



NEWSLETTER

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Learning and Growing Together in Faith, Hope and Love

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OUR VALUE THIS HALF
TERM IS:
HOPE THROUGH HOPE
ITSELF

*For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.
Jeremiah 29:11*

A message from Mrs Young

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have enjoyed celebrating National Storytelling Week across school. Children have enjoyed virtual author visits, parent/carer surprise storytelling visits and more. I have loved seeing the photos some of you have shared on Twitter/X with us - what a real community of story lovers we have here at school! I visited several classes today to share a story too and it was lovely to see the enjoyment on the children's faces.

It was great to welcome so many of you to the Diversity Coffee Morning on Thursday. I hope you enjoyed hearing Mrs Beechey talk through the strategies we use to promote Diversity, Equality and Inclusion here at school.

Next week we enter the final week of the half term and start it off with our Times Table Rockstars Relaunch Day - Rock on!

Tuesday we shall be celebrating Safer Internet Day and Miss Dodd, our Computing Lead, has lots of informative and fun activities planned to share with the children.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Young



School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

Attendance	
Whole School	92.1%
Reception	92.5%
Year 1	91.4%
Year 2	93.3%
Year 3	<u>100%</u>
Year 4	89.4%
Year 5	91.3%
Year 6	87.1%



163 pupils with perfect attendance this week!



Attendance Update

We need to try really hard each and every week to make sure every year group is beating our **97% target**— this will help us to succeed!

Our attendance this week is: 92.1%

Our attendance for the year so far is: 95.4%



The Bumper Breakfast Attendance Bonanza!

To celebrate 'National Hot Breakfast Month' being in the month of February, we are launching an exciting competition!

Come to school each day from 29th January to 9th February (10 school days) and you will be in with a chance of winning a luxury breakfast hamper to enjoy with your family over the half term break.

Breakfast items will include all of the essentials to make a delicious hot breakfast plus lots of luxury added extra treats for you to enjoy! Drink items to wash down your yummy hot breakfasts will be included too!

Good Luck!



Attendance Steps to Success:



- ★ Ring the school office as soon as possible to explain any absence.
- ★ Be on time! Remember that gates close at 8:50am. Any absence after 9:20am is unauthorised.
- ★ Provide evidence for any medical appointments.
- ★ Speak to a member of the attendance team if you need support with your child's attendance - we are here to help!
- ★ Read any information and letters (including the newsletter) carefully.

Diary Dates

05/02/2024—TTR Rockstars Day

06/02/2024—Safer Internet Day

08/02/2024—Parish Praise launch event

09/02/2024—Faith, Hope and Love Day

09/02/2024—Guide Dog & Owner to visit Y2

09/02/2024—End of half term

19/02/2024—Spring 2 begins

19/02/2024—Lunar New Year

27/02/2024—Parish University Oracy session

27/02/2024—SATS Information Meeting Y2

28/02/2024—SATS Information Meeting Y6

29/02/2024—Leap Year Fundraising Event (More Information to Follow)

NEXT WEEK:



Headteacher's Award WINNERS

Influencing Aspirations

NURSERY	Toby Rawsthorne
RECEPTION	Anna Parr
YEAR 1	Tom Nguyen
YEAR 2	Thomas Rees
YEAR 3	Rocky Foy
YEAR 4	Eva Murphy
YEAR 5	Kai Gibbons
YEAR 6	Jack Dunphy

PE DAYS SPRING 1

TUESDAY—YEAR 1

WEDNESDAY—YEAR 1, YEAR 3, YEAR 4 & YEAR 5

THURSDAY—NURSERY, RECEPTION, YEAR 2, YEAR 3, YEAR 5 & YEAR 6.

FRIDAY— YEAR 2 & YEAR 4

Full PE kit on these days.

Black tracksuit/shorts and plain white T.Shirt (logo optional)

NO SLOGAN/BRANDED T SHIRTS OR BRIGHT COLOURS. THIS IS PART OF SCHOOL UNIFORM AND EXPECTATIONS MUST BE FOLLOWED.



