

St Helen Auckland Community Primary

School Newsletter - September 2022

This Term's News

Welcome back to the new school year! We hope that everyone is enjoying being back and into school routines.

Special Events/Activities/News/Focus

Half Term begins on Friday 21st October at 3.00pm and we return to school on Tuesday 1st November.

Influenza Vaccinations

These nasal spray vaccines have been planned for 13th October for Year 1,2,3,4,5 and 6 . Letters and consent forms to follow. Reception age children can visit their GP to get a vaccination.

Staffing News

We are really pleased to welcome Mrs Thompson back into school. She is now in Reception. Miss Neil will be returning soon from her maternity leave and will also be in Reception and Year 2

We welcome Mr Brentnall to our school. He is working as a TA in Year 3.

Important Dates

Whole school – 26th Sept international day of languages

Whole school- week beginning 12th Sept- read a book by Roald Dahl.

Year 3 – 13th Sept St Cuthbert assembly

Year 6 – 23rd Sept netball competition

Year 6 - 27th Sept handball festival

Reception – parents of reception children are welcome to join them on Thursday mornings this half term for Grab a Grown up! We have an outside provider coming in an arranging activity so you can have some fun with your children.

Reminders

Just a reminder that if pupils are wearing earrings they should only be small studs.

School uniform policy includes not wearing any jewellery for health and safety reasons. Also, nail varnish should not be worn in school.

Guidance is given on gov.uk and DCC websites that only water should be given to children to drink throughout the day. I have added the link to food and drink recommendations.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-food-standards-resources-for-schools/school-food-standards-practical-guide>

Social Media

We are looking into creating a Facebook page for school and nursery. Watch this space.....

Important message

I am aware that following changes made at the end of last year to 3pm finish to ensure children have a full 6 hours in school each day has caused some issues with collecting children. I am meeting with the Chair of Governors on Monday and we will try to come up with a solution to ensure a smooth process while keeping children safe.

PE Times

EYFS1 Monday, Thursday

Reception Wednesday, Thursday

Year 1 Tuesday, Thursday

Year 2 Monday, Friday

Year 3 – Monday, Thursday

Year 4 Wednesday, Friday

Year 5 Tuesday Wednesday

Year 6 Swimming Tuesday, Blast Wednesday

2 Year old and nursery provision

We have spaces in our 2's and nursery provision.
At the moment we have funded places but are looking into the possibility of extending this to include paid provision. Sessions are mornings or afternoons and we also have 30 hour provision. However, we are also looking into the possibility of making our offer more flexible to cater for family needs. Watch this space!!

We are extremely saddened to hear of the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

In May we celebrated the Queens Jubilee and we will continue to celebrate her life and achievements as an important part of history.

Key Contacts

Headteacher Mrs Janet Elmes

Acting Deputy Headteacher Mrs Joanne Parker

Parent Support Advisor – Mrs Rachael Carroll

Main office/ Number to report absences 01388 604168

St Helen Auckland Community Primary School

St Helen Auckland

Bishop Auckland

County Durham

DL14 9EN

Tel: 01388 604168

www.sthenauckland.durham.sch.uk

Quote of the month

“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.” – Helen Keller

