

**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

7th May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have enjoyed a short but super busy week of learning at St. Helen's this week, continuing to focus on this half term's Character Education Virtues of Courtesy and Community. Here's what has been happening in school through our Curriculum C360 this week.

When asked what they had enjoyed about their learning, a child replied, "I loved being outdoors and doing orienteering. I needed to know how to read a map."

At St. Helen's our **ACADEMIC** curriculum always includes a wide variety of learning opportunities and creative and active outcomes.

After dissecting eggs in a science investigation, Class 5 used them in D&T to make Spanish omelettes.

When asked how they had developed their **CHARACTER** virtues this week another child said, "I've been working on being courteous. I helped my friend by reading him a book."



To help Class 3 and 4 enjoy their virtual visit to the National Marine Aquarium, Class 6 let them use their classroom and their lovely new interactive screen.



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.

This week Class 3 received the first batch of Chromebooks; part of our KS2 1:1 chromebook initiative. The children were very excited to receive the new devices



and have been busy getting accustomed to the shiny new **DIGITAL** technology. It has been great to see their excitement and enthusiasm as they use these to become Inspiring Researchers. The rest of KS2 will receive their Chromebooks very soon.

When asked how they had been **INNOVATIVE** and creative in their approach to learning this week one child replied, "I learnt how to use a thesaurus to help me think of better words in my poem."

Class 2 enjoyed a visit from the Book Fairy who visited to inspire them in their love of reading.

Can you guess the book from the picture?



When asked what they had done to help or connect with their **COMMUNITY** a child said, "I made a poster this week to tell people to look after the sea." Another said, "I got to go back to swimming lessons and I loved seeing my friends."

This week Class 6 thoroughly enjoyed a visit from Mrs Partridge from The Clinton School, one of our Alumnis family schools, who came to teach the children a song for their end of year Celebration Concert at the Queen's Theatre on the 15th July. More news on this coming soon!

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

Monday 10th May—

The Sports project in school
12—14 May— Yr 5 Bikeability

12th May— Yr 4 Swimming

14 May— Pyjamarama day

31st May—4th June - Half Term

16th July— Non Pupil Day

23rd July— Last Day of Term



As you can see we've had a very busy week at St. Helen's! I hope you all get the chance to have a restful weekend. Do take care.

Kind regards,
Claire Lewis



Mrs Fidler's Book
recommendation
of the week.

On Friday the 14th May we are asking the children to come into school in their pyjamas to support The Book Trust. Children will be asked to come into school in their pyjamas and bring in a donation for The Book Trust.



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.