ST HELENS PARISH CHURCH

What's on this week at St Helens Parish Church

Sunday 28th January

10.30am Contemplative Worship

A new gathering at St Helens Parish Church, there will be stillness, silence, celtic liturgy and music as well as bible readings and a talk.

4pm Tea and Stories

Our cafe style all age gathering moves to tea time from this month. This month we celebrate Christingle.

4pm Nine Lessons and Carols by Candlelight

A beautiful start to our Christmas celebrations, Cowley College Choir are leading us in song as we sing carols, listen to bible readings retelling the coming of the Messiah. Refreshments served afterwards, everyone is welcome.

Coming up...

Sunday 4th February

If you are on the Wardens or Welcome/Stewards Team, Phil and Cath would like to invite you to come to a meeting over a light lunch after the Sunday Worship gathering to have a conversation about the different roles, and learn about a new app we are going to be using to count people!

Thursday 1st February 11-12.30

Core Team Meeting

Sunday 11th February 12noon

Let's Explore - first session

Once a month we will be gathering to explore an area of our discipleship in a bit more depth, and then join with Come Follow Me for a light lunch. This first session will look at the bible - what do the different versions mean? how can we read it? what's the most accurate version to read?

Thursday 8th February 3.20pm

Parish Praise!

First session of a new worshipping community at Parish Primary School. Please be praying, and if you know any parents and children at Parish - let them know!

Parish Praise

Parish Praise is back for 2024!

Join us on Thursday 8th February for our the first of our relaunched 'Parish Praise' sessions on the theme of...

♥ ♥ *Love* ♥ ♥

There will be refreshments, craft activities, stories and more. All members of the family welcome.

Thursday 8th February

3.25pm - 4.15pm

At School



Please note all children should be accompanied by an adult



Computer Xplorers

Leading the way in providing tech-based activities that are both inspirational and educational!

FEBRUARY HALF TERM TECH CLUBS

ST HELENS



Rainford High School

Higher Lane, Rainford, W11 8NY



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14th & 15th Feb 2024



9am-3pm

half days available



Providing fun, educational activities-
Wednesday- Lego Robotics & Minecraft Education
Thursday- Digital Video Creator & Minecraft Education
Both paid and funded places are available to book for kids aged 5-15.

Supported by



*FREE places available to eligible Warrington borough resident children who are in receipt of benefit related free school meals



BOOK! Visit the link or scan the code-
computerexplorers.co.uk/bolton-wigan/book



@CompXBolton

ComputerXplorers are running a February Half term Holiday camp at Rainford High School on **Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th February 2024**. They are offering a variety of activities from Minecraft Education, Lego Robotics, Digital Animation and more. They have availability for morning and afternoon sessions as well as a full day's (9am – 3pm).

If a child books an all day session then a healthy lunch will be provided. We are also delighted to provide a limited number of funded places for any children who are entitled to benefit related free school meals or are Torus Housing residents.

Please use the link above if your child is interested in taking part.

HOPE

HOME SCHOOL VALUES

This term we will be focussing in school on the value HOPE. We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together.

TALK TOGETHER about Hope

The value **hope** is about much more than just wishing as hard as we can that things will be different. It is about believing that the world can be better and being prepared to do something!

The character Noah in the story opposite, was willing to look silly in front of his neighbours by building a huge boat even though he lived miles from the ocean, because he **hoped** and believed that God had a plan. As a family you may want to talk about:

- your **hopes** and dreams for the future
- what you can do to make them happen
- what others need to do

THINK TOGETHER Words of Wisdom

"Learn from yesterday, live for today,
hope for tomorrow"
Albert Einstein



READ TOGETHER... God's Special Promise

The world that God had made was a beautiful, colourful place – brimming with life and bursting with good things. It was his precious gift given with all his love. God **hoped** that people would care for it and care for each other but now they were doing just the opposite! They were quarrelling, fighting, and spoiling everything. God saw that there was only one thing to do; to begin all over again.

But God also saw that not everyone on the earth was wicked. There was one man and his family trying to do their best to look after the world and to look after each other and to listen to him. The man's name was Noah. God told Noah to build an ark – a huge, magnificent boat. Noah was mystified because he lived miles from the ocean and was not sure why he would ever need a boat. As word got around about the enormous boat Noah's neighbours made his life miserable with their taunts and jibes. Sometimes Noah was tempted to lose **hope**, but he knew from experience that he could trust God for the future, so he and his family kept on building.

