

St. Helena's Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Thank you to all those parents who were able to attend our class information meetings this week. It is always hard to schedule these gatherings at the right time for everyone but I hope that if you were unable to make the date, you will have received the relevant information, sent home in your child's bag.

Importantly, please know that we are here to help and if there is ever a worry or concern, call us, email or drop into the office - we can usually help once we know what the concern is.

You would be so proud of your children; they are settling to life with a new teacher in a new year group well. They are facing lots of changes, new routines and new learning but we are all slowly adapting to the school day, especially the adults!

They are probably very tired by teatime - we are - so just let them relax. Probably by bath-time, they might share a snippet of their day! Remember, lots of children will not want to tell you about their time in school, it is normal, it is their place and their time to be independent from you!

Thank you for all the old children's shoes, to be sent to a refugee charity. The shoe snake is very impressive on the playground!

Don't forget Forest Church this Sunday at 3pm. See you in the Willoughby church grounds.

Mrs Belton x

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We are collecting the Morrisons' Gardening Vouchers. Please bring to the school office.

Thank you!



Reception children need 13 dingle dangle scarecrow floppy hats. Can anyone help please?

If you have any school uniform which no longer fits we are collecting this to take to the Alford Hub School Uniform Bank. Please bring into the school office. Thank you.



Thank you for all the donations of shoes.

Lots of visits coming up . . .



Reception children visit Tattershall Farm Park

The Reception children will be visiting Tattershall Farm Park on Wednesday 6th October 2021. The children will leave school at 9:15am and will return for the end of the school day.

They will need school uniform, warm waterproof coat, sensible shoes, packed lunch and plenty to drink.

We, kindly, ask for a donation of £19.50 towards the cost of this visit. Payments can be made via Parentmail or please complete the slip below and return to the school office by Monday 4th October.

Reception children visit Tattershall Farm Park.

I/We enclose a contribution of £19.50 towards the visit to Tattershall Farm Park.

Child's name

Signed

Date

Y5/6 visit Yorkshire Wildlife Park

Year 5 and 6 children will be visiting Yorkshire Wildlife Park on Tuesday 28th September. They will be walking around the park and will take part in a hands on educational session (observing a range of animal artefacts and will have the chance to touch at least one animal). The children will need to wear school uniform, sensible footwear for walking and a waterproof coat. They will also require a packed lunch and plenty to drink. They will be leaving school at approximately 9:15am and are expected to return at 4pm.

We, kindly, ask for a contribution of £21.00 towards the cost of this visit. Payments can be made via Parentmail or at the school office. There are still some consent forms outstanding which need to be returned to the school office by Monday 20th September.

Y1 and Y2 visit Alford Fire Station

As part of their studies of "The Great Fire of London" , Year 1 and Year 2 children will be visiting Alford Fire Station during the school day on Thursday 14th October 2021.

We, kindly, ask for a donation of £2.85 towards the cost of transport for this visit. Payments can be made via Parentmail or please complete the slip below and return to the school office by Monday 11th October.

Y1 and Y2 visit Alford Fire Station.

I/We enclose a contribution of £2.85 towards the cost of the visit to Alford Fire Station for

Child's name

Signed

Date

Y3 and Y4 walk to Alford.

On Thursday 7th October, 2021 Year 3 and Year 4 will be walking in the footsteps of Captain John Smith who used to walk from Willoughby to school in Alford (across fields!). The children are required to wear uniform on top, however, can wear non uniform trousers. They will also need to wear good walking shoes as they are going across fields and a coat. Please can the children bring a drink of water, a spare pair of shoes and a carrier bag, they will also need a small back pack to carry this in. The children will be returning by coach and we, kindly, ask for a donation of £2 towards the cost of the transport. Payments can be made via Parentmail or please complete the slip below and return to the school office by Monday 4th October.

Y3 and Y4 walk to Alford.

I/We enclose a contribution of £2.00 towards the transport cost of the return from the walk to Alford.

Child's name

Signed

Date

Year 2 Swimming

Year 2 will be swimming this year starting on Friday 5th November, 2021. until Friday 25th March 2021. The cost per week is £6.45, and we kindly ask for the following donations for the 3 terms as follows:

Term 2 - 5th November until 17th December - £45.15.

Term 3 - 7th January until 11th February - £38.70.

Term 4 - 25th February until 25th March - £32.25

Payments can be made via Parentmail or at the school office.

If the children would like to bring a small snack and a drink for after swimming they are welcome to.

Year 2 Swimming - Term 2.

I/We enclose a contribution of £45.15 towards the cost of swimming for Term 2.

Child's name

Signed

Date

Sunnyside Garden

I like to grow lots of flowers in the garden. This week I have taken photos of some of my pots and one of the baskets. These have been very pretty during summer, but I have to water them well, especially the baskets.

I arrange a row of pots full of geraniums which always gives a splash of bright red colour to the garden. There are 5 plants in each pot which have grown well and are at their best in September. They will not like it as the weather gets cooler, so I will then put the plants on the compost heat and plant bulbs and pansies into the pots.

The begonias are very colourful and as they die down, the stems, leaves and flowers are also composted, but the large corms that are under the soil are dried, wrapped in newspaper and stored in the garage until they can be replanted next year.

