



## Inspiring Changemakers:

We are delighted to have welcomed our new intake of reception children to St Helen's - they have settled so well and are quickly learning the routines. I can't wait to see how they grow and develop as they begin their journey to being Inspiring Change Makers.

A big well done to all the children who were recognised for their achievements this week. The entire pupil population has come back smiling, happy and ready to learn, but some children have really stood out. We gave awards for critical thinking, respect, motivation, aspiration, perseverance and more this afternoon and I was very proud of the children. A massive thanks to our Inspirational staff too, who have worked so hard to get everything ready for a flying start to the year - they deserve massive recognition.

## What's new?

Our new Year 3s have their Chromebooks and are really excited to be so grown up. Across the trust, we are so fortunate in our access to technology. If you would like to talk to anyone about how to support your child to use their Chromebook safely and effectively, please ask Mrs Larque!

## Community updates:

Thanks to all of you who supported the welcome back BBQ and to Mrs Fidler, our community lead and the team from FOSH who ensured the event ran smoothly.

I was really sorry not to be able to attend but I absolutely loved seeing the photos.

If you would like to join FOSH (Our PTFA - Friends of St Helen's) please speak to Mrs Fidler or Miss Hall in the office.



## Key learning this week:

The children have been straight back to their learning this week and I have been impressed by their focus and motivation as we hit the ground running in all subjects. There has been a strong focus on PSHE learning this week, establishing classroom expectations, thinking about the virtues that support us as learners and as members of a community. I have seen music, PE, French, computing, RE, outdoor learning and more, alongside English and Maths.

Staff have also been straight back into learning mode adapting to new roles and responsibilities - you will have seen the document that was shared last week outlining this. As always, in the first instance, if you have any questions or concerns, please approach your class teacher.