

St Helen Auckland Community Primary

School Newsletter - March 2023

This Term's News

Year 1 have been enjoying Grab a Grown up. Thank you to all the parents who have been able to attend. This will continue for next half term. Early years have had stay and play/ craft sessions in February, it was lovely to see lots of families joining us.

- 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 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.

Please remember –

We no longer use Parentmail for messages. This feature is available on Parentpay. If you don't have a log in can you contact the office as we will not be able to contact you using email and you will not receive messages sent out from school.

Health and Safety

Thank you once again for supporting us in keeping your children safe when entering and leaving school.

We are aware of requests to open up the side road so children can come safely to school. This area is covered in moss and is not safe at the moment. We are in the process of getting someone to look at this with a view to cleaning. I will keep you informed of the progress.

Teachers Strike action

Industrial action for teachers is due to take place on Tuesday 28th February. School will be closed to the following year groups:

Nursery

Reception

Year 1

Year 4

Year 5

The following classes will be open:

2-year olds, Year 2, Year 3 , Year 6

Morning arrangements

Following concerns over congestion on a morning at the school gate we have looked at an alternative way for children to come into school.

Starting on Monday 27th February we will be opening the gate at 8.45 for children to access the yard. They will be supervised by staff from that time on the yard. At 8.50 staff will come out to collect children, they will line up with their own class and be taken into school. Mrs Elmes, Rachael and Paula will still be available to take any messages and will be there until 9 to ensure all children are in school and then the main gate will be locked.

Arrangements for nursery and 2 year olds remain the same.

The arrangements for collection will remain the same where we have a staggered collection between 3pm and 3.10pm.

If you need to speak to your child's teacher we are always willing to have a conversation however we would ask that you wait until all children have gone or ask someone on the gate to pass on a message and the teacher will give you a ring.

PE times

- FS1 – Monday pm, Wednesday am
- FS2 – Tuesday
- Year 1 – Tuesday, Thursday 9.00am (Grab a Grown up, parents can join the children for the session)
- Year 2 –Thursday and Friday
- Year 3 – Thursday and Friday
- Year 4 – Swimming on Tuesday, Blast on Wednesday
- Year 5 –Tuesday and Wednesday
- Year 6 – Monday and Wednesday

Dates to remember

Thursday 2nd March – World Book day (see below)
Wednesday 7th March- International womans Day- FOSH afternoon tea
Week beginning 13th March - British Science week
Friday 17th March- Red Nose day (details to follow)
Friday 17th March- Mothers day (female carers) activity afternoon
Friday 31st March- break up for Easter holidays, return on **Monday 17th April**
Wednesday 1st March- FOSH meeting 2pm
Tuesday 28th March - Y3 Tennis Festival
Parents meetings (details to follow)
Monday 20th March – nursery/Reception
Tuesday 21st March – Yr2/Yr4
Wednesday 22nd March – Yr1/Yr5
Thursday 23rd March – Yr3/Yr6

Quote of the month



Pre loved uniform

Please come and use our pre-loved uniform shop. We have jumpers, t shirts and trousers in there, some of them are new. We only ask for a donation into the school fund.

If you are struggling for any clothes, equipment for school please come and ask as we do have links to help provide these.

Everyone is finding it really hard at the moment with increasing fuel bills. Please don't worry or suffer in silence. We may be able to help or point you in the right direction for support.

Key Contacts

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World Book Day (more details to follow)

We are focussing on poetry and emotions. Each class will be looking at an emotion and thinking about the colours, thoughts and feelings associated with that emotion. We will be using the beautiful book An Emotional Menagerie to base our ideas on. We will let you know which emotion your child will be covering and we would like your child to dress up as that emotion or come dressed in the colours they feel that show that emotion.