I love the flowering plant that has flowers that look like pineapples. This originally came from Mrs Seymour's garden. As it dies down, I will put the pot in the greenhouse for the winter months and repot it next spring. I started with 3 plants several years ago and now I have 12. Thank you Mrs Seymour.

I have three hanging baskets full of plants which need daily watering. Unfortunately some of the winds we had recently have caused the plants to wilt and they will soon need to be emptied to the compost heap. Then I will have to decide whether to replant them for the autumn and which plants would be suitable. I may need to visit a local nursery and ask for some advice.

From Mrs Fulwood.



**Miss Newson is running 60 miles during
September in aid of Cancer Research.
If you would like to sponsor her please
pop into the office.**

Thank you



Diary Dates 2021/2022

SEPTEMBER

19th 3pm Forest Church at St Helena's Church
20th Skegness Grammar School Open Evening
20th 6pm Governors' AGM
24th 11+ Non Verbal
27th JSTC, Alford Open Day and Evening
28th Year 5/6 visit Yorkshire Wildlife Park

OCTOBER

6th Reception children visit Tattershall Farm Park
7th Y3 & Y4 follow John Smith's footsteps to school in Alford (Church).
7th 5:30-8:30pm QEGS, Alford Open Evening
8th 2pm Harvest Festival in Church
13th Y1 Parents' meetings
14th Y1 & Y2 visit Alford Fire Station
17th Forest Church at St Helena's Church
18th-20th Year 4/5/6 Residential at Caythorpe
21st End of Term 1.
22nd Staff Training Day

NOVEMBER

1st School Opens - Term 2
5th Y2 swimming starts.
18th James Mayhew, author, visiting Y2

DECEMBER

6th-9th Y5 and Y6 Bikeability
17th 2pm Christingle Service
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

Reminder . . .

**Due to Health and Safety,
children cannot wear jewellery
during PE. This includes all
ear-rings and, unfortunately,
they cannot be taped either.**

Thank you.





Lincolnshire Parent Carer Forum

FREE events: Parents have to be LPCF members to join the sessions below, but can join up via our website link

[https://www](https://www.w.lincspcf.org.uk/P)

[w.lincspcf.org.uk/P](https://www.w.lincspcf.org.uk/P)

[Subscribe.php](https://www.w.lincspcf.org.uk/P/subscribe.php)

Virtual Time2talk – Lincolnshire Autism Strategy

Tuesday 21st September 7pm

This one off event is aimed at parents of children with Autism and also young people themselves.

Join LPCF & Lincolnshire Young Voices for this short meet up for a quick chat about the Lincolnshire strategy and to gain feedback about what is important to families in Lincolnshire.

No need to book - just be first in the waiting room as places are limited.

Please view the Lincolnshire Strategy on the LCC website before the meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88464211552?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88464211552?pwd=UTFpYU4xbXhram4yTHBMTEtTRm5zQT09)

pwd=UTFpYU4xbXhram4yTHBMTEtTRm5zQT09

Meeting ID: 884 6421 1552

Passcode: 647359

Time2talk

Need a listening ear? Got a little question you want to ask?

Not clear about something or perhaps you just want to share your thoughts with someone with experience of parenting a children with a Disability or additional need?

Join LPCF for these short meet ups for a quick chat to touch base.

We are holding a special evening meeting for parents who are unable to make a day time meeting.

Monday 4th October 2021 at 1pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84661730714?pwd=SkpQYVg2WkwrYVJma2t4YkJCNVA4Zz09>

Meeting ID: 846 6173 0714

Passcode: 534574

No need to book - just be first in the waiting room as places are limited.

anything but it does help our Charity.

LPCF Lottery Club – we have a small lottery club , which helps to raise funds and you can join for either £26 for 6 months or £52 for a year. Monthly prizes are £50, £10 and £5. Winners can be seen on the funding page.

You've got to be in it to win it!!

Why not bookmark LPCF's website on your browser for easy access.



Lincolnshire Parent Carer Forum

Parent Recognition Awards – Special award

The Tom Cross Memorial Award for Parent Recognition is looking to parents of children with SEND to identify other parents of children with SEND who really stand out. They will have gone that extra mile and deserve some recognition for their efforts or inspiration in helping yourself, your family or child.

They may have been there when they were overwhelmed, they may have provided some practical support or they may have been inspired to change.

Do you know of any parents who would like to nominate another parent on our membership?

For parents to make a nomination they need to be a member of LPCF.

LPCF Excellence Awards

Have you been working with a family and have achieved positive results – if so please ask them to join LPCF and nominate your service for our LPCF Excellence award.

You never know you could win it!

Please see our Hall of fame for the recent nominations https://www.lincspcf.org.uk/P_Award_HOF.php

It could be you ?

Information on Covid

LPCF have dedicated a section in the Information Library to the current COVID-19 crisis. It has lots of information and support for parents and also lots of activities and resources for children.

LPCF Outreach Project

We still have some free capacity if you would like a Zoom visit from one of our volunteers to let your staff or the parents you work with know more about LPCF.

For availability please email admin@lincspcf.org.uk.

Max Cards

Parents who join our membership and fulfil the criteria are offered a free discount card. The Information page of the LPCF website contains more detail.

Consultations

We have added a few more consultations to our website that may be of interest

https://www.lincspcf.org.uk/P_Consultation.php

- Lincolnshire Young Voices – SEND Accessibility Survey
- ADHD Foundation