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St. Helena's Weekly Newsletter

The Governors would like to thank everyone who is connected with the school for making this such a positive year for the children. We have really missed being able to come into school and talk to the children and see their work. We have all learnt about 'zoom', online meetings and training sessions, but these are not the same as meeting in person, discussing ideas and seeing the lovely work in school.

We really hope that the Year 6 pupils leave us with some lovely memories of their time at St Helena's and continue to take advantage of all the opportunities offered to them in their future schools.

Ella, our sports apprentice this year, and Mrs Souheil, our Y6 teaching assistant have been an invaluable part of the team and we wish them every success in their future careers. We want to say thank you to Mrs Hesketh, who came out of retirement to work with us for the last few years and we are hugely grateful - we will miss you. Thanks to the office staff who have cheerfully answered our questions from behind their screen or via the telephone or internet. Did you know that they carry folding chairs in their cars, so that they can have their picnic lunch in the car park every day? Thanks also to our super catering and cleaning staff, for providing 'meals on wheels' to the children every day and for keeping the classrooms extra clean.

Finally, a massive thank you to our exceptional headteacher, staff and teaching assistants who always put the children's care and wellbeing first. They have continued to provide the encouragement and opportunities for the children to flourish. We know parents will have missed coming into school but am sure you will have heard some interesting stories about life in school this year.

The Governors hope everyone has a lovely relaxing and happy summer. We are so lucky to live in such a beautiful part of the country with beautiful countryside and beaches giving us opportunities to enjoy the outside. Stay safe everyone and we look forward to seeing you all in September.

Mrs Fulwood, Chair of Governors.

The isolation period for the Year 3,4 and 5 bubble finishes at 11:59pm on Saturday 17th July 2021.

**Please notify the school office when
your child is poorly. Please do not use
Seasaw.
attendance@st-helenascofe.lincs.sch.uk
Thank you**

Dear Families,

I am sure you will have all seen the photograph of Gareth Southgate and Marcus Rashford after the Euro's final on Sunday:



"I wonder if there is any image more beautiful
Than the embrace of the one
Who trains, equips, releases you
And when you fail
Still embraces you
And reminds you that your value
Comes from who you are
Not what you did."

Although this was written about the football coach and player, it describes beautifully the role and mantra of parents and staff in our school this academic year - our young children are so lucky as they flourish through the good times and the bad, with the adults' unconditional love and nurturing support.

I have been most proud of our Year 6 children and their discerning, compassionate talk about the football result and the subsequent behaviour of a noisy minority afterwards. Our oldest children have learned much during the years I have known them and every single one of them will develop and grow into someone special. We salute our departing Year Sixes, sending them on to their next chapter and challenge, our hearts full of pride and love. Well done Year 6 - you are a fantastic group of young people and we will miss you. Good Luck and please keep returning to tell us your news. We are here if you need us!

School arrangements

We will be keeping our current arrangements until the very end of term and then we will see how our community is faring and what the Department for Education and Public Health recommends before we decide on the arrangements for September. I will write to you just before the end of the Summer holidays with all the details. We are hoping that we can return to a 3:25pm finish time for everyone as we have lost a little bit of precious learning time.

Diary Dates 2021/2022

JULY

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
3rd 10:30-11:30am Little Explorer new children and new parents' meeting.
3rd 3pm Reception Parents' meeting in school.
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

6th-9th Y5 and Y6 Bikeability
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

Breakfast Club - £2.00 per child

Little Explorers and Reception children enter via the Nursery gate.

Y1—Y6 children enter via the gate at the side of the school office.

Bookings for Breakfast Club are not necessary, however we do ask for parents to hand their child over to the adult (not just let them run in on their own) Payment is either on the day or in advance.

Unfortunately, we cannot offer credit!

Home Learning Hub - £4 per child.

Please make bookings for Home Learning Hub at the school office by 3pm (not with your child's teacher or via Seasaw).

Home Learning Hub collection point is at the nursery gate and the latest time for collection is 5:30pm. Late collections will result in a £5 per 15 minute fine (time as per our clocks!!).

Payment can be made on the day or in advance but unfortunately, we cannot offer credit.

Thank you.



