



St Helen Auckland Community Primary Newsletter

September 2023

It is lovely to be back for our next school year. Just a shame we have had to wait for all of this lovely sunshine.

Welcome to all of our new families and children.

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

We have had a new security system fitted to the school gate. If you need to come into school please ring the bell and someone will answer.

Reminders

PE times -

- FS2 (Reception) – Wednesday
- Year 1 – Thursday (Grab a grown up (starting next week) and Friday
- Year 2 – Tuesday and Friday
- Year 3 Tuesday and Wednesday
- Year 4 Tuesday and Thursday
- Year 5 Monday, Tuesday and Thursday
- Year 6 Monday (swimming) and Thursday

Children can come to school in their PE kit on the PE days.

Jewellery -For Health and Safety reasons jewellery must not be worn. If children wear ear rings then they must be small studs.

Clothing -Please could you ensure that all of your child's clothing and property is named. In the warmer weather the children often take off items of clothing and if they are not named they can get muddled up.

Packed Lunches- Please note that schools have the duty to ensure all food consumed in school on a daily basis follows the Government food guidelines. This includes packed lunches. Our school Food Policy gives suggestions for things which could be included in a packed lunch. If you would like a packed lunch leaflet please ask at the office.

This does not stop parents/carers from sending in cakes for their child's birthday, as this is an occasional treat. However, it must be cut and wrapped for staff to give out.

Footwear- Children should wear sensible school shoes. They can wear trainers but these should be black.

ECO council - We are starting our new Eco Council spaces. We will choose 2 children from each year group 3-6. If the children are interested in becoming an Eco Council member can they write a letter stating why they want to be an eco-council member and why they would be good at it. These should be given to Mrs McGeary by Friday 15th September.

School council – We will also be setting up a new school council. This will be 2 children from each class year 2 – year 6. The school council collects views of children about what matters to them and passes them onto Mrs Airey and Miss Neil. School council representatives are elected by their class members so if your children are interested they should let the teacher know.

Roald Dahl day- On Monday 18th September we are having a Roald Dahl day in school. We have special visitors to help us celebrate this day. Your child is welcome to come to school dressed as their favourite Roald Dahl character (or favourite book character). We would appreciate a donation of £1 and this will go towards more new books for school.

Dates for your diary

Monday 18th September - Roald Dahl, dressing up day (see above)

Tuesday 26th September- International day of languages, each class will choose a different country to celebrate- More information to follow.

Tuesday 26th September – Drop in session for parents to see their child’s classroom and speak to staff. 3.15pm – 5.30pm

Half term holiday – Monday 30th October- return to school Tuesday 7th November

After school clubs – the cookery afterschool club has been extremely popular this half term. If your child hasn’t got a place, don’t worry we are going to try and put this on again later in the year.

PE festivals - Year 1 multisport 11th October in school
Year 2 Kurling and Boccia - 17th Oct 9.30-11.45 Bishop College
Year 5 Handball Monday 25th Sept 9.30-11.45 St Johns

