

St Helen's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter

1st December 2017



Senior Leaders' Special Mentions

Year 6 for their sensible behaviour during their trip to London.

Year 3 for their help in preparing our St Andrew's Day Assembly yesterday.

PE Kits

Please remember your child should have their PE kit and trainers in school **AT ALL TIMES.**

Thank you.

Letters

There are lots of letters being sent home at this time of year – by email or hard copy – please make sure you check your emails and your children's book bags regularly so you do not miss any important events.

This week there have been letters re PTA events, the Junior Carol Concert, Year R Nativity, Year 1 Nativity and Year 2 Nativity and School Christmas Dinner.



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



After School Clubs

Please note all our after school clubs have finished for this term.

PLEASE NOTE -

Gymnastics Club on a Monday finishes on 11th December and Pop Dance Club on a Wednesday finishes on 13th December, as these clubs are not run by the school.

Thank you.

OUR WEB ADDRESS

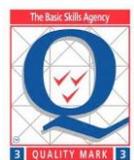
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ALL PARENTS AND CARERS

PLEASE ENSURE YOU RETURN THE DIGITAL/VIDEO IMAGES PERMISSION SLIP BY NEXT WEEK. THANK YOU

School Christmas Dinner

Please remember we will provide every child with a Christmas Dinner on 14th December **unless you have completed the reply slip confirming you will send him/her in with a packed lunch.** This must be received by Friday 8th December.
Thank you.



Diary Dates

DEC

5th 3.30pm til 5pm KS2
(Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) Disco
13th 2pm Year 1 Nativity
14th 12pm Children's
Christmas Dinner
6.30pm KS2 Carol Concert
in Church

15th After school PTA
Christmas Fayre and Santa
visit

18th 2pm Year 2 Nativity

19th 2pm Year R Nativity

21st – 2nd Jan Christmas
holiday

JAN

3rd Non-pupil day

4th Back to school

FEB

7th 9am Seahorses Class
Assembly – Parents and
Carers welcome

12th – 16th Half term
holiday

19th Back to school

MAR

7th 9am Oysters Class
Assembly – Parents and
Carers welcome

29th Last day of term

30th Mar – 13th Apr Easter
holiday

APR

16th Non-pupil day

17th Back to school

24th 9am Yr 3 visit to Pizza
Express

MAY

2nd 9am Year 5 Class
Assembly – Parents and
Carers welcome

7th Bank holiday – no
school

9th 9am Starfish Class
Assembly – Parents and
Carers welcome

14th – 17th Year 6 SATS
Week

16th 9am Jellyfish Class
Assembly – Parents and
Carers welcome

24th Class photographs

28th May – 1st June Half
term holiday

JUNE

4th Non-pupil day

5th Back to school

5th – 7th Year 6 Residential
Trip

13th 9.30am First Holy
Communion Mass –
Parents and Carers of Yr 3
(and older pupils who have
taken their First Holy
Communion this year) are
invited to attend

18th 11am Year 6 Deanery
Mass at Our Lady of
Lourdes Church

20th 9am Reception Year
Assembly – Parents and
Carers welcome

27th Year 6 day at
Walsingham House
Yr 3 trip to Belchamps

JULY

2nd Year 3 day at St
Bernard's

10th Year 5 day at St
Bernard's and St Thomas
More

11th 2.30pm Year 6
Leaver's Assembly –
Parents and Carers
welcome

12th – 13th Year 5 trip to
Belchamps
20th Last day of term

Reminder

Applications for **Reception
class of September 2018**
and supporting paperwork
must be with us by
January 23rd 2018.

If you are awaiting a
Priest's appointment you
can send your application
form in now and follow it
up with the Certificate of
Practice, as long as it is
here by **January 23rd
2018.**

You must also complete
and submit Southend
Borough Council's
application form by their
cut-off date – **15th January
2018.**

St Thomas More High School Christmas Gift & Craft Fair

This will be held on Sat 9th
December from 10am til
2pm.

Free Entry.

Over 70 stalls, hot food,
refreshments and raffle.



**Stars of
the
Week**

Each week one child from each class will be chosen by the staff as the Star of the Week.

R Hedgehogs

 **Samuel Salandanan**

R Squirrels

Alessandro Balan 

1 Jellyfish

 **Susan George**

1 Starfish

Keren Machado 

2 Seahorses

 **Ayesha Naseer**

2 Oysters

Christian Edwards 

3

 **Erin Upward**

4

Jack Moss 

5

 **Michael Raja**

6

The whole class! 

Summertime Events

For information on events being held at Summertime 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 summertime@miltonhall.southend.sch.uk

**CHRISTMAS
FAYRE**

**PTA Christmas Fayre
Friday 15th December
3.30-5.30pm**

Lots of games, stalls, festive food and attractions as well as a visit from Santa.

This week we are looking for raffle prize donations as well as donations of sweets and Christmas decorations. Any cake donations will also be gratefully received.

Please send any donations in to the school office.

Thank you



Please add your name to the volunteer list in the entrance lobby if you are able to help at this event.

RE Topic

Advent/Christmas Loving

Early Years – Birthday – Looking forward to Jesus' birthday

Year 1 – Waiting – Advent; a time to look forward to Christmas

Year 2 – Preparations – Advent: preparing to celebrate Christmas

Year 3 - Visitors – Advent; waiting for the coming of Jesus

Year 4 – Gift – God's gift of love & friendship in Jesus

Year 5 – Hope – Advent; waiting in joyful hope for Jesus; the promised one

Year 6 – Expectations – Jesus born to show God to the world

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

Rebhak Shubin

Aldona Shalvi

Jaydon King

Daniele Fernandes-

Forgione

Ffion Osborn



Trip to the Ragged School Museum
On Tuesday 28th
November, Year 6
travelled on a train and
tube to London to visit the
'Ragged School Museum'.
On arrival we were greeted
by some of the staff who
took us to a Victorian
house for the poor. They all
lived in one room which
doubled up as a: bedroom,
bathroom, kitchen and
dining room. We learnt
about different items used
in the household. We then
met Miss Perkins, when we
were taken into a Victorian
classroom, she was very
strict. She taught us that
'Manners maketh man' and
if you misbehaved you
would be punished with
either wearing a dunces
hat, finger stocks or if you
didn't sit up straight, a
back straightener. We had
enough time to visit the gift
shop and purchase some
souvenirs of our trip.

By Year 6.

Positive Play
Superstars

Maria
Emmanuel,
Zara Keeton,
Sophie
Watkins,
Vincent
Remucha, Jack Moss, Mia
Steadman and Raissa
Codinha



This weekend is
the 1st Sunday of
Advent. In
assembly this
morning we
discussed how we
prepare spiritually
during Advent by

- Taking part
in
reconciliation
and sorry
services
- Thinking
about the
Christmas
Story as we
prepare for our
Nativities
and Carol
Service
- Finding time
for quiet
prayer
- Thinking
about those
not as lucky

as us e.g. the
homeless

Wishing you all a
happy weekend,

Kind regards,

Elizabeth Mouchel