St Helen Auckland Community Primary School Newsletter - April 2023

This Term's News

Thank you to all the female carers who attended our Mothers day afternoon, it was lovely to see parents back in the classrooms.

Safety in school- if someone else is collecting your child could you please let the office know before 2:45. Thank you.

Remember we do have a breakfast club which starts at 8am and is £1.00 per day if you would like your child to attend Reception to Year 6 just give us a call and we will add their name to the list. Please let us know if you would be interested in a breakfast club for nursery children.

Please remember-

We can support families with issues which extend beyond your child's education.

If you have any concerns we may be able to help with please feel free to speak to Mrs Elmes or Rachael on the gate or arrange to come in to speak to us.

Health and Safety

A massive thank you to a MH Fencing and Gates for the new addition to our yard.



Morning arrangements

Morning arrangements seem to be working really well. Children are enjoying have time on the yard to chat to their friends and a few children who were struggling to come into school are finding this really helpful.

Remember- If you need to speak to your child's teacher we are always willing to have a conversation. However, we would ask that you contact the office (by phone or pop in) and they will ask the teacher ring you or organise an appointment for you to come into school.

PE times

FS1 – Wednesday am, Monday pm

FS2 - Tuesday

Year 1 – Tuesday, Friday

Year 2 – Thursday am (Grab a Grown up,

parents can join the children for the session), Wednesday

session), weunesday

Year 3 – Wednesday and Thursday

Year 4 –Tuesday, Friday

Year 5 – Swimming Tuesday and Blast

Wednesday

Year 6 – Monday and Thursday

Holidays

School will be closed for 2 weeks from Monday 3rd April. We will reopen on Monday 17th April

Future Dates

Monday 1st May – May Day

Monday 8th May- Coronation

Monday 29th May- Friday 2nd June- Half term

Monday 5th June- Teacher Training Day

Facebook page

Lots of activities going on in school. Please remember to check our FB page.

Year 4 were so engaged when making their book covers this week!



Year 1 have had a wonderful time this week exploring the signs of spring on the school grounds.





Our children have been noticing signs of spring.

Friday 5th May – Coronation celebration



We are having a fun day in school on Friday 5th May to celebrate the coronation of King Charles.

Children can come in their Royal attire or Red White and Blue colours.

We will be taking part in activities in school in the morning but would like to invite parents/carers to attend from 1pm.

Further information to follow but you will be able to take part in events organised by school and by FOSH (Friends of St Helen).

Quote of the month



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Eco Council

We have been discussing our plans of what to do with the money we raised at the Christmas fair.

We have bought some litter picking equipment so one playtime every week we will litter pick around the school grounds. We have also ordered some automatic timed plug sockets to control and limit how long electronics are on charge.

During the Easter holidays, we are making bird feeders to hang around the school field to encourage wildlife into our school environment. Also, we were given the idea to design some posters to put up in the toilet to remind people to turn off taps.

On the 23rd of March, Year 4, 5 and 6 planted some trees in the community. Each student learned how to plant a tree then they had a go themselves. It will be lovely to watch these grow as we get older.

We are still doing the big battery hunt so please keep sending your children in with used batteries so we can recycle them. Please is you can count the amount of batteries you bring in and write it on the box.

Next half term, we are opening a book swap shop to save people some money. At the swap shop you bring a book (in good quality) then you swap it for another book. This is to help parents save some money.

Top tip: Washing clothes at a lower temperature could save you up to £40 a year

