



## St. Helen's Church of England School Newsletter | 17<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe it is newsletter time again! It's been lovely to see the sunshine and it seems like it is here to stay for a while. Here's an update on some of the best bits since the last time I wrote!

### Community:

We have been really fortunate to welcome lots of members of the school community to support our C360 this fortnight.

Mrs Levick, a parent of a child in Year 2 who works for HSBC and lead financial awareness workshops with year 1 and 2 and is looking forward to working the other year groups in the coming weeks.

We welcomed Mr Elks, our vicar to Collective Worship on Monday and really enjoyed listening to his message about respect and always following the Golden Rule.

A big thanks to all the people who attended the FOSH meeting on Thursday - we are really excited to get our next big fundraisers underway!

As always, thanks to our regular volunteers and welcome to our new ones who support with reading, outdoor learning and much much more!

### Character:

We are really proud of all our aspiring sports stars this week. We have seen Year 1 go out to a dance festival, Year 3 went out to GTS to take



part in a cricket festival and members of our netball squad went to compete in the North Devon final, coming a very respectable 5th out of 13. Excellent sportsmanship, everyone.

The choir have been working hard on their performance virtues and their hard work culminated in a performance at Exeter Cathedral. A big thanks to Miss Gale and Mrs Gagg for supporting them.

Our Inspiring Year 3 volunteers worked incredibly hard with Mr Marlow during their ground force morning, building on the work of the Year 4s who had their day last week. They show great resilience and increasing skill in their efforts to ensure balance in our eco-system!

### Academic

Year 4 have enjoyed their first two sessions with the Beaford Arts team, working on the project, "A Voice to Tell our Story" which combines storytelling and visual arts.

As well as welcoming visitors in, we have also been reaching out to our friends in the other schools. The Year 4 Reading for Pleasure group met virtually this week to share their 3 line summaries of their favourite books and we all had fun guessing who had picked what. It led to some fantastic recommendations and a long wish list for Mrs Fidler.

### Digital and Innovation

We held our full Student Council meeting this week, with the Student Leadership team leading their committees brilliantly in activities such as visioning, prioritising and action planning. Watch this space for exciting innovations.

We are so proud of all the children who have expressed their compassion and empathy for the people of Ukraine. They have come up with lots of ideas of things we can do to raise money for supplies and we will be implementing these and researching the best ways to help.

And finally, thanks to Jack in Year 5 for his ongoing efforts to raise money for a defibrillator. Thanks to his dedication, and some very generous donations, we are almost halfway there.

Jack has been really proactive in writing to local companies asking for their support.

To help us raise the final amount, we are going to be hosting an  
Easter  
Bingo!

RAISING  
FUNDS FOR  
OUR  
DEFIBRILLATOR!

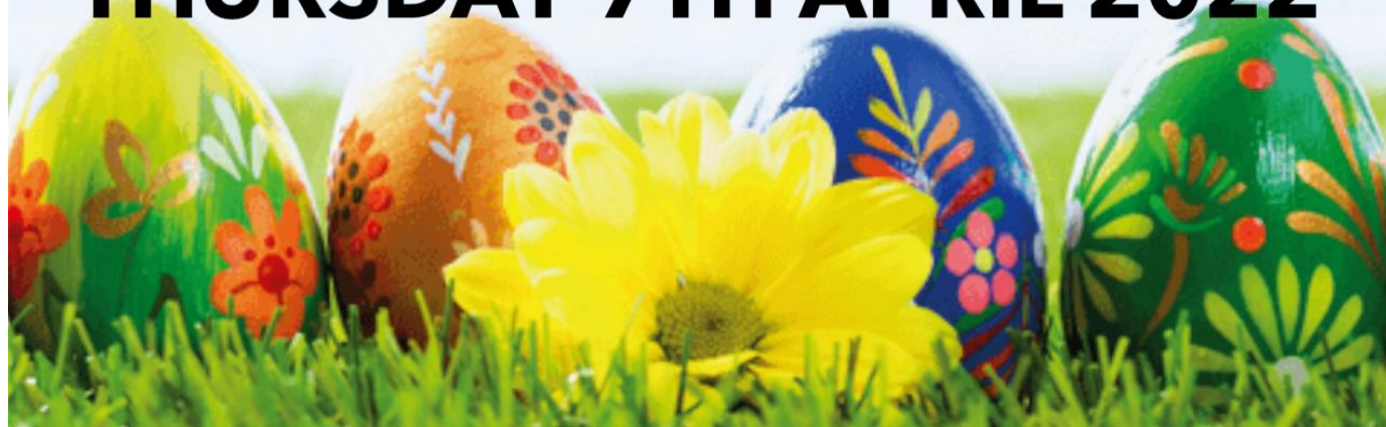
FOSH PRESENT  
**Easter**

FUN FOR THE  
WHOLE FAMILY

**BINGO**

WITH LOADS OF CHOCOLATEY PRIZES TO BE WON!

**THURSDAY 7TH APRIL 2022**



3.45PM IN THE SCHOOL HALL



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