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Dear Parents

8 September 2017

Welcome back to the new school year 2017/18. It has been wonderful to see all our families returning and to welcome our new children and parents.

Thought for the week

We ask for God's blessing this year for our children and families.



God of wisdom and might, we praise you for the wonder of our being, for mind, body and spirit.

Be with our children as they begin a new school year. Bless them and their teachers and staff.

Give the strength and grace as their bodies grow; wisdom and knowledge to their minds as they search for understanding and peace and zeal to their hearts.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Dates for your diaries !

September

- 9 **Saturday School**
- 11 Curriculum Evening - 3.20pm
- 13 Year 6 camping trip
Assembly - 5B- 9.00am
- 14 MASS - 5B - 9.00am
- 16 **Saturday School**
- 18 **After school clubs start**
Whole school Mass - 9.15am - Convent Chapel
- 19 Secondary Transfer meeting - 6pm
- 20 Year 5 pilgrimage to Walsingham
Assembly - Yr 6- 9.00am
- 21 Mass - 5Y - 9.15am
- 22 Assembly - 2B- 9.00am
Next newsletter



We have very important information to share regarding reading at St Helen's.



We have work to do to improve our children's reading standards at St Helen's.



Attending our Curriculum Evening will help you understand our **NEW** strategy.

IMPORTANT NEWS

Reading and Learning for all

Monday 11 September at 3.45pm

Main Hall

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Parent Views

Thank you to all those parents who returned questionnaires at the end of last term. We appreciate your time and your feedback is important to us.



You told us the strengths of the school:

	Agreed
My child is happy at school	100%
My child is safe, well looked after and children are well behaved	99.6%
My child is making good progress	99.2%
My child has appropriate homework	98%
The school is well led and responds well to any concerns	98.5%

For the question, the school deals effectively with bullying 89% of parents agreed or strongly agreed. 11% did not know. We will continue to highlight how we deal with bullying.

Summary of results

For 2016/17 in most areas St Helen's has performed above the national standard.

Key Stage 1	St Helen's	National
Reading (R)	73%	76%
Writing (W)	68%	68%
Maths (M)	70%	75%
RWM	66%	64%

Key Stage 2	St Helen's	National
Reading (R)	62%	71%
Writing (W)	81%	76%
Maths (M)	78%	75%
English, Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling	91%	77%
WRM	57%	61%

Reminders

Our web site is the place to find copies of our most important policies:

Safeguarding, Early Help and Child Protection



On-Line Safety



Attendance



We aim to make St Helen's a happy and safe environment for your children. Please help us by ensuring your children follow our rules:

Mobile phones and games

We have a clear **NO MOBILE PHONES OR ELECTRONIC GAMES IN SCHOOL** policy



Playground supervision

The school gates open at 8.30am. We will supervise the playground from 8.40am until the bell rings at 8.55am.

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Going home arrangements

Please remember school finishes at 3.20pm. Parents should ensure all going home arrangements are made at the beginning of the day before school. In an **emergency** you may telephone the school **before 3pm** to pass on a message, but please do not ring every day.

Contact sheets

We have begun to update your contact details. Please ensure you return the forms promptly. If you have an email address please include on the form.



Parking

You will have noticed the new road markings outside the school entrances. Please do not park on them as the safety of your children is paramount.



In addition a residential parking zone takes effect from Monday 11 September in the roads around the school. There are strict penalties for cars that do not have the required permits.



KS2 meals

All KS2 children in Newham will continue to have free school meals for the foreseeable future. Please continue to complete the free school meal applications in case charges are made.



Term dates

Our 2017/2018 term dates are attached to help with holiday planning.

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St Helen's Catholic Primary School Term and Holiday Dates 2017/18

August 2017							September 2017							October 2017							November 2017						
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Key:

	Holiday
	Training day – school closed
	Pupil day – school open

Notes:

Christmas – Sunday 25 December
Easter – Friday 30 March and Monday 2 April