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St. Helena's Weekly Newsletter



Dear Families,

Only two more weeks in school until the half term holiday but we have lots to do - the Reception and Year 1 children are celebrating the Chinese New Year, the Year of the Tiger next week. Do not be surprised if you learn that they have been eating noodles with chopsticks and dancing with Chinese dragons. The Year 2s are into washing the old-fashioned way - dolly, tub and wash board - do not miss the opportunity to enlist their help in the kitchen!

Year 3,4,5 and 6 will be completing their mid-year reading, writing and maths assessments ready to share with you at parents' meetings. Hope you have all been able to book an appointment to suit your commitments?

I cannot believe we are halfway through the academic year however it looks like we are emerging slowly from the pandemic. Our love and best wishes to the families who are currently affected by Covid. We continue to keep classrooms ventilated, wash hands regularly and constantly remind the children how to minimise the spread of germs to do all we can to prevent the spread. We have decided to return to whole school Collective Worship after half term but are keeping the staggered departures until Easter. Some parents and members of the community tell us it is slightly less congested at the end of the day. If we all decide this is the best solution for everyone, we have to seek permission from the Local Authority but we will keep you informed.

Stay safe everyone

Love Mrs B x

Free on-line parent workshops

EarlyBird (aged under 5)

EarlyBird is for parents/carers whose child has received a diagnosis of an autism spectrum disorder and is aged under five.

EarlyBird Plus (ages 4 to 9)

EarlyBird Plus is for parents/carers whose child is between the ages of four and nine who has received a diagnosis of an autism spectrum disorder.

Teen Life (ages 10 to 16)

TeenLife is for parents/carers of young people aged 10 to 16 years who have received a diagnosis of an autism spectrum disorder.

Click on the link : [EarlyBird, EarlyBird Plus and Teen Life parent sessions \(autism.org.uk\)](https://www.autism.org.uk)

Diary Dates 2021/2022

FEBRUARY

3rd	Y5/6 visit Skegness Aquarium and MacDonalDs.
4th	YR & Y6 National Measurement
11th	Y6 Parents' Meetings with Mrs Roberts
11th	End of Term 3
21st	School Opens - Term 4
22nd	Y2 Parents' Meetings with Mrs Langdale
24th	Y4 Parents' Meetings with Miss Wickland
25th	YR Parents' Meetings with Mrs Sherwood

MARCH

1st	Y1 Parents' Meetings with Miss Newson
3rd	Y3 Parents' Meetings with Mr Goddard
3rd	SA Film Night - Encanto
4th	Y5 Parents' Meetings with Mrs Search

17th	SA Film Night - Peter Rabbit 2
26th	SA Breakfast with Bunny.
31st	End of Term 4

APRIL

1st	Staff Training Day
20th	School Opens—Term 5

MAY

27th	End of Term 5
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JUNE

6th	School Opens—Term 6
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JULY

22nd	End of Term 6
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After School Clubs

All clubs will be running next week:

Monday Fun, Food and Fitness
Choir
Football with JB Sports

Wednesday STEM

Thursday Dance
Girls Football

Friday Drama

All clubs finish at 4:30pm



Year 5 and 6 children visit the Aquarium and MacDonalDs

As part of their studies, Year 5 and 6 will be visiting Skegness Aquarium and MacDonalDs on Thursday 3rd February 2022. They will be leaving school at 9:30am and returning for the end of the usual day. The children will need to wear school uniform, including a waterproof coat as they will be walking from the Aquarium to MacDonalDs. They will NOT require a packed lunch as they will be enjoying a Happy Meal at MacDonalDs!

We kindly ask for a contribution of £14.00 towards the cost of this visit, payment can be made via Parentmail or at the school office by Tuesday 1st February, 2022. Unfortunately, if we do not receive sufficient contributions for the visit it may not be able to go ahead.



Sunnyside Garden

Sunnyside visiting birds

We have a large number of birds visiting our garden as we put out seeds, nuts and apples to attract them to the garden. The blackbirds love pecking at the apples. Robins, blue tits, chaffinches, great tits and hedge sparrows all hang onto the feeders whilst they have a meal.

Larger birds such as starlings come as a family group. The woodpecker visits frequently and it is lovely to see young ones later in the year. Jackdaws, magpies, wood pigeons and collar doves also visit. The pheasant also comes for a meal and squawks a lot if he is startled and needs to take off to escape the cats. In the early morning a flock of jackdaws like to sit in the large beech tree at the end of our drive and will suddenly all take flight together when they are startled. It is quite a spectacular sight.

Every year the RSPB ask people across the country to spend an hour on a particular weekend to watch from the window and count the number and type of birds they see in the garden. This year the count is during the weekend of 28 - 30 January. If you would like to take part you can download a free Big Bird Garden Birdwatch Guide from www.RSPB.ORG.UK/BIRDWATCH

I have been pruning the black currant bushes and have dug up and potted on young primrose plants that have self seeded under the bushes. Maybe we can find somewhere in the village to plant these at Easter time. I also noticed the catkins at the bottom of the garden which is a sign that Spring is on its way.

Love Mrs Fulwood



A reminder for the just giving page in aid of Teddy Vines' memorial.

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/tedvinesmemorial>

Parents' Meetings

Appointments can be booked via Parentmail.

Reception	Friday 25th February with Mrs Sherwood
Year 1	Tuesday 1st March with Miss Newson
Year 2	Tuesday 22nd February with Mrs Langdale
Year 3	Thursday 3rd March with Mr Goddard
Year 5	Friday 4th March with Mrs Search
Year 6	Friday 11th February with Mrs Roberts