



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 Families,

In Collective Worship on Monday, we asked the children what they had learned over the weekend and every child talked about learning important life-lessons outside - mostly risk assessing adventurous play it must be said! What was wonderful was that no child talked about learning something new on screen!

We have taught the children about the creation of the World Wide Web only thirty years ago and how it has revolutionised the way we access and discover new things, keep in touch, and share ideas. We spent time exploring the negative impact of technology in our lives and how we should use it as a force for good.

These conversations about the benefits and pitfalls of the online world would be excellent for you to explore further together at home, especially as it is approaching holiday time and the children may want more screentime.

There are some good books you could share with your children about balancing the use of online games and keeping safe:

When Charlie McButton Lost Power

By Suzanne Collins and Mike Lester

Suitable for children aged 3-8 (may also be suitable for KS2/SEND pupils)

Charlie McButton explores the story of a little boy who likes computer games so much he never plays with anything the else. When a thunderstorm knocks out the electricity his tech empire comes tumbling down. Charlie needs batteries fast the only ones he can find are in his little sisters talking doll. Will he resort to desperate measures and cause his sister to have a meltdown of her own or will he snap out of his computer craze long enough to realize his sister might be fun even if she doesn't come with batteries?!

When Charlie McButton Lost Power can be used to explore addiction and gaming and the need for children to balance technology with offline fun. The book can be used to discuss empathy, using technology responsibly (including screen time) and the need for children to explore and relationships both on and offline.

Tek The Modern Cave Boy

By Patrick McDonnell

Suitable for children aged 3-11 (also be suitable for KS3/SEND pupils)

Tek tells the story of a cave boy in love with tech: his tablet, videogames, phone, and TV keep him deep in his cave, glued to his devices, day in and day out. He never sees his friends or family anymore - and his ability to communicate has devolved to just one word: "UGH"! Can anyone in the village convince Tek to unplug and come outside into the big, beautiful world?

Tek is a tablet shaped book that explores the need to balance technology use with 'real world' activities. Tek can help explore the need for children to balance internet use with offline world fun. It can be used to discuss using technology responsibly and the need for children to explore the world both on and offline.

Once Upon a Time... Online: Happily Ever After Is Only a Click Away!

By David Bedford and Rosie Reeve

Suitable for children aged 3-11 (also be suitable for KS3/SEND pupils)

Once upon a time, a laptop arrived in Fairy-tale land... A happily ever after is only a click away! Find out what happens when our favorite fairy-tale characters receive a laptop and learn a lesson in online safety.

Using popular fairy stories including Jack and the Beanstalk, Little Red Riding Hood, Rapunzel and cinderella, the book explores issues such as safe shopping.

Keeping children safe online is a critical part of parenting these days and not an easy task. Mr Goddard can help any family set up privacy settings, screentime limits and blocks. He can also recommend child-friendly games and learning apps that may be useful.

Better still, put the ipads, Xboxes, laptops and phones away this holiday and enjoy the outdoors.

Happy playing,

Mrs B x

School Association need your help!

We are looking for raffle prizes for our Pamper Evening and would be very grateful if you could contribute in any way.

We would especially like:

- Bottles of wine (alcoholic or alcohol free!)
- Chocolates
- Bath Bombs
- Bubble bath/shower gel
- Anything that has a 'self care' feel to it

Please take any donations into the office.

If you have a business, or are in a position to donate, any help would be appreciated purchasing items for our 'goodie bags' that will be given to everyone who comes as part of their ticket price. Please call/message Hayley on 07909791924 if you would like to help with this.

Don't worry if you are unable to do any of the above. We will be happy just to see you on the night and give you an evening of fun and pampering so don't forget to buy your ticket from the school office as soon as possible - this will help us have an idea of numbers to cater for. Please also share details and invite your friends and family. Posters are available in the office if you have somewhere to display one.

Thank you again for your support. Looking forward to a fantastic evening!



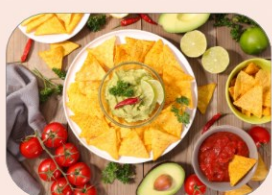
St Helena's Church of England Primary School, Willoughby

Pamper Evening

Friday 16th June 2023
7pm - 9pm



Please join us for an evening of fun and therapy
Catch up with your friends over a glass of bubbles,
give yourself a bit of retail therapy and book yourself
in for a treatment to pamper yourself from head to
toe, leaving you feeling revived and radiant!



