



St. Helena's Church of England Primary School

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

Upcoming dates

Tuesday 21st November

7pm School Association Meeting

Thursday 23rd November

3:30-5pm Polar Express Film Night

Saturday 25th November

9am Governors & Parents meet to clear front of school garden area.

Tuesday 28th November

Reading Café in the Hall

Monday 11th December

2pm-2:45pm Reception Nativity Rehearsal

Tuesday 12th December

Y3, 4, 5 & 6 take part in a Carol Service at Lincoln Cathedral.

2pm-3pm Reception Nativity Performance to Parents

Thursday 14th December

10am Singing around the Christmas Tree at The Willoughby Arms

Monday 18th December

9:30am-11:30am Y1 & Y2 Christmas Performance Rehearsal

2pm-3:15pm Y1 & Y2 Christmas Performance to Parents

Tuesday 19th December

Christmas Dinner for the whole school.

Wednesday 20th December

2:30pm Christingle at Church

END OF TERM

Our School Vision

Opening minds, widening horizons, developing a better world.

We seek to reveal and develop the talents of everyone, so that we may flourish and become the valued and valuable person God intended us to be. We work towards every member of our school community being happy, confident, committed learners, reaching their full academic potential. We strive to open minds, widen horizons and develop a better world. We do this by providing a foundation of strong moral and social values, ensuring all can play an active, responsible role within the community.

"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."

John 10:10

Headteacher's message

Due to popular demand, the newsletter will now be published fortnightly! I am pleased to see that the school community value the newsletter and I hope it is keeping you in the loop.

With parents' evenings now complete, I trust that you can see that as a school we strive towards every member of our school community being happy, confident, committed learners, reaching their full academic potential. This has also been evident when I take the time to walk around our wonderful school. I know that our teachers are going above and beyond in supporting the children and I would like to thank them for this.

As we are getting closer to our festive period, I would like to invite the whole community on the 14th December to The Willoughby Arms, where the whole school will be singing around the Christmas tree. I know that our school has a true passion for our community and I would like to take every opportunity to play an active, responsible role within the community, so please do approach me if you have any ideas to achieve this.

I would like to finish by thanking all of the families that have contributed towards our shoe box appeal and the call for medical supplies. This has highlighted to me that Willoughby's strong moral value shines through to develop a better world.



Ed Anderson

Headteacher

School Association

School Association Diary Dates

Tuesday 21st November, 7pm - Meeting in school (New members welcome)

Thursday 23rd November - Film Night (Polar Express)

Breakfast with Santa Date To Be Confirmed

Thursday 25th January - Film Night (Matilda the Musical)

Thursday 8th February - Dickie Bow & Diamonds Disco

Saturday 29th June - Summer Fayre



After School Clubs (3:30-4:30pm)

Monday Multi-skills with JB Sport for Y1 and Y2

Tuesday Dance with Lisa Jay Stage Institute for Y1, Y2, Y3 and Y4

Tuesday If Pages Could Talk with Mrs Roberts for Y5 and Y6

Wednesday Tennis with Charlotte for Y3 and Y4

Friday Football with JB Sport for Y5 and Y6



Children starting school in September 2024

Registration is now open.

If your child was born between 1st September, 2019 and 31st August, 2020 you can apply for a school place from November 2023 until January 2024.

To apply for a school place either go online at www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions or telephone 01522 782030.



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Keep up to date and download today.



2023 Church Schools' Carol Service at Lincoln Cathedral.

The Y3, 4, 5 & 6 will be joining in with the Carol Service at Lincoln Cathedral on Tuesday 12th December.

More details will follow.

Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 After School Musical Drama Club

Places are still available.

An opportunity has arisen for the children to join other schools and be part of a production at the Blackfriars Theatre in Boston. Amanda Rivers, who has worked with the school before, is offering this amazing after school club at St Helena's and then holding the production at Blackfriars. Unfortunately, there is a cost to this but it has been heavily subsidised so, the cost is now £35. This includes 6 x 1½ hours after school clubs, a T-shirt and transport to Boston for the full day of rehearsal. The performance will be held on Friday 23rd February and tickets will be on sale at £5 per person. YOU must be able to collect your child from Boston after the performance.

**Blackfriars
Theatre,
Boston**

The after school clubs start on Thursday 11th January 2024.

If your child would like to take part in the above production please complete the consent slip below and make the payment of £35 via Parentmail or at the school office. There are only 30 places available so this is on a first come first served basis and all slips must be handed into the office by Friday 1st December.

Year 3,4,5 & 6 After School Musical Drama Club

I/We consent to taking part in the above production at Blackfriars and have made the payment of £35.