When the work was finally finished God told Noah to gather two of every kind of creature as well as all his family together and set up home in the ark. It took a long time but Noah had to just keep on trusting God. And then the first raindrops began to fall, followed by showers, then torrents and finally floods. On and on it rained for forty days and forty nights. When Noah was beginning to lose **hope** of ever seeing the sun again, the rain suddenly stopped. Noah sent out a dove and when it did not return he knew that the bird had found dry land on which to build a nest. They were safe at last!

And then a wonderful thing happened. God sent a rainbow - a beautiful, colourful bow in the sky. It was a sign of **hope** and promise. The world had been washed clean, and was all ready for a new beginning.

Bible story based on Genesis 6-9-11



QUIZ Word Search

Find the words from the story of Noah. 12 creatures are also hidden in the word search. They were on the boat!

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|-------|----------|---------|
| NOAH | CREATURE | FORTY |
| ARK | DAYS | HOPE |
| BOAT | DOVE | NEST |
| BUILD | FLOODS | PROMISE |
| | GOD | RAINBOW |
| | | WORLD |



The Basket of Dreams

This beautiful sculpture is on the hills overlooking Lake Wakatipu in New Zealand. It is called the Basket of Dreams and is made from a spiral of steel. Spirals can remind us that we have a choice about the way we live. We can either travel inwards towards self-centredness where we only try to think of ourselves or we can travel outwards towards the world and other people.



FAMILY FOCUS

Spiral of Hope

Start with a circle of paper or light card and draw a spiral. On the spiral write a **hope** or dream that you have that will make the world a safer, cleaner or more healthy place to live. Cut along the lines until you get to the centre, leaving a circle in the middle. Make a hole in the middle so you can hang your spiral from a thread.

(You may want to practice drawing a good spiral on some scrap paper before you start.)



FASCINATING FACTS

Rainbows

After a shower of rain we sometimes see a magnificent rainbow arched across the sky.

- rainbows are the reflection of the sun in the rain droplets in the sky
- they are curved because raindrops are round
- they are multi-coloured because each raindrop splits the sunlight into a spectrum of colours
- the colours of the rainbow are always in the same order – red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo and violet – and red is highest in the sky
- an easy way to remember the order is using the mnemonic **R**ichard **O**f **Y**ork **G**ave **B**attle **I**n **V**ain'. The first letter of each word is also the first letter of the colour.



HALL OF FAME

Sir David Attenborough

Sir David Attenborough is best known as a natural history film maker. He has made expeditions all over the world to watch and film wildlife in its natural habitat. His many TV documentary programmes have allowed us all to understand the wonder of nature and the importance of conserving the natural environment if species are to survive.

Sir David has shown us the impact humans have too often made on the natural world and the consequent

struggle of wildlife to survive. His **hope** is that we leave future generations a planet that is healthy and inhabitable by all species.



HOME-SCHOOL CHALLENGE

Make a 'hopes and dreams' catcher

Dream catchers are traditionally made from a looped willow branch onto which a net or web is woven. The net is then decorated with feathers, beads and other decorations. According to American Indian folklore, as we sleep, dreams are caught in the net and with the first rays of sunlight any bad dreams are burned away.

Find a long twig that can be bent and tied to make a hoop or frame. Use natural string or thread stretched across the frame to make the net and then decorate it creatively to catch all the **hopes** and dreams you can!



Mental Health Support Team

WELLBEING WEBINARS

Your MHST is running a series of webinars one Friday a month on a number of topics relating to mental health and wellbeing.

TOPICS AND DATES

- Worry Management - 19 January
- Parenting for Anxiety - 23 February
- Low Mood - 22 March
- Neurodiversity - 26 April
- Parent Skills for Behaviour - 17 May
- LGBTQ+ - 21 June
- Emotional Regulation - 19 July



WHEN

4pm to 4:45pm



WHERE

Zoom

(link will be emailed)



To register please email which webinar you want to attend to events@merseycare.nhs.uk

Webinars will be recorded.
No chat function will be available
for safety purposes.

