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# St. Helena's Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Well, after the euphoria of England's football win on Wednesday, we came straight back down to Earth with a bump when we heard we had to close our Y3/4/5 bubble yesterday. We send our best wishes for a speedy recovery to the poorly person. **Unfortunately, we have been informed that the PCR gave a positive result and therefore, we will see the children back on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July.** I understand that this has caused some families difficulties but we have to follow the rules until they change in August.

I can not believe we have fallen at the final hurdle of the Summer term when we have been so incredibly lucky through the last few months. Keeping the children in school and keeping them happy and safe has been our priority and we were delighted when we received 90 responses on our Parentmail survey. The overwhelming message was that the vast majority of children are happy and feel safe in school. The findings from the survey (see below) were shared with Governors last Monday and will help the Board review the past year's strengths and areas to develop. Thank you for sharing your views; we would love to hear from you about how this year has been in school for your children. Are there arrangements you would like us to keep, going forward, things that have made life challenging or ideas of "even better if..."? Email me; I always appreciate hearing from you: [sue.belton@st-helenascofe.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:sue.belton@st-helenascofe.lincs.sch.uk)

Now, let's return to the football - have a wonderful Sunday; enjoy the spectacle (it may be only once in a lifetime!) and revel in what should be a fast, frenetic, furious game!  
May the best team win ... (Come on England)!

P.S. Our Governors have agreed we can keep the register open until 10:30a.m. on Monday whilst sleepy children slowly get ready to come to school after their football party!

## Parentmail Survey results

97% agreed (64% strongly) that their child was happy in school.

96% agreed (76% strongly) that their child felt safe in school.

95% agreed (62% strongly) that school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.

84% agreed (48% strongly) that school dealt with issues quickly (10% did not know).

90% agreed (58% strongly) that school dealt with their raised concerns properly.

93% agreed (63% strongly) that school had high expectations for their child to do their best academically, socially and emotionally.

93% agreed (50% strongly) that school let them know how their child was doing.

96% agreed (78% strongly) that they would recommend our school to another parent.

**Please can we ask parents to notify the school office when their children are poorly not to use Dojo.  
[attendance@st-helenascofe.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@st-helenascofe.lincs.sch.uk)  
Thank you**

### Diary Dates 2021/2022

#### JULY

- 15th 10am-12pm Teddy Bears' picnic for new Reception children  
10:30am-11:30am New Little Explorers' introduction.  
5pm New Reception children Parents' meeting
- 16th Y6 transition day at QEGS, Alford.
- 19th 3pm Open Evening—**CANCELLED**
- 20th 6pm Year 6 Presentation
- 21st End of term
- 22nd Staff Training Day
- 26th-30th John Spendluffe Summer School for Y6 children transitioning into their Year 7.

#### SEPTEMBER

- 2nd Staff Training Day
- 3rd Staff Training Day
- 6th School Opens - Term 1
- 10th 11+ Verbal
- 13th Individual Photographs
- 17th 11+ Non Verbal

#### OCTOBER

- 7th 5:30-8:30pm QEGS, Alford Open Evening
- 18th-20th Year 6 Residential at Caythorpe
- 21st End of Term 1.
- 22nd Staff Training Day

#### NOVEMBER

- 1st School Opens - Term 2

#### DECEMBER

- 17th End of Term 2
- 20th Staff Training Day

#### JANUARY 2022

- 4th School Opens—Term 3

#### FEBRUARY

- 11th End of Term 3
- 21st School Opens - Term 4

#### MARCH

- 31st End of Term 4

#### APRIL

- 1st Staff Training Day
- 20th School Opens—Term 5

#### MAY

- 27th End of Term 5

#### JUNE

- 6th School Opens—Term 6

#### JULY

- 22nd End of Term 6

## Relationships and Sex Education for Y1.

During week commencing 12th July 2021 Year 1 will be exploring Relationships and Sex Education as part of their Science and PSHE learning. All of the content to be delivered is in line with the Science Curriculum, and the new 2020/21 PSHE/RSE framework for primary schools.

If you have any queries about the content of the sessions, please do not hesitate to contact school for more information.



**Breakfast will be in the Little Explorers' Nursery until further notice. Please access via the Little Explorers' gate.  
Thank you**

# Sunnyside Garden

During the past fortnight the farmer has been cutting the long grass in the field adjacent to our garden. He uses a range of equipment attached to his tractor to cut the grass and then returns several times to turn the grass so that it dries. Finally he rolls the grass to produce these large round bales. These will be used for the animals during the winter months. If the grass grows quickly, he may get a second cut later in the summer.

The roses in the garden are always pretty in June but have been damaged by the rain this week. If I cut off the dead flowers, some more should appear during the summer.

I have been very busy picking fruit in the garden this week. We have had strawberries for tea every day. Gooseberries and black currants are being frozen to make puddings later in the year and the redcurrants are used to make jelly to serve with lamb dishes or is lovely on toast.

It is a busy time of year in the garden, but nice to sit quietly sometimes and enjoy the sights and sounds around me. Why not try sitting outside one day and make a list of everything you hear in 5 minutes.



**Thank you Farmer Brown and Jack for a fabulous Friday morning. The Reception children and staff had a brilliant time!**

