



# St. Helena's Weekly Newsletter

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

*Opening minds, widening horizons and developing a better world.*

*Valuing Community, Compassion, Endurance, Friendship, Hope, Respect, Thankfulness, Wisdom*

Dear Children, Families, Staff and Governors,

My own High School motto, as I have often told the children, was:

"Must give, else never can receive!"

I am sure I have not given you enough to deserve, in return, such an amazing gift as the two hospitality football tickets to Liverpool on May 6<sup>th</sup> that you presented me with in Church at the end of last term. I was overwhelmed and a little lost for words, but I am beyond excited, especially after Monday night's result against Leeds! A huge THANK YOU to everyone for such an incredible present - the memories of which I will never forget.

It looks like Mr Belton has been on his best behaviour and so I will take him - sorry, Charlie in Year 4, I know you were hoping to accompany me!

I promise to share lots of photographs and stories on my return.

Next week is a busy one in school with the new Headteacher interviews on Tuesday and budget setting work on the go! The Year 6 children are preparing for their National Reading, Maths, Spelling and Grammar tests starting on the 9<sup>th</sup> May and the youngest children are thinking about making their crowns for the Coronation.

You are all invited to our Coronation on Friday May 5<sup>th</sup> at 11am in Church followed by a picnic on the village green, provided free for all children in school. In the afternoon, we are going to participate in King Charles' two favourite hobbies, gardening, and painting. Watch out for another exhibition in the King's honour.

Once again, a massive thank you for my retirement gift - I love it!

Mrs B x



School Association Film Night –  
The Magician's Elephant



Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April - 3.30pm-5pm

Popcorn and sweets provided!

Permission Slips coming home with the children! We hope  
to see the children there!

## After School Clubs-Term 5

Monday	Rounders for Years 3/4/5 and 6 with JB Sports Netball for Years 4/5 and 6 with Mrs Storr
Tuesday	Forest Club for Years 1/2 and 3 with Mrs Sherwood STEM Club for Years 3/4/5/ and 6 with Mr Goddard
Wednesday	SATs Club with Mrs Roberts (Invitation only) Portrait Club for Years 2/3/4/5 and 6 with Mrs Belton
Thursday	Girls' Football for Years 3/4/5 and 6 with Mrs Roberts

Spaces are still available for some of these clubs please ask at the office.

## Relationships, Sex and Health Education.

Mrs Roberts will be talking to the Year 6 children about Relationships, Sex and Health next week. The children will be watching videos about growing up and reproduction. If you would like to see the videos before the session please speak to Mrs Roberts or Mrs Belton on MONDAY. Thank you.

## Parking

Polite reminder ...

Please help us to keep your children safe.

Near the Little Explorers' entrance do not park in the areas marked for the school bus and taxi.

Thank you

## Attendance between 27.03.23 and 31.03.23

St Helena's attendance for the whole school is 95.38% (Ofsted's expectation is above 94%)

30 late arrivals have been recorded this week and due to this 4 hours and 6 minutes learning time has been lost

3 children left school early this week and due to this 3 hours and 55 minutes learning time has been lost

Total learning time lost by late arrivals and early leavers = 8 hours and 1 minute.

## "Power of Parenting" - POP Café

With Mrs Lomas

Every Friday in the school hall

2:15pm until the end of the school day

Come along and share stories, worries, ideas and strategies on being the best parent you possibly can be for your children, whilst enjoying a cuppa and a biscuit together.

No judgement!

## School Transport

If your child is starting primary school or transferring to secondary school in September 2023 they may be eligible for school transport. If you think your child is eligible please apply for transport as soon as you have your offer of a school place (1 March for secondary school or 17 April for primary). Early transport applications are encouraged to ensure that transport is in place in time for the start of the September term. Applications can be made online at the website below or a telephone application can be made by contacting the Customer Service Centre on 01522 782020.

For more information about the home to school transport policy and online applications please go to [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-college-transport](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-college-transport).

Queries can be emailed to [schooltransportapplications@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:schooltransportapplications@lincolnshire.gov.uk).



### School Association Dates for the Diary

Saturday 13th May 9am-11am Breakfast with a footballer

Thursday 27th April 3:15-5pm Film Night

Friday 16th June 7pm Pamper Night and Fashion Show

Year 4 and 5 children.  
Please remember to return your  
Bikeability forms.  
Thank you

## Diary Dates 2023

### APRIL

17th	Staff Training Day
18th	School Open—Term 5
21st	POP Café with Mrs Lomas
26th	Reading Café
27th	School Association Film Night

### MAY

1st	School Closed - Bank Holiday
3rd	Class Photographs
5th	St Helena's Coronation
8th	BANK HOLIDAY-School Closed
9th-12th	Year 6 SATS
13th	9am-11am SA Breakfast with Football
24th	Year 6 Church Schools' Festival
26th	End of Term 5

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

### JUNE

5th	School Open—Term 6
13th	Climate Change Theatre
14th	Sports Afternoon
16th	SA Pamper Night & Fashion Show
26th	Y5 Curriculum Day at JSTC
29th	Whole School Arts Day

Throughout the month of June Y1 Phonics assessments will be taking place.

### JULY

1st	Arts Festival in Alford
6th	Year 6 Induction Day at JSTC
7th	Year 6 Induction Day at JSTC
21st	End of Term 6

### SEPTEMBER

4th	Staff Training Day
5th	Staff Training Day

6th	School Open-Term 1
11th	Individual Photographs
15th	Y6 11+ Verbal
22nd	Y6 11+ Non Verbal

### OCTOBER

20th	End of Term 1
30th	Staff Training Day
31st	School Open—Term 2

### DECEMBER

20th	End of Term 2
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### JANUARY 2024

2nd	Staff Training Day
3rd	School Open - Term 3

### FEBRUARY

9th	End of Term 3
19th	School Open - Term 4

### MARCH

28th	End of Term 4
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### APRIL

15th	Staff Training Day
16th	School Open—Term 5

### MAY

6th	School Closed - Bank Holiday
24th	End of Term 5

### JUNE

3rd	School Open—Term 6
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### JULY

19th	End of Term 6
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## 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.