School Nurse Drop-In

If you have any questions relating to your child's health and wellbeing, please come and meet our school nurse Sam. She'll be holding a parent drop-in on Tuesday 23rd January between 3 and 4pm. Please go to the school office to see her.

NHS

St Helens StoryFest

10th - 17th February

A **Wondrous** Storytelling Festival for Families

Tickets **£3.10** or **£10** for a group of 4. Book online at wonderarts.co.uk

Kid Carpet:
The Noisy
Garden Centre



St Helens Library
Saturday 10th February
10.30am & 2.30pm

Daryl & Co:
Boxed In



Chester Lane Library
Monday 12th February
2.30pm

Angel Exit Theatre:
Book Club for
Super Spies



Haydock & Moss Bank Libraries
Tuesday 13th February
10.30am & 2.30pm

Hands Down Circus:
Tape That



Thatto Heath Library
Wednesday 14th February
10.30am & 2.30pm

Hurly Burly:
You are the Sun



Chester Lane Library
Thursday 15th February
10.30am & 2.30pm

Oliver Sykes:
Fishing for Rainbows



Eccleston Library
Friday 16th February
10.30am

Crows Nest Theatre:
Is that a Yeti Hetty?



Eccleston Library
Friday 16th February
11.45am, 12.30pm, 1.15pm & 2.00pm

Oliver Sykes:
Creative Writing
Workshop



Eccleston Library
Friday 16th February
2.30pm

Of the Jackal:
SPLAT!



Newton Le Willows Library
Saturday 17th February
10.30am & 2.30pm

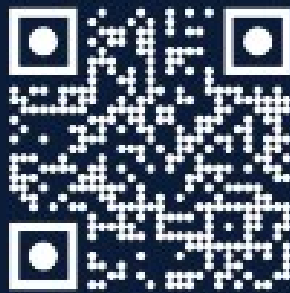


ST HELENS
CARES

thesleepcharity.org.uk

Sleep Charity Referral for St Helens Sleep Pathway

Your chance to work directly with our sleep practitioners who are here to help you and your child sleep better



Use the following QR code or link to book one of our 1-2-1 sleep clinic appointments, available via telephone or video calls

<https://ecv.microsoft.com/C35gdvbyBj>

Why not book on our Foundation Sleep Workshop?

Free training that provides you with knowledge around sleep, some of the common reasons for poor sleep and how you can help to improve your child's sleep

To book, please contact brian@thesleepcharity.org.uk

For more information on the local St Helens sleep pathway and accessing support, or for any concerns you may have regarding your child's sleep patterns, then please contact your health visitor, school nurse, early help worker or children's centre

Children's information support available here:

<https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/information-support/children/>

03303 530 541

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm
Monday & Wednesday 9am - 11am

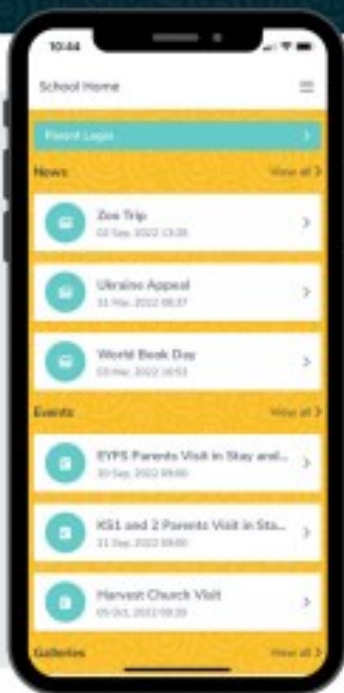


Guide to our app for parents & carers



School Spider allows you to receive and return information directly to and from the school. Receive instant messages, complete surveys, book your parents' evenings and report absences.

Select your school to get started!



How to get started

Once you have selected the school, you will see posts from the school website. Click parent dashboard to login or create an account. Create an account by pressing "create account" and enter your email address.

You must have your email linked with the school!

Take a look around...

See all action items on your dashboard

Click to respond or book for each child



Click the envelope to see your recent messages

Click these 3 lines to:

- Switch between areas
- Edit your profile
- Logout

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