

St. Helena's Weekly Newsletter

Dear Families,

Thank you for your generous Harvest gifts; we will ensure they are delivered to Alford Food Bank who continue to support local families during these tricky times.

You will notice, we are sending you a gift home today - a bread dough bun ready for cooking! The children have made the dough as part of our Harvest Festival (outside in the Churchyard!) and below are the cooking instructions from Rev. Sherine:

Preheat the oven to gas 7, 220°C, fan 200°C. Shape the dough into a roll shape and place on a baking tray, until doubled in size, could take around 30-60 minutes. Put the tray in the oven and bake for around 15 minutes, until golden brown. Enjoy!

My Grandad was a baker and there was nothing nicer than scrabbling up the half door and poking my nose over the top to see him kneading the huge mounds of dough in clouds of flour. Always, without fail, I would get a bread bun or even one of his famous cakes before they were sold in his shop - no wonder I love bread and cakes (as well as chocolate).

Thank you also for those of you who were able to visit our Portrait Gallery this morning - the children are so proud of their self portraits and they are truly beautiful. We promise they will come home eventually! Thank you to Mrs Young for opening the exhibition and to Ms Wickland who has spent hours setting up the gallery.

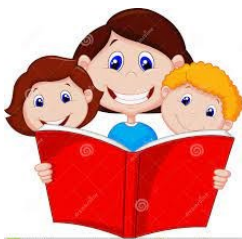
Our ambition this year is to share the Arts, Sports, Science, Humanities and Technology with the children as much as possible - the "hands-on learning" of these subjects has been compromised over the last 18 months but it is very much alive and well in school again! Our children are loving being artists, discoverers, scientists, sports people and musicians with their friends.

Enjoy the Autumnal sunshine this weekend and have some lovely family time together.

Can you help?

Do you, or another family member, have time to listen to children read? If so please can you contact the school office.

Thank you



**Year 1 Parents' Meetings
are on Wednesday 13th October
with Miss Newson.**

Have you got your appointment booked?

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 contribution 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



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 contributions 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.

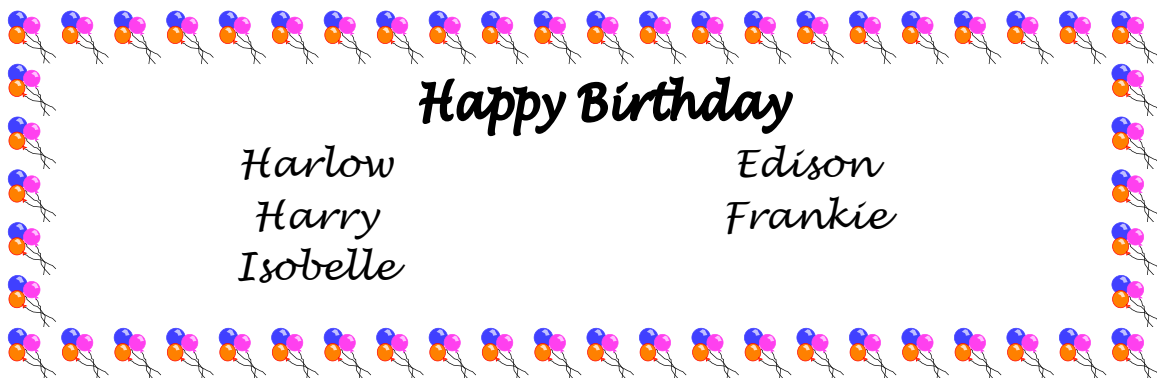
Year 2 Swimming - Term 2.

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Sunnyside Garden

Last Friday the Reception class visited Sunnyside for the first time whilst on their wellie walk. After looking round the garden, they planted up 3 pots with bulbs which I had stored since last spring. They carefully planted the bulbs with their pointed side up and then covered them with potting compost. I then added 4 pansy plants to each pot. The children are hoping to see daffodils in the spring on a future visit.

This morning I have weeded and composted a small area in which to plant garlic. I bought one large bulb and am dividing it up so that I can plant each clove separately, 3cm deep and 10cm apart. These will be ready for harvesting in a years time.

Chips, our tabby cat has been helping this morning in the garden, by sitting and watching in a sunny spot. She is not liking the wet and cooler weather we have had this week. Now that we have had some rain it is much easier to clear and dig over the vegetable patch.

Love from Mrs Fulwood.



Diary Dates 2021/2022

OCTOBER

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
 4th St Helena's Open Day and Open Evening
 5th Y2 swimming starts.
 18th Flu immunisations.
 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

Parent Events and Workshops

A Date with Dan: Keeping Children and Young People safe Online

Online safety can be a bit of a minefield and many of us have lots of questions on how we can not only keep our children safe but also let them enjoy the benefits the online world brings. After our live streamed event earlier this year, many parents and carers asked for the opportunity to ask us some questions. Join our resident Online Safety Officer, Dan Hawbrook, on the 25th November 2021 for a special Question and Answer session for parents and carers which will cover whatever YOU want to know – whether it's game ratings, parental controls, bullying or strangers – we will let you ask us those burning questions.

