



HELME HEADLINES 21 JULY 2017

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HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

What a fantastic (but frantic end) to the term we have had. Leavers' Service in church yesterday was terrific. Children really excelled themselves with their confident performances; their singing, drumming and speaking was fantastic. As I said yesterday at the service, a huge thank you to all the staff for continuing to smile and give their all, despite the difficult year that the school has had. I'm sure that when we all return in September a new chapter will begin for Helme School. We've cleared out cupboards, stripped the display boards and removed things from the walls so that Mr Bailey, and Kathryn the cleaner, can polish, shine and scrub the school clean.

We have been unable to appoint to replace Mrs Simona Williams in the school office for September. The post will be re-advertised in September, if you know anyone who might be interested... Mrs O'Hara will be working extra hours along with Mrs Roberts to make sure the office is fully covered. Bear with us if things do go a little awry!

I'd like to remind you that we will be tightening up on the existing uniform expectations. We will expect long hair to be tied back, no jo-jo bows, no jewellery, school shoes must be worn. Remember that pupils will need to remove their earrings for PE. Now is the time to have ears pierced so they can be taken out in September. Children will need to be collected from the doors of Class 1 and Class 2 to ensure they are handed over to parents safely.

Thanks very much to the staff that are leaving us today. Jennie Dunkerley, Class 3 teacher' has been covering Mrs Siswick's maternity this year. Ms Dunkerley moves on to Netherton Infants next term. Simona Williams has worked in the office in Spring and Summer Term. She is going to start her teacher training in September. Finally, Lizzie Killick, who has covered Mrs Pugh's maternity working in Class 5. Ms Killick moves on to Lowerhouses school next term. Thank you to all of them.

I've loved my term at Helme and am delighted to be staying another one. I hope I can make a real difference on the school's journey to being 'good' again. Thanks to the children (they've been great!), the staff and parents for the support I've had. Mon 4th Sept is a training day when we complete teacher appraisals and plan for the term. I hope you have a happy and restful summer holiday and see you on Tuesday 5th Sept at 8:50am.

AWARDS

Well done to the following children who have had a 100% attendance during the whole school year. These are: - Charlie Castle, Jake Rhodes, Libby Rhodes, Grace Bennett, Guy Breakey, Evie Chomiak,

Eleanor Lodge, Isabella Pickup, Anaiya Andrew, Thalia Andrew, Scarlett Green, Jessica Rhodes, Ophelia Trinh, Howie Bray, Scarlett Castle, Henry Collins, Xavier David, Libby Pace, Isaac Smith, Madeleine McGill and Isabelle Wingate

School News

School Games Gold Mark Award

Well done and a massive thanks to Madame Brian and Mrs Hutson whose hard work has culminated in Helme School being awarded the School Games Gold Mark. Wow!

Thank You

A huge thank you once again to all our volunteers who have worked with the children in the classroom or as a Reading Friend. Also to our super FOHS parents who have worked tirelessly to come up with new ideas to fundraise for the school. You are all very much appreciated!

FOHS NEWS

FOHS Lottery

Congratulations to this week's winner: Lisa Green

We now have 62 members - Thank you!

You've got to be in it to win it! It only costs £1 per week. Thank you to all those who have already signed up. To join in the fun, go to www.YourSchoolLottery.co.uk and search for Helme. The instructions are easy to follow and the site is fully secure. Please see the flier at the end of the newsletter.

Summer Fair Total

Thank you to everyone who contributed and attended the Summer Fair. An amazing £600 was raised after costs. Thank you!

IMPORTANT DATES

- School returns Tuesday 5th September 2017

Best wishes
Alex Beaumont
Headteacher