



St. Helena's Weekly Newsletter

Dear Families,

I hope you had a lovely October break. I visited Blundell Park to cheer on the Mariners the first Saturday of the half term holiday. The game was fast, furious, frenetic, full of shenanigans and a fight to the end to score that elusive goal. As my dear old Dad would say, "Football is a perfect metaphor for life" and he was right. Let's hope we can protect our children from this so that they can enjoy the thrills and spills of childhood and leave the worries to the grown-ups.

This term has many thrilling opportunities for the children to enjoy - concerts, nativities, a visiting pantomime theatre group, Christingle, Christmas tree decorating and Breakfast with Santa. Keep checking the newsletter for updates.

I hope you have managed to book an appointment with your child's class teacher. It is vital that we all understand your child's strengths and areas to develop so that we can work together, supporting the learning. Reading support is vital - family time together reading and enjoying stories makes such a difference for your child. It is the passport to success throughout their education. For this reason, we are holding informal gatherings to discuss ideas to help your child with their reading. Please join us if you can; hope families enjoyed the Reading Café this morning, it was a huge success and so we will have one a month.

Attendance

There has been an increased number of requests to take children early from school - please note this is not something we can authorise. We will need to see proof of hospital and doctor's appointments before granting permission. We do realise some appointments are not within your control.

We have also noticed an increased number of children arriving late to school; this cannot be authorised and makes it very embarrassing for the children when they must enter Collective Worship after everyone else. Please talk to us so a solution can be found to help your family.

The Department for Education states that children should be in school for six and a half hours every day. Our school times are: 8:50am - 3:25pm and those times should be adhered to.

Thank you for your understanding and compliance.

School Association Film Night – The Bad Guys



Thursday, 10th November - 3.30pm-5pm
Popcorn and sweets provided
We hope to see the children there!

Alford's Spectacular Extravaganza

Saturday 26th November

12.00 - 19.00

Free Bus Travel

Santas Parade . 5.30pm

Light Switch On . 6pm

Santas Grotto in Manor House
(Til 5.30pm)

Christmas Market

Food Stalls Live Music

Christmas Attractions



More info: www.alford.info

Newspapers

Miss Wickland's class (Y5) would be grateful for old newspapers as they are going to be doing paper mache.



Thank you

SATs

Year 2 and Year 6 SATs will be taking place during the month of May. It is very important for the children to be in school during this month, so please do not book holidays.

Thank you.

Years 1 and 2 swimming

Swimming starts on Friday 11th November.

If Year 1 can please come to school with their swimming costumes/trunks underneath their uniform it will help!

We kindly, ask for a contribution of £55.50 towards the cost of Term 2's swimming. Payments can be made via Parentmail or at the school office.

Years 1 and 2 swimming—Term 2

I/We enclose a contribution of £55.50 towards the cost of swimming for Term 2.

Child's name

Signed

Date

After School Clubs week commencing 7th November 2022

Monday	Multi Skills Y4, Y5, and Y6 Choir
Thursday	Girls' Football
Friday	Drama Club

All clubs finish at 4:30pm



Parents' Meetings

If you have already had a learning plan meeting you will not need a further parents' meeting.

Year 2 with Miss Newson	Wednesday 9th November
Year 3 with Mrs Fountain	Friday 11th November
Year 4 with Mr Goddard	Monday 7th November
Year 6 with Mrs Roberts	Thursday 10th November

Have you booked your appointment? Please book via Parentmail.

School Uniform

New School Uniform is available from Nationwide Uniform at Spilsby and pre-loved uniform is available from Alford Hub, which is opposite the butchers in Alford.

Alford Hub are always grateful for any good pre-loved uniform your children may have outgrown.



Diary Dates 2022/2023

NOVEMBER

10th 3:30-5pm SA Film Night
16th YR to Y6 Flu Nasal Spray
18th Children in Need
20th Forest Church

DECEMBER

8th Christmas Jumper Day
9:30am KS1 Christmas Performance
Rehearsal
5pm KS1 Christmas Performance
9th 3:30pm SA Raffle on the playground
10th 9am-11am SA Breakfast with Santa
12th 2pm Reception Nativity Rehearsal
13th 2pm Reception Nativity Performance
14th Bubble Theatre Company—Cinderella to
whole school
15th Rudy's Run
Christmas Dinner for whole school
16th End of Term 2

JANUARY 2023

3rd Staff Training Day
4th School Open—Term 3

FEBRUARY

10th End of Term 3
20th School Open—Term 4

MARCH

31st End of Term 4

APRIL

17th Staff Training Day
18th School Open—Term 5

MAY

26th End of Term 5

JUNE

5th School Open—Term 6

JULY

21st End of Term 6

SEPT

6th School Opens—Term 1

BY WILLOUGHBY EVENTS COMMITTEE

**WILLOUGHBY BONFIRE
&
FIREWORKS DISPLAY**
Guy Fawkes Competition
FRIDAY 4TH NOVEMBER
6.00 - 8.30pm
THE VILLAGE GREEN, MAIN ROAD,
WILLOUGHBY
LN13 9NH
£5 ADULTS, under 12's free
BBQ - burgers - hotdogs - drinks
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