



St. Helena's Weekly Newsletter

Dear Families,

At the end of last term, some of our Governors met with the Members of Parliament to create a new motto for our school. The old one "To learn is to live" was created by a past pupil, Matthew Hancock many years ago. At the time, it was the 400th Centenary of Captain John Smith's voyage to Virginia and seeing as he is the most famous inhabitant of Willoughby and Hollywood had made a film about him in 2007, we used his Coat of Arms' motto to frame ours!

The Governors and children felt it needed changing so together they came up with:

"It is our responsibility to learn and achieve our dreams as a family."

Now the challenge is to live by our motto and do all we can to ensure we bring those dreams to fruition. I was so proud to talk with a Y6 pupil this week who said, after a discussion with his dad, that he was going to do more maths home learning now as he dreams of becoming an accountant.

I was very impressed when the children chose the words **our responsibility** so the teaching teams, this term, are focussed on helping all children understand how they can help themselves as learners in the classroom and on the playground. It is only human nature to rely on others when your skills are emerging as readers, writers, mathematicians, scientists etc but the greatest learners are those who rise to the challenge, persist, remain self-disciplined and resolute and use what they know to help themselves every single day!

Warmest wishes for 2023.

Mrs B x

P.S. I'm here until the end of this term so keep contacting me if you think I can help with anything.

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Years 1 and 2 swimming

Year 1 and 2 will continue swimming on Fridays except it will now be at the Richmond pool in Skegness as Southview will be closed. Children will be leaving school at 9:05am so please ensure they are in school on time!

If all the children can please come to school with their swimming kit underneath this will make it a lot easier at the pool—thank you.

We kindly, ask for a contribution of £46.25 towards the cost of Term 3's swimming. Payments can be made via Parentmail or at the school office.

Attendance between 04.01.23 and 06.01.23

St Helena's attendance for the whole school is 94.4% (Ofsted's expectation is above 94%)

12 late arrivals have been recorded this week and due to this 1 hour and 52 minutes learning time has been lost

0 children left school early

Total learning time lost by late arrivals and early leavers = 1 hour and 52 minutes.

Year 5 & 6 visit Jorvik Centre and The Dig, York

As part of their History studies, the children will be visiting The Jorvik Centre and The Dig at York on Monday 30th January 2023.

The children will be leaving school at 7am and will be back at school at approximately 5:15pm. They will need to wear school uniform, sensible shoes and a coat. They will also need a packed lunch, drinks and snacks.

We kindly ask for a contribution of £27 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. A contact/medical/consent form will also be sent home with the children, which must be returned before the visit.

'Sharing is Caring' Board

Dear Community,

Do you have any money off or other types of vouchers or event tickets that you won't be making use of? Would you like to know someone else is making use of and benefiting from them?

If so, then why not pin them onto our 'Sharing is Caring' board in the school's foyer. There may even be a voucher or ticket already attached that you could put to good use.

The board is for all of the school community to access, share and use to give a little bit of help. Please come and take a look.

If you are unable to come into school to share a voucher, please send it in with your child and ask them to take it to the office.

Thank you - Phil Startin (Parent Governor)

Diary Dates 2022/2023

JANUARY 2023

- 20th Weight/Height measure YR and Y6
25th Reading Cafe
27th Reception and Year 1 visit Wild Woodcraft.
30th Year 5 & 6 visit Jorvik Centre, York

FEBRUARY

- 10th End of Term 3
20th School Open—Term 4
22nd Reading Cafe
23rd Year 1 & 2 visit Lincoln Castle

MARCH

- 29th Reading Cafe
31st End of Term 4

APRIL

- 17th Staff Training Day
18th School Open—Term 5
26th Reading Cafe

MAY

- 8th BANK HOLIDAY-School Closed
9th-12th Year 6 SATS
26th End of Term 5

Throughout the month of May Y2 assessments will be taking place.

JUNE

- 5th School Open—Term 6
Throughout the month of June Y1 Phonics assessments will be taking place.

JULY

- 21st End of Term 6

SEPT

- 6th School Opens-Term 1



Head lice

Please can you all check (and treat if necessary) your child's hair. We currently have head lice in a few classrooms.

Many thanks

Year 1 & 2 will be swimming every Friday. Please remember your swimming kit!



Reception Children September 2023

This weekend, Sunday 15th January 2023, is the closing date for Reception children starting school in September 2023.

To make an application online you need to make an account on the parent portal if you haven't done so already, or log back in to your account. To access the parent portal first read the information on [Apply for a school place - Before you apply - Lincolnshire County Council](#) and then continue to the next page titled 'how to apply' where you will find a large orange button labelled 'Make or amend a school application'.

Reception and Year 1 visit Wild Woodcraft on Friday 27th January 2023

Reception and Year 1 children will be visiting Wild Woodcraft on Friday 27th January, 2023 for a "Gruffalo" day.

The children will be leaving school at 9:15am and will be back at school for the end of their usual day.

They will need to wear old clothes, as they may get muddy, and trainers or wellington boots. They will need a coat and warm clothing as they are outside all day. They will also need a packed lunch and plenty to drink.

We kindly ask for a contribution of £18 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.

Reception and Year 1 visit Wild Woodcraft on Friday 27th January 2023

I/we consent to visiting Wild Woodcraft.

Signed

Date

After School Clubs

Monday Year 4/5 & 6 Netball Club with Mrs Storr (spaces still available).

Year 3/4/5 & 6 Football with JB Sports.

Thursday Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Girls Football with Mrs Roberts.

Friday Drama Club with Mrs Belton continues.

Y1/2 storytelling club with Mrs Askew

All clubs finish at 4:30pm except Storytelling Club which finishes at 4pm.

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.



Reading Café

on Wednesday the 25th January 2023

8:15am in the school hall

There will be a small raffle to raise money for the transport for Young Voices. Tickets will be 50 pence each.

The Reading Café will be on the last Wednesday of each month.

On 23rd February Year 1 and Year 2 will be visiting Lincoln Castle. More details to follow in next week's newsletter.

Team Around the Child in Lincolnshire

A Guide for Parents and Families

Useful Information

EHA (Early Help Assessment) - This is a process used to discuss your child's needs and what support you want for them.

TAC (Team Around the Child) - A group of people, including you and your child, who work together to support your child.

LP (Lead Professional) - The person who is your main contact, coordinating the support and offering further advice.

Information about your family will not be shared without you agreeing to this, unless there is a safeguarding concern.

Where can I find further information?

You can access all information and paperwork within the TAC process via the TAC Microsite www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/TAC

If you are worried and you feel a child is at risk of harm, please telephone 01522 782111

For further Safeguarding information, please access the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Board via their website www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/lscb

For further information around services supporting families in Lincolnshire www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/fsd



“The TAC process helped in getting the right support. It has helped us to deal with things differently. I felt listened to. (Parents & Families)”