Nibbles



Complimentary glass
of Prosecco or
Buck's Fizz



Gift bag

Head, body and hand massages, skincare,
cocktail candy floss.. and more!

**BUY
NOW**

Tickets £5 per person
All money raised for School Association

Everyone is welcome
Buy your tickets in school
or contact Hayley on 07909791924

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Diary Dates 2023

JUNE

- 5th School Open—Term 6
Y6 Magistrates Court Workshop
- 6th KEVIS Spilsby meeting Y6 children transition there in September.
- 13th Climate Change Theatre
- 14th Sports Afternoon
- 15th Year 1 and 2 visit to Snipe Dales
- 16th SA Pamper Night
- 21st Ms Miller visiting Y6 transitioning to JSTC
- 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
- 4th KEVI Spilsby Y6 Transition Day
- 5th KEVI Spilsby Y6 Transition Day
Louth Academy Y6 Transition Day
5-6pm September Reception Parents' Meeting
- 6th JSTC Y6 Transition Day
Louth Academy Y6 Transition Day
QEGS, Alford Y6 Transition Day
Skegness Academy Y6 Transition Day
- 7th JSTC Y6 Transition Day
Louth Academy Y6 Transition Day
- 10th Banovallum, Horncastle Y6 Transition Day
- 13th 6pm Y6 Celebration Awards etc
- 18th Y6 End of year production
- 19th Open Evening for parents to collect their child's report
- 21st 2pm Leavers' Assembly
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

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

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

JULY

- 19th End of Term 6

"Power of Parenting" - POP Café

With Mrs Lomas

Every Friday in the school hall

2:15pm until the end of the school day

Friday 9th June : Topic: Online Safety

Mr Goddard will be on hand to give advice and answer queries about apps and screen time. Please email the office on admin@st-helenascofe.lincs.sch.uk or speak to Mrs Lomas if you have any specific areas of concern regarding any of these matters.

Reminder. . .

Deposit for the Caythorpe Residential is due by Wednesday 7th June.

Thank you.



School Association

Pamper Night

Friday 16th June 7pm-9pm

Tickets available at the school office

£5 each



Happy Birthday

Penny
Charlie V
Roman

**Breakfast Club starts at 7:30am please stay with your child until it opens.
Thank you.**

Year 1 and 2 visit Snipe Dales

Year 1 and 2 children will be visiting Snipe Dales on Thursday 15th June to look at the plants and find out about how they grow, the right conditions for a plant to grow, germination and what would happen without bees.

The children can wear non uniform and trainers but will also need to bring their wellingtons into school too. They will need a packed lunch and plenty to drink, a waterproof coat, a sun hat and sun cream.

They children will leave school at 9:30am and return for the end of the school day.

We, kindly, ask for a contribution of £25.00 towards the cost of this visit. Please make payment via Parentmail or at the school office.

Year 1 and 2 visit Snipe Dales

I/We consent to Visiting Snipe Dales on Thursday 15th June and enclose a contribution of £..... Towards the cost of this visit.

Signed

Date

After School Clubs

Clubs will continue as follow next term, starting on Monday 5th June, 2023

Monday	Rounders with JB Sports
Tuesday	Forest Club. STEM Club.
Wednesday	Portrait Club.
Thursday	NO Girls football club this week.

All clubs finish at 4:30pm.

Year 6 Important Dates

Monday 5th June	Magistrates Court Workshop.
Wednesday 14th June	4:15pm-5:30pm QEGS Masterclass
Wednesday 21st June	Ms Miller visiting children transitioning to JSTC in September.
Wednesday 21st June	4:15pm-5:30pm QEGS Masterclass.
Wednesday 28th June	4:15-5:30pm QEGS Masterclass.
Tuesday 4th July	KEVI Spilsby Transition Day.
Wednesday 5th July	Louth Academy Transition Day.
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Thursday 6th July	JSTC Transition Day.
Thursday 6th July	QEGS, Alford Transition Day
Thursday 6th July	Skegness Academy Transition Day.
Thursday 6th July	Louth Academy Transition Day.
Friday 7th July	JSTC Transition Day.
Friday 7th July	Louth Academy Transition Day.
Monday 10th July	Banovallum, Horncastle Transition Day.
Thursday 13th July	6pm Celebration Awards/Water Fight/Pizza and Sleepover.
Tuesday 18th July	6pm End of Year Production
Wednesday 19th July	Open Evening for parents to collect their child's school report.
Friday 21st July	2pm Leavers' Assembly.

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 Library in Alford.

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



