



## St. Helen's Church of England School Newsletter | 25th June 2021

Dear St. Helen's families,

I'm trying to keep the weekly newsletters to a reasonable length, but I have so many exciting things to tell you, it's proving challenging. Please forgive me if this newsletter is a little long!!

Firstly, thank you for keeping your child/ren home from school if they are unwell. I am very pleased to say that the overall attendance in school is still excellent. It is always best if children can be at school to carry out their learning, however we do provide online learning via Seesaw for any children unable to attend (providing they are well enough of course).

Please may I remind parents and carers that if your child, or any member of your household, develops the symptoms of COVID-19 you must immediately isolate and ensure that your child does not attend school. It is important that the stay at home guidance is then followed <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

Please contact the school in the usual way to report any absence. We can also offer support and guidance if needed. The symptoms of COVID-19 are a recent onset of:

- A continuous cough and/or
- A high temperature and/or
- A loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell

Have a great weekend and please take very good care.

*Claire Lewis*



### **POLITE NOTICE!**

Please could any parents who have been using the car park at the end of the school drive refrain from doing so.

This car park is for use by St. Helen's staff and visitors, and Abbotsham & Alwington Preschool staff only.

**Thank you for your cooperation.**

### **Term Dates**

Non-Pupil Day - 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Term Ends – 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021

### **Important Dates**

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June - The Sports Project

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> - June Year 4 swimming

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> - July Tennis with ARC

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> - July Tennis with ARC and Year 5 & 6 beach trip

### **Absences**

Please ring the office every day before 9:15 am if your child is unwell.

### **Social Inclusion Team**

James Creek and Sonia Grant our Social Inclusion Officers can be contacted on

01237 879382



## The four cornerstones of C360 this week:

### Academic

*Wise people are always learning; always listening for fresh insights. Proverbs 18:15*

This week I was so impressed by a delightful Year 5 student who demonstrated so many **intellectual and performance virtues**. During the recent maths assessment, they were unable to answer some of the questions, so they went home and practised using their CGP books and came back to school and asked if they could try the questions again. What an incredible **attitude to learning**. Well done Isabella!

A child in Year 2 said this week, "The maths quiz I did helped me to see the things I can do and the 'not yet maths' that I will do in Year 3." What a great mindset.

Whereas we will not be open in the summer holiday, (I think the children and staff deserve a well-earned rest!) our School Improvement Leads, Mrs Drew, Mrs Fidler and Mrs Northcott are designing a comprehensive **summer learning programme** to keep the little ones learning over the long summer holiday.

More news on this before the end of term.

### Character

*Each of you should use whatever gifts you have received to serve other as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:10*

I was very impressed by Isla in Year 4 this week who showed the **performance virtue of confidence** when she volunteered to carry out an important task.

Several Year 6 students demonstrated the **civic virtues of service and community** this week by volunteering to plot information onto a spreadsheet. Thank you Chloe, Thea, Mia, Caitlyn, Niamh, Megan and Grace!

Year 2 children were **Inspiring Adventurers** and **Inspiring Skill Builders** this week when they collected elderflowers from The Wilderness to make elderflower cordial. They used the **performance virtues of communication** to work as a team and **confidence** to try something new. Year Two also demonstrated the moral virtue of **generosity** by giving some of the cordial to Phoebe, our fantastic school cook, so she can make elderflower drizzle cake for the school to enjoy as part of school dinners.



## Community

*Love your neighbour as yourself Mark 12:31*

Mrs Larque has shared with me news that four children in Year 4 are planning a cake sale to raise money for Harbour, Bideford. Great work towards the **Inspiring Volunteers** award Tommy, Sam, Samuel and Freddie!

Year 2 were **thankful** for the wood they are using to make beach huts. They were so happy to have enough wood to be able to make one each.

## Innovation

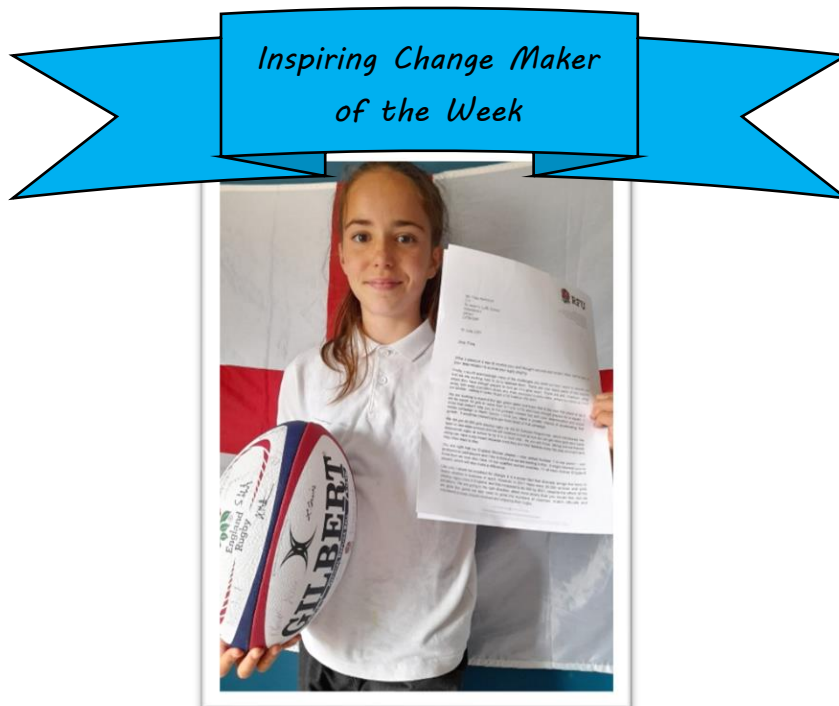
*Live life in all its fullness. John 10:10*

Spencer in Year 4 has created an instructional video about how to use 'Clipchamp' an online video creation and editing suite. Watch out for this on Twitter and Seesaw – we will share it soon!

Year 5 have been using Duolingo to learn French. Henry said he thinks Duolingo is great because it will help him to order food when he next goes to France!



Year 2 children have shown great digital innovation by making videos asking Year 3 children to help them learn practical skills such as tying their shoelaces. They have shared the videos via Seesaw and used tags such as **#InspiringSkillBuilder** and **#CharacterEducation**



This incredible **Inspiring Change Maker** is an amazing advocate for girls' rugby. She received a letter from Bill Sweeney and Sue Day, the heads of England RFU, commending her efforts to build the girls' game in North Devon and spurring her to continue. They answered each of her points in turn and said they would be keen to visit Bideford RFC to talk more about what she has been doing. They also sent her a ball signed by the Red Roses squad and invited her to be a mascot at Twickenham. Thea is truly an incredible role model for us all.

*This week Mrs Fidler wanted to show you our most recent additions to our library.  
Mrs Fidler makes sure that we have new books to enjoy every single month!*



Don't forget to follow us on Twitter to see posts like this:





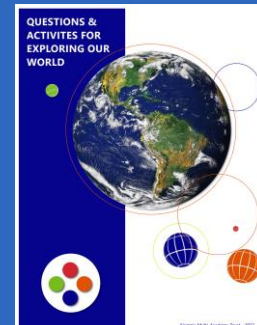
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## **Safeguarding Updates**

### **Social Media**

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### **Devices and Technology**

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### **Family Support**

Click [here](#) for information about **Family Support** from Devon County Council.