St Helen Auckland Community Primary School Newsletter July 2023

This Term's News

Nearly the end of a school year. We will be sad to see our lovely Year 6 children going off on their next adventure but hope we have prepared them well for the next part of their education.

We are also sad to say goodbye to Mrs Iveson. She has been a part of St Helen school life for a long time and I know she taught many of our parents. We wish her well in her retirement and she will be a miss.

Important Dates

Monday 3rd July open evening 3pm – 6pm. Speak to staff, present class and next years class.

Friday 7th July Summer Fair 3pm-6pm

School is closed to 2-year olds, Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 4, Year 5 and year 6 on Wednesday 5th and Friday 7th July due to Strike action

Friday 14th July- Transition day. New reception children will come for the morning and have lunch. Other children will experience their new class for the day.

Tuesday 18th July after school - Year 6 end of year treat – Bounce House

Friday 21st July- leavers performance- 10.30. Teddy Bears picnic lunch time

End of term Friday 21st July First day back Tuesday 5th September

PE times

We don't have PE times for next term yet but will let you know as soon as we have them. No one will be doing PE first day back so just school uniform as usual.

Open evening/ parents evening

Don't forget the open evening on **Monday 3**rd **July 3pm – 6pm**, this will give you the opportunity to speak to the present class teacher but also to meet and speak to the teacher for the following year, look around the new classroom and ask any questions you may have. We think this will help both pupils and parents to feel more confident about the coming year.

If you would like to speak to the teacher in private at an alternative time please contact school and we will arrange this.

This will also be open to any other visitors and families new to our school who would like to come and look around school.

If you know anyone who came to our school and would like to revisit their experience they are welcome to come and have a look around on 3rd July

Facebook page

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

Sports day fun, this really is a skill!





Going on a bear hunt.



Eco Council

We are very pleased to say that the Eco-Committee at St Helen Auckland Community Primary School have been successful in meeting the requirements for the Eco-Schools Green Flag Award.

Some comments from the awarding board.

It's brilliant that young people were given the responsibility for recording meeting minutes. As you'll be aware, this allows them to take ownership of the Eco-Schools programme and develop their listening, communication and summarising skills.

We love the variety of practical and fun activities planned for delivery in your Action Plan, such as appointing energy monitors to reduce electricity usage, making bird feeders and planting trees. Your Action Plan also shows that you and your Eco-Committee have carefully considered involving the entire school in your planned Eco-Schools' activities, from organising regular litter-picks to taking part in whole-school eco-events such as the Big Battery Hunt. We love this! It's clear that you have embedded an environmental education into your curriculum with great enthusiasm and that this is being used to enrich learning in your school whilst also engaging young people in important issues.

Quote of the month

The beautiful

thing about learning is that <u>no</u>

one can take it away from you.

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