

1<sup>st</sup> June, 2009

Dear Parents,

### **Shirtsleeve Order**

From now until the end of term, on very hot days, the children may wear shirtsleeve order to school. However children must wear full summer uniform for the photographs tomorrow (Nursery – Y2) and Wednesday (Y3 – Y6).

The shirtsleeve order dress code is as follows:

Boys - Wear:           grey shorts or trousers  
                                  short-sleeved white shirt, worn open at the neck  
                                  St. Helen's sun hat  
Do not wear: blazer  
                                  jumper  
                                  tie  
                                  cap

Girls - Wear:           summer dress  
                                  boater or St. Helen's sun hat  
Do not wear: blazer  
                                  cardigan

**Please note that dress codes must not be mixed – children wear either shirtsleeve order or normal uniform – no 'mix and match' please!** If children just leave their ties and caps at home, they come to school looking extremely scruffy. As a rule, if it is cold enough to need a blazer or jumper, then wear full summer uniform, not shirtsleeve order.

All children must have a St. Helen's sunhat for their outdoor PE lessons and playtimes. Sunhats may be purchased from Pullens, the Upper School office and Mrs. Beale at Lower School.

### **New Pond & 'Eco-action Team'**

The Upper School 'Eco-action Team' children are working on a number of ecological projects, one of which is now under way in the orchard (the garden adjacent to the climbing wall). The children have designed a pond in the shape of a lily leaf and digging has now started. The pond will be completed and planted over the summer, and we hope before long that it will become home for a number of animal species.

We are preparing to apply for the Eco-Schools Silver award and would like a parent to join the Action Team. The primary roles of the Action Team are to ensure that the whole school is aware of the Eco-Schools programme and to take the lead in developing and delivering the Eco-Schools Action Plan. A parent representative would need to be able to attend one meeting a term during school hours. Please email Mark Lewis at [mlewis@sthelenscollege.com](mailto:mlewis@sthelenscollege.com) if you would like to volunteer for this role.

### **Windsor House**

227 Long Lane has been re-named Windsor House; thus both school Houses (i.e. teams), Windsor and Cambria, now have a school building named after them.

### **Forthcoming Events**

Tue	Jun 2	Photographer at L. School: N – Y2 ) individuals & classes
Wed	Jun 3	Photographer at U. School: Y3 – Y6 ) but <u>not</u> sibling groups
Fri	Jun 5	2M parents' coffee morning 8:15 – 8:40 a.m.
Mon 8 – Fri 12	Jun	Y3-5 exams in English, maths & VR
Wed	Jun 10	8:15 - 8:40 a.m. coffee for N1 parents followed by class assembly
Thu	Jun 11	Musicians' Concert 7 p.m. at All Saints (rehearsal at church 9 - 11 a.m.)
Fri	Jun 12	2T parents' coffee morning 8:15 – 8:40 a.m.

### **Murder Mystery Evening**

An additional date for your diary. Some of the teachers are performing an 80's themed murder mystery play on Saturday 13th June to raise money for Cancer Research, Relay for Life. Tickets are £10 and include supper. Come as a team or join one on the night. Prizes for the best 80's fancy dress! Details and ticket application forms to follow.

Yours faithfully,

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