FREE HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD PROGRAMME (HAF)

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are delighted to announce that we will be running HAF camps during the summer holidays at Chapel St Leonards Primary School, Skegness Academy, and Horncastle Primary School. The HAF camps provide eligible pupils with the opportunity to attend 16 days of holiday provision across the summer holidays FREE OF CHARGE. The fun-filled days will have a variety of options to suit all children, including multi sport activities, arts and crafts, Lego building, Laser Tag, and much more.

The HAF camps are available to all children who are eligible to receive Free School Meals (not Universal Infant Free School Meals). If you wish to check your eligibility, please do so through the following link: <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-pupil-support/apply-free-school-meals>

All eligible children will also receive a free hot meal each day, which is selected when booking places on the camps. To ensure that you receive the correct meal choice, bookings must be made 5 days before the date of the camp. The menu and meal options can be found via the following link: <http://jbsportcoaching.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/HAF-Food-Menu.pdf>

The details for the camps are as follows:

Chapel St Leonards Primary School				
Camp 1	Monday 26 th July	Tuesday 27 th July	Wednesday 28 th July	Thursday 29 th July
Camp 2	Monday 2 nd Aug	Tuesday 3 rd Aug	Wednesday 4 th Aug	Thursday 5 th Aug
Camp 3	Monday 9 th Aug	Tuesday 10 th Aug	Wednesday 11 th Aug	Thursday 12 th Aug
Camp 4	Monday 23 rd Aug	Tuesday 24 th Aug	Wednesday 25 th Aug	Thursday 26 th Aug

Skegness Academy				
Camp 1	Monday 26 th July	Tuesday 27 th July	Wednesday 28 th July	Thursday 29 th July
Camp 2	Monday 2 nd Aug	Tuesday 3 rd Aug	Wednesday 4 th Aug	Thursday 5 th Aug
Camp 3	Monday 9 th Aug	Tuesday 10 th Aug	Wednesday 11 th Aug	Thursday 12 th Aug
Camp 4	Monday 23 rd Aug	Tuesday 24 th Aug	Wednesday 25 th Aug	Thursday 26 th Aug

Horncastle Primary School				
Camp 1	Monday 26 th July	Tuesday 27 th July	Wednesday 28 th July	Thursday 29 th July
Camp 2	Monday 2 nd Aug	Tuesday 3 rd Aug	Wednesday 4 th Aug	Thursday 5 th Aug
Camp 3	Monday 16 th Aug	Tuesday 17 th Aug	Wednesday 18 th Aug	Thursday 19 th Aug
Camp 4	Monday 23 rd Aug	Tuesday 24 th Aug	Wednesday 25 th Aug	Thursday 26 th Aug

- Camps run from 10am to 4pm each day
- There are 60 places (available first come, first served)
- Link for booking: <https://jbsportscoaching.schoolipal.co.uk/> or the QR:
- You will need to register your child prior to making any bookings
- Book through the HAF Multi Activity Holiday Camp section
- **Bookings can be made from Monday 12th July 2021**



If your child is not eligible for free school meals but still wishes to attend, bookings can still be made through the link shown above by selecting the preferred holiday camp venue, **not** HAF Multi Activity Camp.

If we are experiencing extremely high demand for the places, you may be asked to provide proof of eligibility on arrival, and may be refused a place if you cannot provide proof, or are not eligible for the free places.

Confirmation of free school meal eligibility can be requested via email from: mailto:free_school_meals@lincolnshire.gov.uk, or requested through Lincolnshire County Council Customer Services who can be contacted on: 01522 782030.

We are extremely excited about the summer HAF project, and we hope it can be of huge benefit to many children across the county.

We look forward to seeing lots of the children over the summer!

Many thanks

JB's Sports Coaching

**On Friday 3rd September
10:30 - 11:30am
The new Little Explorer children
and their parents are invited
into the nursery.**

**Sunday 18th July 3pm
Forest Church School
at St Helena's Church, Willoughby.
All welcome!**

Reception Parents' Meeting

On Friday 3rd September at 2pm, Reception parents are invited to come and meet Mrs Sherwood and Miss Carter to learn all about how your children will be learning during the year. It will also be an opportunity to ask any questions.

We do, respectfully, request that this is adults only. The children have already met Mrs Sherwood.

Thank you.

