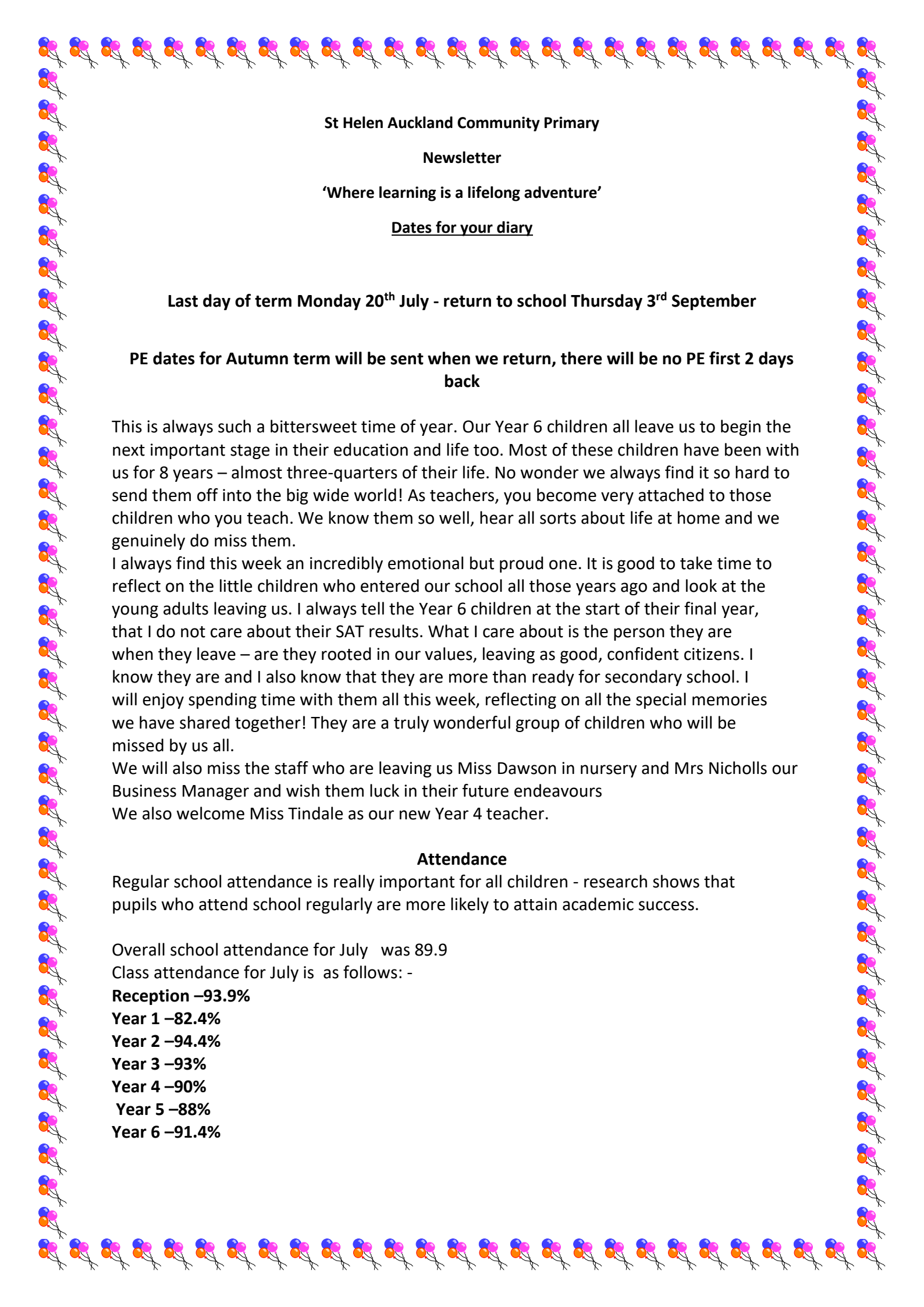




St Helen Auckland Community Primary

Newsletter

‘Where learning is a lifelong adventure’

Dates for your diary

Last day of term Monday 20th July - return to school Thursday 3rd September

PE dates for Autumn term will be sent when we return, there will be no PE first 2 days back

This is always such a bittersweet time of year. Our Year 6 children all leave us to begin the next important stage in their education and life too. Most of these children have been with us for 8 years – almost three-quarters of their life. No wonder we always find it so hard to send them off into the big wide world! As teachers, you become very attached to those children who you teach. We know them so well, hear all sorts about life at home and we genuinely do miss them.

I always find this week an incredibly emotional but proud one. It is good to take time to reflect on the little children who entered our school all those years ago and look at the young adults leaving us. I always tell the Year 6 children at the start of their final year, that I do not care about their SAT results. What I care about is the person they are when they leave – are they rooted in our values, leaving as good, confident citizens. I know they are and I also know that they are more than ready for secondary school. I will enjoy spending time with them all this week, reflecting on all the special memories we have shared together! They are a truly wonderful group of children who will be missed by us all.

We will also miss the staff who are leaving us Miss Dawson in nursery and Mrs Nicholls our Business Manager and wish them luck in their future endeavours

We also welcome Miss Tindale as our new Year 4 teacher.

Attendance

Regular school attendance is really important for all children - research shows that pupils who attend school regularly are more likely to attain academic success.

Overall school attendance for July was 89.9

Class attendance for July is as follows: -

Reception –93.9%

Year 1 –82.4%

Year 2 –94.4%

Year 3 –93%

Year 4 –90%

Year 5 –88%

Year 6 –91.4%

As a school our whole attendance for July was under the Government guidelines of at least 96% attendance.

Any attendance figures are sent to the education dept and they can issue fines. After 10 unauthorised attendances in any 10 week period parents can be fined .

Remember our 'Beat the Bell,' to encourage children to be on time for school(in by 9am) . Late marks will be recorded and the class with the least late marks will be able to choose a treat once every half term. This terms prize goes to Yr 6 – Well done only 5 lates this term !!!

2's and Nursery School

We are still confident that the building work will be complete by September. Arrangements for 2's, nursery and Reception will return to normal- through the big red gate into our new nursery building.

Class Events



Year 6 Seaton



Crew Year 5 Seaton Carew

Year 4 Saxon Church



Yr 3 Hardwick Park



Year 2 Hamsterley Forest



Year 1 – Hamsterley Forest



Reception



Nursery

Sports Day

It was great that we were able to hold our Sports Day. As usual, our children thoroughly enjoyed it.



Final Thoughts

As we prepare to break up for the summer holidays, I would like to thank you all for your continued support of our wonderful school. I continue to be exceptionally proud to be head teacher of such a special school with amazing children and supportive families. However, the summer break is a time when staff need to re-charge their batteries before the new year begins. I would like to thank the whole Team for their amazing commitment, dedication and passion for this school. They always go above and beyond which is what helps to make our school so successful. However, we could not do this without the excellent relationships and great support we receive from the adults at home. We do not take that for granted. As the saying goes, 'It takes a whole village to raise a child'.

Here's to a wonderful final week – enjoy the break when it comes!

Safeguarding

Keeping children safe from harm is our number one priority. We will always act upon any concerns individuals have, or any disclosures from children. However, if you have any concerns outside of school, or if you have a concern about a child or young person's welfare, it is essential that you call First Contact on: 03000 267979.

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

If you have any concerns about a child's safety please contact:

Designated Safeguarding lead - Mrs Elmes.

Deputy Safeguarding leads - Mrs Brown and Miss Parker



An interesting talking point!