

St. Helena's Weekly Newsletter

Dear Families,

Our favourite author, James Mayhew, visited school yesterday and I can only describe the experience as "stories, paint and giggles". He was wonderful and the children were transfixed. Not only could he draw illustrations upside down but with a pen as well - he didn't use a rubber once! He also told the best stories, enthralling everyone.

He was just magical with the children and adults in school and made us all feel like artists and writers - something we are desperately trying to help the children feel confident to do every day.

The children's results with pen and watercolour were amazing after watching James draw some of his illustrations. Hopefully, the next time you are in school, you will be able to see the children's wonderfully creative pictures in their sketch books. Father Christmas might even be able to pop pens, inks, watercolour paints and sketch books into their stockings/pillow cases - if they have been good!

"Art is much less important than life, but what a poor life without it!"



Donations for the School Association Raffle will be gratefully received. Please take to the school office - Thank you.

Raffle is on Friday 26th November, 2021 at the end of the school day.

Diary Dates 2021/2022

20th Staff Training Day

NOVEMBER

21st 3pm Forest Church at St. Helena's Church
25th Y3 & Y4 children visit Magna.
26th School Association Raffle on the
playground
29th NSPCC 'Stay Safe' to all classes

DECEMBER

3rd 3:30-5pm School Association Film Night
4th 9-11am School Association Breakfast with
Santa
6th-9th Y5 and Y6 Bikeability
7th 9:45am Little Explorers' dress rehearsal
10th Christmas Jumper Day
13th 9:30am Year 3 Dress Rehearsal
14th 10am Little Explorers' Nativity
1:30pm Dress Rehearsal Reception
children Nativity
6pm Year 3 Christmas Performance
15th 10am YR Nativity
1pm Rudy's Run-St Barnabas Hospice
16th 9:15am Year 1 and 2 Christmas Nativity
Rehearsal.
Christmas Dinner
Little Explorers' Christmas Party
Reception Children Christmas Party
5pm Year 1 & 2 Christmas Nativity
17th 2pm Christingle Service
17th End of Term 2

JANUARY 2022

4th School Opens—Term 3
14th School Association Disco Night

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

Christmas Performances

In our endeavours to remain COVID secure and to celebrate Christmas together we are restricting families to 2 tickets at their child's performance, you and a family member may attend either the dress rehearsal or the afternoon/evening performance.

Please do not ask for any more tickets at the office as we will have to say no.

Please complete the form below to book your ticket.

Christmas Performances

Please reserve 2 tickets/ 1 ticket (delete as appropriate) for the following performance. Please give details in the space below which performance you require.

Signed

Child's name.....

Sunnyside Garden

I walked round the garden today and noticed some of the shrubs that are flowering now, so took some photographs for you. These plants keep their leaves all through the year but have attractive flowers or berries in the autumn.

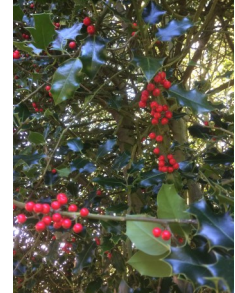
The first one is called fatsia japonica and has large leaves that look like hands. The sprays of white flowers suddenly appear each November and I really look forward to seeing these flowers at this time of year.

The shrub with the yellow flowers is called mahonia and brightens up the front garden. There is one of these shrubs in the car park at school near the hall window. Have a look for it next time you leave school.

The holly tree near our house is huge with lots of prickly leaves. This autumn it still has lots of red berries on it. Usually the birds have eaten all the berries by now. They must have found plenty of other food this year.

Shrubs are really useful in the garden as once they are planted they keep growing each year and just need occasional pruning to help them keep in shape and not get too large.

Love from Mrs Fulwood.



**Year 2 swimming every Friday.
Please remember your swimming kit AND towel.**

After School Clubs

Music Makers and Recorders will not be on next week however, all other clubs are.

Places are still available for Y4-Y6 to join STEM club on a Wednesday. If your child would like to join please complete the consent slip below and return to the school office on Monday.

Please collect your children at 4:30pm.

Y4 - Y6 STEM After School Club.

I/We consent to joining the After School STEM Club on a Wednesday.

