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# December Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Christmas is coming to St Helen's....

The weeks seem to be flying by and whilst we have been in another lockdown, we have appreciated all your support including wearing facemasks in our school building and ensuring your children are wrapped up in our well ventilated classrooms. The children have continued to be fantastic in following all our rules and guidelines!

There have been so many things to celebrate this month! One highlight was our whole school online Remembrance Service with children making fabulous wreaths and Oak class reading their war poems. Another was the amazing support you gave and the explosion of colour for Children In Need, it was great to do something relatively normal in our strange times. Children joined in for Odd Socks Day to mark Anti-Bullying Week which is something we continue to focus on at St Helen's. Finally, Acorn class enjoyed their Farm in a Box experience—tasting different cheeses and becoming poo detectives! We endeavour to continue these experiences and opportunities for our children—we know how much they love them!

Mrs Sennett (Executive Headteacher) and Mr Baird (Head of School)

## Attendance

Class attendance so far this year is:

Class	Percent	Position
Reception Acorn	92.9%	
Year 1/2 Ash	96.6%	1st
Year 1/2 Maple	94.9%	
Year 3 Beech	96.2%	2nd
Year 3/4 Chestnut	95.1%	
Year 4 Willow	93.2%	
Year 5 Sycamore	95.9%	3rd
Year 6 Oak	94.7%	

Whole school attendance so far this year is:

**95.0%**

## Dates for the Diary

Monday 30th November - Advent Worship  
Thursday 10th December - Governing Body Meeting  
Friday 11th December - Christmas Jumper Day  
Friday 11th December - Christmas Dinner Day  
Tuesday 15th December - Reindeer Run  
Wednesday 16th December - Topsy Turvy theatre for EYFS and KS1  
Wednesday 16th December - online panto for KS2  
Wednesday 16th December - Christmas Party day  
Friday 18th December - online Christmas production

**Details to follow about Christmas events mentioned!**

## Dress Code and Uniform

**PE Kits** - just another little reminder that all children should be wearing: a plain white t-shirt, navy/black jogging bottoms (as P.E. is outside), navy/black jumper/top and trainers.

**Hairstyles** - could I kindly remind all parents that children should not have brightly coloured or streaked hair in school. We have taken time before sending this reminder, to give children the chance for hair dye to fade/grow out. Thank you for your support in this.

## Home Learning

During the virtual Ofsted visit this week, we discussed the sorts of work children do at home, either with homework or remote learning if they are isolating.

**Reading books:** please remember to bring your child's reading book back on a Monday morning, so that this can be quarantined ready for another child to take home on the Thursday. We know how much the children like to read at home, so please support us with this.

**E-learning**—please remember that as a school we also have access to Times Table Rockstars (KS2), Numbots (EYFS & KS1), Oxford Owl (all school), Phonics Play and Letterjoin. We have also just purchased My Maths— this will be used for weekly maths homework tasks (Mr Baird will be sending out more information about this. If you need any passwords, please contact your child's class teacher.

## Class of the Month - Acorn

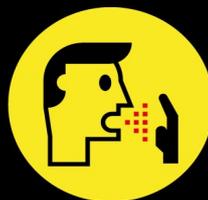
Another tough decision this month, but in the end the vote goes to Acorn class.

Mrs Saxton has said: *'F2 have had an awesome half term! They have improved their behaviour by working as a team. They showed amazing resilience when Mrs Saxton had to isolate and welcomed Mrs Tomsett, so much so that she wanted to stay! Our kindness jar is almost full after only two weeks and almost all children are using please and thank you automatically'. Well done F2!*



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# CORONAVIRUS STAY ALERT TO THE SYMPTOMS



**HIGH TEMPERATURE  
OR NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH  
OR LOSS OF TASTE OR SMELL?**

No one in your household should leave home if any one person has symptoms.

Find out how to get a test, and how long to isolate, at [nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus)

**STAY ALERT > CONTROL THE VIRUS > SAVE LIVES**

### Designated Safeguarding Leaders

Mrs Sennett - Executive Headteacher, Mr Baird - Head of School  
Mrs Saxton - Assistant Head, SENCo and EYFS, Mrs Day - Pastoral Care Leader