling into the start of the new school year so well.



Telephone parent consultations

As we are unable to hold parent consultations at the moment, your child's class teacher will be phoning you at some point over the next two weeks to discuss how your child is settling back into school. We will need to limit the length of phone calls to a maximum of 10 minutes (the same as a parent consultation in school), so please do bear this in mind when your child's teacher rings. Your child's class teacher will contact you via Seesaw with more details.

Getting Tested for COVID-19

As we expected when our children returned to school after being isolated at home for so long, many children have developed sniffles and a cold. We understand that you will be anxious about your child being unwell. Please keep your child at home if they are unwell, but remember you only need to get your child tested if they have symptoms of COVID-19, or are asked to take a test. We ask that you follow this advice. Those who have experienced symptoms have struggled to get a test nearby and/or within a short timescale, however it seems that patience and persistence is key when trying to book a test. If you are unable to get a test please contact the school office. We have had NO positive test results in our school.

Wrap around care phone number:

Please note, if you need to contact the Wrap-around Care Club staff, with urgent messages when the club is in session, the telephone number has changed. The new number is 07904 256032.



Don't forget to follow us on Twitter @StHelensVA

COVID-19 Symptoms

We ask that everyone is extra vigilant to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. We ask that any parent, carer or child with any of the following symptoms stays at home and gets a test.

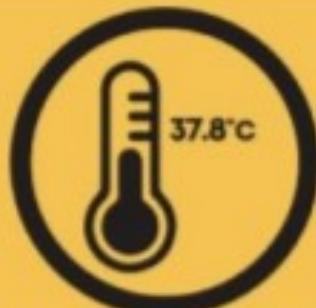
Symptoms:

- new continuous cough
- temperature
- loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

Please do not come to the school for a 14-day period from the onset of initial symptoms unless a negative test result is obtained. Children MUST NOT attend school if they or anyone in their household has tested positive in the last 10 days. If your child is displaying symptoms please keep them at home for 10 days while siblings and the rest of the household self-isolates for 14 days.

If a positive case is confirmed, then the 'bubble' including adults may need to self isolate, depending on Public Health advice. St. Helen's CoE School will follow all Public Health guidance to maximise safety.





DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL IF THEY, OR ANYONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD HAS SYMPTOMS OF CORONAVIRUS OR IF THEY HAVE BEEN TOLD TO ISOLATE BY TEST AND TRACE.



GET YOUR CHILD AND HOUSEHOLD TESTED IF THEY DEVELOP SYMPTOMS OF CORONAVIRUS.



DROP OFF AND COLLECT AT THE RIGHT TIME USING THE ALLOCATED ENTRANCE AND EXIT GATE.



ONLY ONE PARENT SHOULD COME TO THE SITE AND SHOULD KEEP THEIR DISTANCE FROM OTHER PEOPLE.



OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL IT IS IMPORTANT FOR YOUR HOUSEHOLD TO FOLLOW THE CURRENT GOVERNMENT ADVICE TO AVOID BRINGING THE VIRUS INTO SCHOOL.



PARENTS

