

ST. HELEN'S NEWS

2nd December 2022 <https://www.facebook.com/sthelenswestcliff/>

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TRUST



Our 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



Senior Leaders Special Mentions

Meeyah Turner

Showing kindness to a friend in need-
What a lovely kind thing to do!

Justin Nyamaloba

Super spelling!
Well done Justin!

Max Parthiepan

Kindly helping a younger child-
Well done!

Evie O'Reilly

Showing kindness to a friend in need-
What a lovely thing to do!

3S

Amazing poems and prayers for
anti-bullying week.
Well done!

4G

Impressive prayers and poems about
anti-bullying. Well done!

Aarian Sylvester

Your impressive anti-bullying poem.
Well done!

Dates for your diary

9th December– Christmas Fayre-
See note below

13th December– 6.30– Years 5/6– Carols at
St. Helen's Church

14th December– 10.00 Year 1 Nativity
2.30 Years 3/4 Outdoor carols
5.30 Year 1 Nativity

15th December– Christmas dinner
10.00 Year 2 Nativity
5.30 Year 2 Nativity

16th December– 2.00 Reception classes nativity

20th December– **LAST DAY AT SCHOOL**

On the 9th of December, you have the opportunity to collect your (Reception, Year 1 & year 2) children at 2.30 to take them to the Christmas Fayre. This will help us keep the queues down to visit Father Christmas in his Grotto. You do not have to come at 2.30 your child will stay safely in class until the usual home time, if this suits you better.

Please note you will not be able to collect older siblings at this time.

If you are collecting at 2.30, please take your child round to the hall via the main school entrance where we are holding our Christmas Fayre. You will need to make arrangements to collect your older child in case you are still in the queue for Father Christmas when they are due out.

The older children (years 3-6) will be collected at their usual time and door. If you would rather your younger children and older children visit Father Christmas together, you still have the opportunity to do this after 3.30. Once your child has been collected, please come round to the main school entrance to come in to the Fayre.

The Christmas Fayre will continue for everyone until approx. 5-5.30.
All children at the fayre need to be accompanied by an adult at all times.

PLEASE NOTE

ALL CLUBS FINISH NEXT WEEK.

THERE ARE NO CLUBS W/C 12 DECEMBER.

URGENT S-O-S- HELPERS NEEDED FOR THE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAYRE

The PTFA would be really grateful for some helpers who can either set up a Grotto on Thursday 8th December after school or from 2pm on Friday 9th December setting up stalls etc.

Your child was sent home with a small bag and slip asking you if you could please fill it with sweets and return to the school asap. Thank you for all the ones that have been returned.
Thank you PTFA

Year 3 had a busy time in the Nature Area. For Science, they are learning more about their bodies specifically about muscles and bones. They put those to the test! Designing fitness challenges for a Jedi knight, a fitness trail for others to test and practising their powers of observation/hiding and finding. They should sleep well!



The children in **2 Seahorses** are preparing for Christmas. They were making paper chains using strips of paper.

A group of children joined their paper chains together. We measured the length of their creation in the hall. Twelve children made the longest chain of 12m 30 cm. One child worked conscientiously on his own and created a chain 2m 40cm.

We then discussed which child had created more links in their chain. We worked out that 12 metres divided by 12 children meant that each child had created just over a metre, whereas one child had made a chain that was double that length.



Yesterday, some of **Year 6** received a workshop from Now's the Time for Change from Tracy and Kelly, funded by the NHS. The children participated in various activities discussing and improving their resilience.

All the children involved said how much they had enjoyed it and were given so many ideas for future challenges that they may face.

The rest of Year 6 participated in a similar workshop in the hall. We discussed a variety of strategies to deal with stress including meditation, praying, exercise, breathing and stretching.

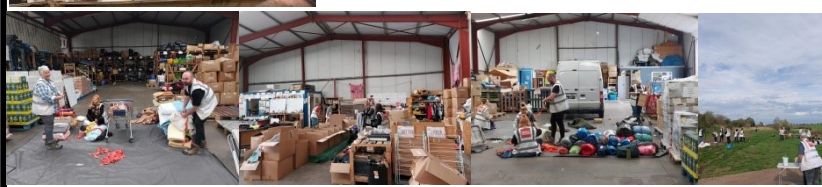
A good afternoon was had by all.



Year 3— Stone Age Day



You can read all about Mrs Conyard's weekend in Calais with the refugees on our school website.



1S have been getting into the spirit of the World Cup. We all picked a country out of the hat and found it in the atlas.

Year 1 Art— colour mixing



We also found the correct flag and coloured it in the right colours.

STARS OF THE WEEK

R Hedgehogs	Joseph Parappully
	Michelle Okolo
R Squirrels	Theodore Williams
1 Jellyfish	Thea Hilsden
1 Starfish	Olivia Liwena
2 Oysters	George Cullen
2 Seahorses	Isabella Rudd
	Errol Marienga
3 Robins	Caolan Doherty
3 Seagulls	Nathaniel Szkurlat
4 Fountains	Letticia Sibanda
4 Gideon	Sara Sritharan
5 Rosa Parks	Quianne Concepcion
5 Walter Tull	Asher Kuttikaden-Thomas
6 St. Anthony	Karly-Chantelle Martin
6 St. Raphael	Alex Joy

POSITIVE PLAY SUPERSTARS

Evaan Deepak
Tayo Fakua
Hazelina Machado
Aysha Aslam
Iris Omo-Eboh
Aela Cardew-Williams
Analisa Blini
Ester Spaho
Ffion Osborn
Zara Keeton

St. David 442
St. Patrick 525
St. Andrew 454
St. George 351

RE Topics – ADVENT/CHRISTMAS

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 and 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

ONLINE SAFETY

Whatever your child's age, this week, we have links to guidance to help you find out more about their digital lives. Receive practical advice on the steps you can take as a parent to keep them safe on social media, in online games and around the web. Just use the right link for you children.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/0-5/>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/6-10/>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/11-13/>

Christmas Design & Technology competition

Can you get creative? Research, design and make a Christmas card with a moving part.

All entries can be posted into the post box in the hall.

Closing date Monday 12th December 2022.

There will be prizes for the winners in each year group.

Please clearly label your card with your name and class.

Good luck from Miss Byfield

CAFOD (The Catholic Agency for Overseas Development) reaches out to Catholic schools through volunteers who deliver assemblies and workshops using the excellent resources produced by CAFOD's Education group. Would you, or someone you know, be interested in joining the team? We provide training and termly refresher sessions, arrange for you to have a DBS check and pay your travel expenses. The role is especially suitable for someone looking to return to work after a career break, thinking about a career in education or recently retired and looking for a volunteering opportunity where they can make a difference. For more information contact Marcela Keech at mkeech@cafod.org.uk or Jane Crone jcrone@cafod.org.uk 07779 804252

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