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St Helena—Year 6 Transition—Zoom

This morning, our Year 6 children met Miss Pearson, Headteacher of St Helena and Mr Bidgood, Director of Teaching and Learning. Sadly it wasn't in person but it was as close as we could get via zoom.

Via Zoom, all our Year 6 children were able to hear of the virtues of St Helena and the curriculum they offer as well as the different clubs and activities that children can take part in, when at the school.

The children were also told about the end of year production and the uniform they'd need to wear, they even met an ex—St John's Green pupil.

Year 6 parents, please don't forget that secondary admissions must be submitted by the 31st October.



At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents.

Jane D. Hull

"Practice isn't the thing you do once you're good. It's the thing you do that makes you good."

—Malcolm Gladwell

YOUR CHILD WILL FOLLOW YOUR EXAMPLE, NOT YOUR ADVICE.

Face Masks

Many thanks to all those parents who have been sporting face masks on the playground at the start and end of the day.

I would ask all parents to please wear face masks when on the school site.

There's certainly a variety of rather exceptional face masks out there—which put my seal face mask to shame...maybe there's some mileage in having a school 'design a face mask' competition—something perhaps for our PTA!

Parents must wear face masks if coming into the school building including to the school offices.

PTA AGM:

The PTA AGM will be on Wednesday 14th October at 7.00p.m. **This will no longer be in the AF hall but will now be conducted using Zoom.**

The PTA do, I know, have a raft of ideas up their sleeves for fund raising for the school in the current climate.

If you would like to get involved or are already an existing member of the PTA and would like to attend the meeting, you must let Mrs Taylor at AF know and more importantly make sure that you give Mrs Taylor your e-mail address so that we can grant you access and a link to the meeting.

Hand Washing

As the weather takes a turn for the worse, there is no doubt that with the expectations over handwashing, it is likely that children's hands will begin to become sore.

Please remember that if you know your child has sensitive skin or if they do begin to react to the school soap then you should:

- send your child in with an alternative soap that they can use instead.
- Send them in with a hand sanitiser that they can use instead of hand-washing. I must stress though that it is your responsibility as parents to make sure that the hand sanitiser is fully charged.

It is also really helpful if you could pop a note in your child's Reading Diary.

Although we will still be using plenty of soap and water in school, the school will also be using hand sanitiser more to try and alleviate children's hands becoming sore.

Year 7 Admissions—September 2021

Applications are now open for Year 6 parents to choose a Secondary School for next September.

Use the link to apply online <https://www.essex.gov.uk/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place> and watch the video <https://youtu.be/Q0a8fi06WKY> to find out how. The deadline for applications is 31st October.

St Helena School have created a virtual tour and dedicated website for prospective children and this can be accessed here:

<https://sites.google.com/sthsch.com/year-6-transition-2020>

The links are also available on the school website in 'St Helena.'

MDA Vacancy: We have a vacancy for MDA's at both of our sites to support the children at lunchtime. The role is 6.25 hours per week, 43.3 weeks (incl 5.3 weeks holiday pay). Scale 2.2, 18,198.00pa, £2,552.81pa pro rata. For details and an application pack please contact either school office.



Individual Children Photographs

Happy Days Photography will once again be visiting to take individual photographs of the children. They are coming next week to the Abbey Field Site on Thursday 8th and Town Site on Friday 9th October.

Lee will be bringing The Portrait Truck which is a mobile studio which is sanitised between bubbles to keep in line with everything we are doing in school to keep your children safe.

Please note that to avoid children having to change for PE. There will be **NO PE** at AF on Thursday and **NO PE** at Town on Friday.

We will not be taking any family group photos on these days—only individual photographs.

Family Group Photographs

This year, we are offering parents the opportunity to bring your children to the **Abbey Field Site on Saturday 10th October**, where Lee will bring The Portrait Truck.

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL

There will be NO EXTRA charge for this, and all sibling photos taken will be added to your oldest child's album meaning you won't need to pay more.

To take advantage of this offer, you MUST PRE-BOOK. Please only book IF you will attend, there are limited spaces available. This is done directly with Happy Days Photography by going to

www.happydaysphoto.co.uk/sjg

(Please type in the whole website address and all in lowercase in web browser address bar, not into google)

There will be 5 minute slots available to allow for cleaning between groups of families. There will be a clearly marked out area for queuing and maintaining social distance. Please only bring siblings for the photos, not cousins, friends or your favourite pets.

School uniform on the SIBLING DAY - Saturday, is optional as these are your photos.

Vulpine

We have a resident fox on the waste land at the back of the Abbey Field site.

It's nocturnal antics have not helped our new pond area, much to Mr Kelly's grief and Mr Bromley now scours the field every morning for deposits.

A short video of said fox is available on the school website in, 'So Much More.'



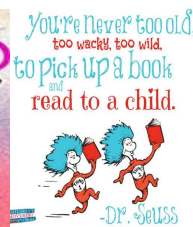
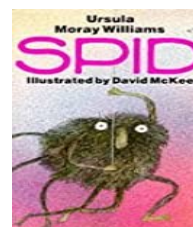
Awards

Year 6 (Trinovantes) - Chloe (MM)
Year 6 (Cymbeline) - Lola (MLM)
Year 6 (Lathes) - Harrison (RROX)
Year 5 (Oysters) - Jasmine (MM)
Year 5 (Magnets) - Callum (RREX)
Year 5 (Raedwald) - Danny (MM)
Year 4 (Castle) - Marley (MM)
Year 4 (Cavalier) - Kezia (MM)
Year 4 (Garrison) - Alfie (RREX)
Year 3 (Dutch) - Bentley (MM)
Year 3 (Iceni) - Markas (CC)
Year 3 (Paxman) - Sean (RREX)
Year 2 (Mercury) - Zain (MM)
Year 2 (Claudius) - Kia (MM)
Year 2 (Romans) - Albie (MM)
Year 1 (Eagles) - Fela (MM)
Year 1 (Circus) - Lily (MM)
Year 1 (Roses) - Isabelle (RREX)
EYFS (Jumbo) - Lottie (MM)
EYFS (Star) - Daisy (MM)
EYFS (Chariot) - Ripley (MM)
Attendance—Oysters

And Finally,

To Mrs Smith, who had an unfortunate encounter with a spider a few weeks ago, which had found its way into a cup she was about to fill with water. Suffice to say, the cup with said spider in it, didn't stay in her hand long and sailed majestically across the room accompanied by, so I'm told, a scream. To be fair to Mrs Smith—I'd have probably reacted in exactly the same way.

Have a Good Weekend—Simon Billings



VIRTUAL SCENTSY NIGHT

**Facebook address:
SJG PTA Scentsy Event**

**Thursday the 8th of October
8pm
From the comfort of your own
home.**

**Hosted by Sally Smith (school parent),
Independent Scentsy Consultant.**

**All commission generated on the night will be
donated to the PTA**

**Join us virtually and help raise funds for the
school**

