

St Helen's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter



28th September 2018

Senior Leaders' Special Mentions

Mrs Miller and Mrs Conyard for giving up their free time to help with a Scout project in our Nature Area.

Harvest Appeal

A representative from HARP came and spoke to the children during assembly today.

If you have any tins/packets of food or toiletries which you would be happy to donate, please send them in to school. We can take collection of them until 9am on Tuesday 16th October. Can we please politely ask that you check expiry dates before you donate as in previous years we have had to dispose of several items which were out of date.

Many thanks.



St Helen's Mission Statement

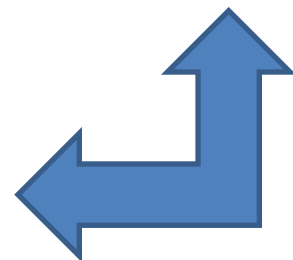
Respect yourself
Respect everyone in our School Community
Respect everyone in our local community
Respect everyone in our global community
But most of all, respect God our Father in Heaven



Requests for Permission for Trips

Can we please remind everyone to **promptly** consent on line for school trips when requested. We **CANNOT** accept verbal consent any longer so if you do not consent online your child will **NOT** be able to attend the event concerned.

Please see the link here



OUR WEB ADDRESS

[www.st-](http://www.st-helens.southend.sch.uk)

helens.southend.sch.uk

SCHOOL GATEWAY

(for payments, messages, dinner orders etc.)

www.schoolgateway.com

click above for links



Diary Dates

OCT

1st am Library visits for classes 3G and 3FC
3rd 12pm – 3.15pm KS2 Cross Country at Garon Park
5th Classes 4, 5 and 6 at Southend United Football Club
7.30pm Big Sleep Out
10th 9.30am – 3.15pm Year 5 & 6 Tag Rugby at SRFC
11th 8.45am Year R Parents reading meeting
17th Individual school photos
19th Yr 6 trip to Lifeboat Station and Beach
22nd – 26th October Half Term Holiday

NOV

1st 9.30am KS2 Mass at St Helen's Church
8th Whole School Flu Immunisation
13th Year 5 & 6 visit to Westcliff Synagogue
16th 9am – 3.15pm Year 5 & 6 football tournament
29th 2pm Session on e-safety for Parents and Carers

DEC

3rd Year 6 trip to the Ragged School Museum
4th 10am Reconciliation service at St Helen's Church for Years 4 & 6

5th 10am Reconciliation service at St Helen's Church for Years 3 & 5
20th last day of term

JAN

4th Back to school

Writers of the Week (This is for content rather than handwriting)

Look out for your child's name in the coming weeks.



Summercourt Events

For information on events being held at Summercourt Children's Centre at Milton Hall Primary School see www.southend.gov.uk/chilicare or alternatively you can contact them on 01702 433599 or by email at summercourt@miltonhall.southend.sch.uk

REMINDER

The cost for a school dinner is now £2.30 per day (currently free for pupils in Years R, 1 and 2). The cost for Breakfast Club is £3 per day (siblings attending on the same day pay £3 for the 1st child then £1.50 each for their brothers/sisters).

All payments must be made through the School Gateway.

Please remember to respond promptly to requests for consent to attend outings etc. as without your WRITTEN consent your child cannot go!

RE Topic

Domestic Church Family Early Years – MYSELF – God knows and loves each one
Year 1 – FAMILIES – God's love and care for every family
Year 2 – BEGINNINGS – God at every beginning
Year 3 - HOMES – God's dream for every family
Year 4 – PEOPLE – The family of God in Scripture
Year 5 – OURSELVES – created in the image & likeness of God
Year 6 – LOVING – God who never stops loving

**Stars
of the
Week**

Each week one child from each class will be chosen by the staff as the Star of the Week. Watch out for your child's name in the coming weeks

1 Jellyfish

Luana Gjeci

1 Starfish

Sonny Hibbs

2 Seahorses

Emilia Mazurek

2 Oysters

Blaise Cooke

3FC

**Fraser Abrahams &
Ellie May Green**

3G

Szymon Mazur

4

Taylen Peart

5

Julia Sala

6

Aleena Joseph

**Positive Play
Superstars**

Luana Gjeci, Elvira Spaho, Omi Hyka, Ayesha Naseer, Aimee-Louise Maclean and Fatima Burzotta



A Big Thank You!

Wickes have very kindly donated the fence paint we required for the Nature Area and have waived the delivery fee for the sand we have ordered.

Without such donations we would not be able to carry out all our extra projects.



It was good to welcome back Mr Gary Collard yesterday. He is our e-safety consultant and an ex police officer. We are grateful for his up-to-date knowledge: one of his concerns is the app tiktok (formerly known as musical.ly) - any member of the public can have access to what your child puts on this app - please be aware of this.

Have a good weekend!
Kind regards,
Elizabeth Mouchel

Changes, changes, changes!

As you are aware, we are a growing community with 330 pupils and a similar number of Parents/Carers often with toddlers and/or prams – our future pupils!

As the children come through the gate in the morning, our sole purpose is to ensure that they are safely on site. We are asking for your help with this issue so:

- Senior Leaders or other members of staff will no longer be able to have a conversation with Parents/Carers on the gate and ask that you go and speak to the office – either leaving a message with office staff or by asking if you can wait to see a Senior Leader when they return from gate duty – most days this will be possible.**
- Please do not block the gate area as this will make it difficult for the children to get through**
- Please do not encourage your children to come back through the gate to get their bag from you once they have put their bike or scooter in the shed, Staff are happy to hold bags whilst they put their bikes and scooters away.**

These will all help to ensure the safety of all our pupils.

We are also aware that we might need to change the arrangements at the end of the day at the back of the school – watch this space! But in the meantime, please could you leave the school grounds once you have collected your child/ren especially Parents/Carers of Year 1 and Reception before the junior children finish at 3.25pm.

Thank you for your help with these issues.