



St. Helen's Church of England School Newsletter | 10th September 2021

Dear St. Helen's families,

A very warm welcome back to the new academic year and a brand new welcome to the new families of our lovely Reception class. I am looking forward to a tremendous year working in partnership with you to develop your children's academic, performance, civic and moral virtues of good character through our Curriculum 360.

It was wonderful to have the whole school family together once again in Collective Worship on Tuesday morning. I was able to share this term's focus virtues of: compassion & empathy and critical thinking and to remind the children of our school vision '*to love, learn and serve so that we become inspiring change makers*' so that they know what makes our school special and understand our high expectations.

I am so very proud of the way in which the children have returned to school looking so smart in their uniforms, with such positive attitudes to their learning and demonstrating such joy at being back together as a school community.

The whole staff team are looking forward to the busy and productive year ahead and are excited about all of the adventures we have in store.

It is so exciting to see the Covid-19 restrictions lift and to return to a new kind of normality where we learn to live with Coronavirus as an illness that exists in the world. We are all so thrilled that the lifting of restrictions means that we can now resume Collective Worship, clubs and trips. That said, we will still be very careful about hygiene, ventilation and other measures to ensure we do everything possible to limit transmission. Please see our Covid-19 risk assessment on our website for more details.



Term Dates

13th September - Reception class first full day
22nd October - non pupil day
1st November - first day of Autumn 2

Absences

Please ring the office every day before 9:00 am if your child is unwell.

Safety reminders

Please could parents **close all gates** as they leave the school premises.

Please could parents ensure children **do not play with the playground barrier**.

Please could all parents **park safely and courteously** in the village.

Staff update

Mrs King left St. Helen's during the school holiday. We thank her for her many years' of service at St. Helen's and wish her well in her new job. We are very grateful to Mrs Westaway for helping us with our admin while we carry out a recruitment process. This does however mean we have limited admin support as Mrs Westaway still needs to do her usual job as part of the Alumnis Central Team. We would like to thank parents for your patience at this time.



It is with great pleasure that I invite parents and carers into school for a series of coffee mornings/evenings. The aim of this is to give you the opportunity to tour the school and see your child/ren thriving in the wonderful learning environment (mornings only) and to ask any questions you may have following a short presentation about Curriculum 360, its four cornerstones and our new mini schools.

Places are limited to 15 parents/carers per event (on a first come, first served basis). Please phone 01237 475276 between 09:30-11:00 to book a slot on one of the following dates. We regret that we cannot take bookings via email.

- Tuesday 21st September 09:15 – 10:00
- Tuesday 21st September 16:00 – 16:45
- Wednesday 22nd September 09:15 – 10:00
- Tuesday 28th September 09:15 – 10:00
- Tuesday 28th September 16:00 – 16:45
- Wednesday 29th September 09:15 – 10:00
- Monday 4th October 09:15 – 10:00
- Tuesday 5th October 09:15 – 10:00
- Tuesday 5th October 16:00 – 16:45
- Monday 11th October 09:15 – 10:00
- Thursday 14th October 09:15-10:00
- Thursday 14th October 16:00 – 16:45
- Monday 18th October 09:15 – 10:00
- Tuesday 19th October 09:15 – 10:00

We look forward to seeing you on one of these dates.

Going forward, newsletters will contain a section of news from each of the mini schools but this week you will receive a separate welcome letter from each of the School Improvement Leads.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs Claire Lewis



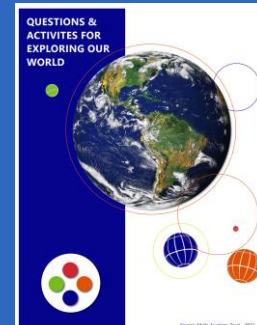
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