Signed

Date

Year 3 and Year 4 visit Magna

As part of their Science studies the Year 3 and 4 children will be visiting Magna, Rotherham on Thursday 25th November. They will be leaving by coach at 7:30am and will return at approximately 4:30pm. **Please can you ensure your child is in school for 7:20am so that the bus can leave on time?** - Thank you. They will need to wear school uniform but will also need to dress warmly as it can be cold at Magna. They will also require a packed lunch and plenty to drink, school will provide a packed lunch for the children who are eligible for free school meals. Please contact Mrs Brown/Mrs Storr if you would like to provide your own.

We, kindly, ask for a contribution of £17.50 per child towards the cost of this visit, payment can be made via Parentmail or at the school office. Unfortunately, if we do not receive sufficient contributions for this visit it may not be able to go ahead.

The children have brought home consent forms which must be completed and returned to school with your contributions by Monday 22nd November 2021. Thank you.

Lincs FM's Cash for Kids

Lincs FM's Cash for Kids are bringing the biggest gift appeal in the UK to Lincolnshire and Newark to help children in poverty at risk of waking up to nothing on Christmas Day. 1 in 3 children live in poverty and, for some families, Christmas is a luxury they just cannot afford. With the reduction in Universal credit and the end of the furlough scheme we know many more families are going to have to choose between heating their house and putting food on the table or providing Christmas gifts.

Mission Christmas helps alleviate that worry, ensuring that no child goes without on Christmas morning.

St Helena's are supporting the campaign by receiving donations of gifts (I will put a box in the foyer) and also if parents wanted to donate any cash, here is a fundraising page

[Lincs FM Mission Christmas Fundraising 2021 | Lincs FM Cash for Kids - Cash for Kids \(cashforkidsgive.co.uk\)](https://www.cashforkidsgive.co.uk)



Reception children starting in September 2022

If your child was born between September 2017 and August 31 2018, they are eligible to start school from September 2022. You can apply online at www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions or can telephone 01522 782030. Closing date is January 15 2022.

Parking

Unfortunately, the office has received another call from a local resident complaining about the parking at drop off and collection times.

Please, please can you all park safely, in accordance with the highway code and respectfully to all our local residents. A lot of double parking appears to be taking place at the moment. Recently, the bus could not get down the road as cars were parked on both sides. If an ambulance or fire engine needs to get through this will cause havoc and may cause destruction to your vehicles!

Please do not park in the taxi/bus area outside school as this area is specifically for the bus children's safety.

Thank you.

ALFORD'S Spectacular EXTRAVAGANZA 2021

SATURDAY 27th NOVEMBER
Start: 12pm in Market Place Finish at 7pm - Lights Switch on 5.30pm

FREE BUS
From surrounding villages & back

- ★ Santa's Procession
- ★ Christmas Attractions
- ★ Santa's Grotto at Manor House
- ★ Christmas Market
- ★ Live Music ★ Food Stalls
- ★ Light Switch On

More info: www.alford.info

Hosted By

ALFORD TOWN PROMOTIONS | ALFORD MANOR HOUSE | ALFORD TOWN COUNCIL | ALFORD CRAFT MARKET

Cornmarket Craft & Flea

FESTIVE SUNDAY MARKETS 2021
November 14th & 28th & December 12th
10am - 4pm

FREE Face Painting | FREE Balloon Twisting

Join us for a Christmas Sing-a-long and meet Father Christmas Hog Roast ★ Mulled Wine ★ Roast Chestnuts

@CornmarketCF
 For trading opportunities please contact Tyme Flies on 07469 190054 or email info@tymeflies.co.uk

CORNMARKET | LOUTH | LINCOLNSHIRE | LN11 9PY

BOYZ ONLY DANCE CLASS

Top Limitz Dance Academy
 REALISING EVERY DREAM

EVERY WEDNESDAY 5-6PM
AGES 5+
BOOK YOUR SPACE NOW

FUN, FRIENDLY STREET DANCE CLASS FOR BOYS ONLY - LEARN NEW MOVES AND TRICKS WITH ONE OF OUR TOP MALE CHOREOGRAPHERS!