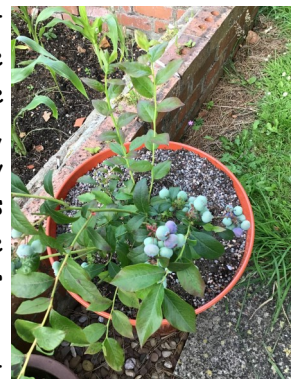
**Last Day of Term: Wednesday 21st July.
Have a lovely holiday everyone!**

We are back on Monday 6th September 2021.

Sunnyside Garden



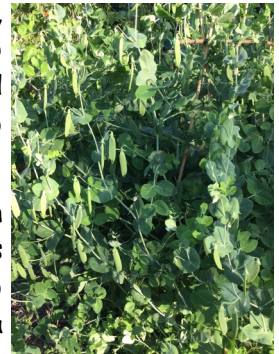
Everything is growing so fast in the garden now and it takes time to cut the grass and keep weeding the vegetable patches and flower borders. I like spending time in the garden as this is my main hobby during the summer, so I am happy to look after the plants. I am especially pleased when I can harvest the fruit and vegetables. This week we have started to dig the new potatoes, eaten the first courgettes and continued to have strawberries for tea every day.



I bought a blueberry plant in the spring and the first fruit are now ripening. The very tall peas are producing hundreds of pea pods, so I am checking them every day as they will need picking and freezing as soon as the peas inside the pods are large enough.



The tubs of flowering plants are beginning to look colourful, with the first geraniums beginning to flower, so I need to water and feed them regularly. Although some crops and flowers are finished, there are plenty of flowers still to come and lots of food crops to harvest.



The Reception class are visiting on Friday for 'ice cream in the orchard'. I hope the children have enjoyed their visits to Sunnyside during the year and that you are all able to enjoy playing in your gardens during the holidays. Have a lovely summer.



Wishing all the Year 6 children the very best for the next stage of their education.

Also a big thank you to Miss Frow, Mrs Ghandour El Souheil, we wish you well for the future.

A big thank you and happy retirement to Mrs Hesketh.



We will miss you all.





The Bishops' Office

July 2021

Dear Friends,

It's the end of the school year and time for summer holidays. Fantastic! I hope that you will have a wonderful time, and do really fun things.

It doesn't matter whether you go away or stay at home. What matters is that these next few weeks are different from the other weeks of the year.

During term, there are things to learn, and activities and assignments to finish. In our holiday time we get some space to do something different.

I wonder, what will you do with your time this summer holiday?

Perhaps you will play with friends. You might spend time with family. You might enjoy being on your own. It really doesn't matter what you do or who you do it with, as long as you keep safe, and as long as you do something different from the rest of the year.

This is because when we do different things from usual on holiday, we help our bodies and our brains to recover. We can then work better when it's September and time to come back to school.

Rest isn't an 'add on extra' to our lives, it is an important part of them. Doctors tell us this, but so do other people as well. In the Bible, we are told that God rested when he had finished his work of creation: 'on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done.' (Genesis 2.2)

So, having given everything life, God stops and rests. I think this is wonderful! God has taken time to notice the things he has made as he makes them, looking at them and saying 'it was good'. But after six days of hard work, on the seventh day, God shows his happiness by stopping, by resting and by delighting. It's as if God is saying to us: you really must take time out, just to be, just to enjoy things - and it's an important lesson for us and an example to follow.

Jesus, also, tells his disciples that they need to rest: 'He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while."' (Mark 6.31). Jesus knows that the disciples have been working hard, and that they need to stop. Actually, they don't get a very long rest, because people follow them, and this is important too: we don't need to think that we have to do something special every day of our holiday and we might find that our plans get disrupted - but what matters is that we try to give ourselves space to breathe, space to relax, space in which to stop.

It's been another hard year, with home learning, and class bubbles, and lots of hand-washing. Many of our plans have been disrupted. But now it's time to rest, like Jesus and like God.

Have a very happy summer holiday!

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Dear God,
Thank you for our school, for all who help us to learn,
and for the friends that we meet here.
Thank you for the opportunities that you give us.
Now that it is holiday time,
help us to rest,
as you rested when you finished your work,
and as you taught us to do through your son Jesus.
Help us to be like him and his disciples,
and to know the importance of rest.
Amen.

+ Nicholas Grantham

The Rt Revd Dr Nicholas Chamberlain
Bishop of Grantham

Happy Birthday

