



St Helen Auckland Community Primary

Newsletter March 2025

‘Where learning is a lifelong adventure’

Dates for your diary

Half term- children’s last day Friday 21st Feb. Return to school on Monday 3rd March

Easter holidays – last day Friday 11th April, return Monday 28th April

Week beginning 3rd March Read Steady read week (details to follow).

Wednesday 5th March 2pm Reception to Year 6 Reading Café, parents, carers welcome. If you would like tea/coffee. Biscuit please pay £1 donation through parent pay (you do not pay if you don’t want tea or coffee)

Thursday 6th March World Book day – children can dress as their favourite book character or their pyjamas

21st March – comic relief- we are celebrating by wearing bright colours and/or odd socks

Wednesday 2nd to 23rd March – Football League year 3,4, teams of 5

24th March Tennis festival – year 4

Friday 4th April Girls football competition, team of 5 pupils from Year 4,5,6

New PE timetable for next half term

Rec – Friday

Year 1 Monday, Wednesday

Year 2 Monday, Thursday

Year 3 Thursday, Friday

Year 4 Monday (swimming) Thursday

Year 5 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Year 6 Tuesday, Thursday

Jewellery- can children please only wear small studs for school

Packed lunch- we are a nut free school as we have children who have an air born allergy to nuts. I know you will support us in not bringing nuts or any product containing nuts in children’s packed lunches.

Water bottles- can we remind parents that water bottles should contain only water. I understand some children have medical condition (which we are aware

of) which means they need to drink alternatives but if this is not the case it is better for children's' health and teeth to drink water out of a water bottle.

School uniform- the children look so smart in their school uniform and I know it helps getting them ready on a morning. **Please ensure children's names are in all clothing for school.**

Attendance. Schools are expected to achieve over 96% attendance each term. At the moment we are around 94%. We are putting a range of strategies in place to try and support this.

- Children with 100% attendance get an extra 10 mins play on a Monday morning
- Each class achieving over 90% in a week receives a letter of the word ATTENDANCE. When they have achieved the whole word, they will get a class treat (e.g. pizza and movie afternoon, free choice, outdoor games.)

We would appreciate your support in ensuring your child comes to school unless they are poorly or have an appointment.

Reading

Reading is very important to underpin children's' skills. Some of these include improving their vocabulary and making it more extensive. Children perform better academically. Their imagination can run wild, and their creativity skills develop.

Please try to read with your child when they bring their book home. It is lovely to sit down with them but if you don't have time encourage your child to read to you while you are busy making the tea

Kindness assembly

Year 6 performed a lovely assembly on the importance of being kind. Watch out for the school song on Facebook soon.



As always, if there is anything at all you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact me.