Sign up will be required to access this FREE session: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-date-with-dan-tickets-168597709287>

Parent Protect Resources

The Lucy Faithfull Foundation has produced some fantastic, bitesize, information clips and resources for parents around protecting children and young people from harmful sexual behaviour both online and offline. Child sexual abuse is a major public health problem affecting more than a million children under the age of 16 in the UK. All available evidence indicates that the risk to children has grown during the Covid-19 pandemic. Parents can learn from short films telling them what they need to know about child sexual abuse and how to prevent it, including spotting the signs and online safety. <https://www.parentsprotect.co.uk/>

PRIMARY STUDENT WORKSHOPS

Positive Relationships Year 5

Session ran by Positive health with year 5 the session will concentrate on dealing with friendship issues and building a solid self esteem. The pupils start by thinking of the different people that they have a relationship with and how they interact differently with each group. Do adults have more power than them in a relationship, and if they do then should all adults have that power? How can they say no to an adult if they feel uncomfortable? Positive health will look at the difference between secrets and surprises explaining with some scenarios for the class to discuss and deciding what they would do, this includes what to do if they are asked to keep an uncomfortable secret. Finally, self-esteem is discussed. Workshops cost £60 per class and can be booked here <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/directory-record/66751/positive-relationship-workshop-for-year-5>

Positive Relationships Year 6

Nationally there have been an increase of issues with harassment and consent within schools, including a shocking report from OFSTED. Therefore, Positive Health have updated their year 6 Positive Relationship session to cover how we respect personal space, boundaries, and consent. They will ensure that the students are clear regarding the correct names for body parts and will discuss which parts of the body are private, and which parts we are ok with being touched (with consent!) and how everyone is different. Also depending on the relationship that you have with someone can determine how much personal space you are comfortable with. Respecting each others personal space and boundaries is taught using a mixture of worksheets, group ideas and videos. They endeavour to make sure the students understand what they can consent to at their age and also the consequences if we don't respect others. Workshops cost £60 per class and can be booked here <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/directory-record/1596/positive-relationship-workshop-for-year-6>

Free Year 6 Online Safety Workshops

These are given out on a first come first served basis and slots get filled quickly. During this workshop students will focus on the positives behind the internet, but being mindful that we will have to discuss some of the negatives related to the internet. We are focusing on Malicious Communication this year. What is online bullying, how can we protect ourselves from abusive behaviour online? What does the law say? If your school has had particular issues around any issues such as WhatsApp Group messaging or gaming then we can tailor the session to address the school's current need. Just let us know on the booking form and we will be sure to target this area. <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/directory-record/1558/e-safety-workshop-for-year-6-students#>

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Dear Parent

ELECTION OF A PARENT GOVERNOR

A vacancy has arisen for a Parent Governor at this school, and it is therefore necessary to hold an election.

The governing body, with the headteacher, has overall responsibility for the running of the school. Governing bodies have three main roles:-

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- Holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils; and
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

Governors are not expected to be involved in the day-to-day management and administration of the school, but rather to set strategic plans for the school and to provide the Headteacher with guidance on general principles. However, Governors need a strong commitment to the role, the curiosity to question, analyse and the willingness to learn. In particular, at this time the Board needs someone with good financial knowledge. It would be expected that you made a visit to school at least once a year.

It should be noted that an elected Parent Governor is appointed for a 4 year term and may continue in office even though their child may have left the school part way through their four year term of office. Our full governing body usually meets 6 times a year and there is currently one committee for finance which usually meets 3 times a year.

If you are interested in being a candidate please complete the slip attached, proposed and seconded by a current parent of the school and forward it to the Returning Officer at the school, to arrive not later than 10am on Wednesday 13th October 2021. It is recommended that candidates supply a short personal statement (**not more than 50 words**) about themselves for circulation to voters.

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Candidates should be aware of certain disqualification clauses relating in particular to bankruptcy and criminal convictions. If you are in any doubt about your eligibility to stand for election please contact the Returning Officer who will be able to supply you with further details.

If the number of candidates exceeds the number of vacancies, you will be sent voting slips and details about the electoral process via your child. The results of the election will be announced in the school newsletter.

Any queries relating to this election should be made to the Returning Officer at the school.

Yours sincerely

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Parent Governor Nominations

To the Returning Officer of St Helena's Church of England Primary School,
Willoughby. (Closing date 10am on Wednesday 13th October 2021)

(Please use Block Capitals)

I
(Full Name)

of
(Address)

wish to stand for election as a Parent Governor of St Helena's CE Primary
School, Willoughby.

This nomination is proposed by
(Full Name)

and

seconded by
(Full Name)

Who are both parents of pupils registered at St Helena's CE Primary School,
Willoughby.

You have the opportunity to write a statement overleaf to set out (a) evidence
of the extent to which you possess the skills and experience the governing body
desires; (b) your commitment to undertake training to acquire or develop the
skills to be an effective governor; if seeking re-election, details of your
contribution to the work of the governing body during your previous term of
office; and (d) how you plan to contribute to the future work of the governing
body.

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Personal Statement *(100 words max)*

Signed.....

Date.....