St. Helen's Church of England School

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At St. Helen's we learn to LOVE, love to LEARN and aspire to SERVE so that we become Inspiring Change Makers

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

23rd April 2021

Dear parents and carers,

Well, the first week of the summer term has flown by! It has been a super busy week and the children have dived straight into their learning with gusto. As I said in my letter on Monday the staff team will continue to work hard to support all children's learning and care to ensure they make all the progress they possibly can this term.

These quotes from children across the school sum up C360 beautifully this week:



"Daily dictation is improving my fluency in writing."

"I went from 5/10 to 9/10 in the Tough Ten."

"The tablets and the whiteboard help us with our learning in maths and phonics."

"I have made progress in RE this week and I have really enjoyed it."

"I got to be an AR reader this week. I'm really excited to do the quiz."

"We've been learning the alphabet in BSL. I can sign my name in BSL now."



Amended drop off and collection times:

Please ensure your child arrives on time so they enter school in their bubble:

Reception, Class 1 & 2

Drop off time: 8:50 am Collection time: 3.30 pm

Class 3 & 4 Drop off time: 8:50 am Pick up time: 3:30 pm

Class 5 & 6 Drop off time: 8:40 am Collection time: 3:20 pm

Please only one parent/carer on school grounds in the morning and after school.

School lunches and wraparound care:

A week's advanced bookings for lunch and wraparound care can be made via School Money up until the end of the Summer Term.









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"We have been learning about Stewardship and caring for our world and in Collective Worship we have been learning about community and what this means."

"I'm really aware of being polite since we've been discussing courtesy." "I've aspired to achieve more and to overcome my anxiety."

"We've been learning about courtesy. I've tried really hard with it because it makes me happy to help others."



"We have new computers and have been trying a new way of learning with them."

"This week our class has been inspiring change-makers by helping one another."

"My mum and I planted sunflower seeds using toilet roll tubes to save plastic." "The interactive whiteboard has helped me with my Bug Club phonics this week."

"This week we have learned to use a camera and binoculars."



"I have written to all of the secondary schools in North Devon to ask about their rugby provision."

"This week I've worked with people I don't normally work with."

"During orienteering teamwork was super important."

" I picked up a paper towel from the floor and put it in the bin because I like to keep the school tidy."

"We have connected with our Christian community by going further into God's kingdom."

Absences:

Please ring the Office every day before 9.15am with accurate details if your child is unwell.

Social Inclusion Officers:

The Social Inclusion Officers, James Creek and Sonia Grant, can be contacted on 01237 879382.

Wanted

Thank you for the plastic bottles. Lots more are still needed!

Dates for your diary

30th April– Aquarium Virtual Tour for classes 3 & 4
1st May– Bank Holiday
31st May–4th June - Half Term
16th July–Non Pupil Day
23rd July–Last Day of Term

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What a fantastic testament to the impact of C360 on your wonderful children's learning and character development.

Our teachers look forward to speaking with you in parent consultations next week. Please remember to log on in time for your Google Meet slot and please be respectful of others and remember that appointments are strictly for a maximum of ten minutes. If you still have more that you wish to discuss following the meeting, please contact the class teacher. Thank you.

I hope you have a great weekend. Please take care.

Mrs C. S. Lewis

As part of our character education project in class, Phoebe wrote a letter to her neighbours to explain that she had seen quite a few homeless people on the streets in Barnstaple. She was concerned that they may not be able to go to the food bank or may be embarrassed to get help. Phoebe decided to ask her neighbours for food donations to help support these people in need. In class Phoebe researched which foods would be most nutritious and popular to



eat. Over the Easter holidays, Phoebe sent out the letters to her neighbours and put a box at the end of her drive. As you can see in the photo, she has received many donations.

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 10-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 10 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.