

PA Newsletter

Events from Last Term

Fathers Day Campout

On Friday, 8th June the elementary children camped out in the grounds with their dads (or 'borrowed' dads!) to celebrate Fathers Day. There were lots of hot dogs, marshmallows, Nerf games and very little sleep, but much fun was had by all!

Sports Day

We had an extra special, and very sunny, Sports Day earlier this year, combining it with a fun-filled afternoon of games, ice creams, glitter tattoos, a BBQ and dancing competitions, raising £XXX for the PA.



Elementary Music & Drama Concert

The children performed beautifully at their end of year concert on 12th July, and a lovely post-concert party was held for the children and their parents at John and Roseanna's.



School Photos

Antra Lumb took some beautiful photos of the elementary pupils and kindly donated all proceeds (£xx) to the PA – thank you, Antra!

Recent Events

School Trip to Herstmonceux

In October, the elementary children when on a school trip to Herstmonceux Observatory Science Centre. The trip was partially funded by the PA, and the children loved learning about solar systems, seeing the telescopes and taking part in physics experiments.



New Parents Coffee Morning

The PA had a lovely turn out for the new parents coffee morning, and it was great to meet some new faces over a cup of coffee and a slice of cake.

Apple Day

This year the elementary children visited Dandelion Time – a charitable project for children and young people traumatised by abuse, neglect or having early life attachment difficulties. They spent the morning creating clay animal baths, gardening and baking bread, and then sat outside in the beautiful surroundings for pumpkin soup.

In the afternoon, the children sold the apple crumbles they had made in an after-school ‘crumble club’ the day before (using apples they had collected from Keepers Nursery), and joined their teachers and parents outside for mulled apple juice, cakes, and toasting marshmallows in the firepit.



Remembrance Day

Both the nursery and elementary children put on a beautiful, moving performance of poems, readings, prayers and songs to commemorate this year's armistice day, and £xxx was raised for the Royal British Legion through sales of poppies and donations at the service.



Jacquie's Salon

St Helen's had a pop-up hair salon for 2 weeks this term, with Jacqueline Von Steinkeller (Valentina and Matilda's mother) giving lots of the elementary (and a few nursery) children fantastic haircuts, and donating all proceeds (over £100!) to the PA – thank you, Jacquie!

Upcoming Events

Wreath-making Workshop

The St Helen's Wreath Workshop will take place on Thursday, 29th November this year, and as it is so popular, there will be two sessions – one at 4pm (with childcare provided) and one at 6:30pm. It's always such a fun evening, so do come along and get crafty with us over a cup of tea or glass of Prosecco and mince pie! Places cost £30, and they're filling up quickly, so please do get in touch ASAP if you'd like to join in.

Spirit of Christmas Shop

This year the Spirit of Christmas shop will be on the 3rd and 4th December. When the children visit the shop they choose Christmas presents for all their family and friends, wrap and label them, and then take them home to put under the tree to be opened on Christmas Day. The children really love the whole experience, and it's great fun seeing what they've chosen for their loved ones on Christmas morning!

Thank you to those parents who have already donated gifts, cards and paper, however more donations are needed, especially of presents for men.

Carol Singing for Age UK

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Elementary Concert

This year the children will be performing the Christmas concert on Thursday, 13th December (tickets will be available soon!), and there will be festive drinks and nibbles afterwards at John and Roseanna's.

Elementary Christmas Lunch and party

After the fun that we had last year, the PA have decided to cook a Christmas lunch for the elementary children again, this time on the last day of term before their Christmas celebrations.

Nursery Christmas Concert and Party

10th December...

Secret Santa

Further details will be sent out shortly, but the elementary children will again be taking part in their annual Secret Santa, which they all really enjoy!

Upper Elementary School Trip

On 5th January, the upper elementary will be going on a school trip to watch 'Box of Delights' at Wilton's Music Hall in London. The PA will be funding the cost all travel expenses.