Made via Parentmail
Enclosed the payment
(Please delete as appropriate)

Signed Date

**Parent Governor
Vacancies**

2 Parent Governor Vacancies.

Coming up in December and February there will be 2 vacancies. Please see the attached letters for more details.



Can you help?

The Governors would like your help on Saturday 25th November at 9am.

They are trying to get a team together to tidy and make the garden at the front of school maintenance free.

If you can help, please speak to Mrs Alana Boxall.

Thank you.

17th November 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

ELECTION OF A PARENT GOVERNOR

Vacancies have arisen for two Parent Governors at this school, and it is therefore necessary to hold an election. One will be available on 18th December 2023 and one will be available on 9th February 2024.

The governing board, with the headteacher, has overall responsibility for the running of the school. The governing board has three main roles:-

Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;

Holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils; and

Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

Governors are not expected to be involved in the day-to-day management and administration of the school, but rather to set strategic plans for the school and to provide the Headteacher with guidance on general principles. However, Governors need a strong commitment to the role, the curiosity to question, analyse and the willingness to learn. It would be expected that you made a visit to school at least once a term.

It should be noted that an elected Parent Governor is appointed for a 4 year term and may continue in office even though their child may have left the school part way through their four year term of office. Our full governing board usually meets 6 times a year and there is currently one committee for finance which usually meets 3 times a year.

If you are interested in being a candidate please complete the slip attached, proposed and seconded by a current parent of the school and forward it to the Returning Officer at the school, to arrive not later than 10am on Monday 4th December 2023. It is recommended that candidates supply a short personal statement (**not more than 50 words**) about themselves for circulation to voters.

Candidates should be aware of certain disqualification clauses relating in particular to bankruptcy and criminal convictions. If you are in any doubt about your eligibility to stand for election please contact the Returning Officer who will be able to supply you with further details.

If the number of candidates exceeds the number of vacancies, you will be sent voting slips and details about the electoral process via your child. The results of the election will be announced in the school newsletter.

Any queries relating to this election should be made to the Returning Officer at the school.

Yours sincerely

Mr E Anderson
Returning Officer

ELECTION OF PARENT GOVERNORS

NOMINATION PROCEDURE - NOTES FOR PARENTS

Eligibility

1. You must be the parent of a registered pupil at the school

The definition of a parent includes any person having all the rights, duties, powers and responsibilities and authority which a parent of a child has by law and therefore may include not only a child's natural parents but also others such as step-parents, relatives or partners of either natural parents or foster parents.

2. You are **NOT** eligible to be a parent governor if:

you work at the school for more than 500 hours per year;

you are an Elected Member of Lincolnshire County Council

You are disqualified by the Regulations - a summary of eligibility requirements is attached with this letter

If you are in any doubt about your eligibility to be a parent governor, please contact the Headteacher.

3. All governor appointments are subject to a signed declaration of eligibility.

How to Stand for Election

4. If you wish to stand for election, please complete the attached form and ask another parent of a registered pupil at the school to second your nomination.
5. It is recommended that all candidates supply a personal statement about themselves for circulation to voters, should a ballot be needed.
6. Completed nomination forms must be returned to the school by 10am on Monday 4th December 2023. You may post your form to the school but it must be with the Returning Officer by this date.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA TO SERVE AS A SCHOOL GOVERNOR

A governor must be aged 18 or over at the time of their election or appointment and cannot hold more than one governorship at the same school.

A person is disqualified from holding or continuing to hold office as a governor or associate member if they:

- are subject to a bankruptcy restriction order, an interim bankruptcy restrictions order, a debt relief restrictions order or an interim debt relief restrictions order;
- have had their estate sequestrated and the sequestration has not been discharged, annulled or reduced;
- are subject to:
 - ⇒ a disqualification order or disqualification undertaking under the Company Directors Act 1986
 - ⇒ a disqualification order under the Companies Directors Disqualification (Northern Ireland) Order 2002
 - ⇒ a disqualification undertaking accepted under the Company Directors Disqualification (Northern Ireland) Order 2002
 - ⇒ an order made under section 429(2)(b) of the Insolvency Act 1986 (failure to pay under a county court administration order);
- have been removed from the office of charity trustee or trustee for a charity by an order made by the Charity Commission or Commissioners or High Court on the grounds of any misconduct or mismanagement in the administration of the charity, or under section 34 of the Charities and Trustees Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 from being concerned in the management or control of anybody;
- are included in the list of people considered by the Secretary of State as unsuitable to work with children;
- are disqualified from working with children or subject to a direction under section 142 of the Education Act 2002;
- are disqualified from working with children under sections 28,29, or 29A of the Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000;
- are disqualified from registration under Part 2 of the Children and Families (Wales) Measure 2010 for child minding or providing day care;
- are disqualified from registration under Part 3 of the Childcare Act 2006;
- have received a sentence of imprisonment (whether suspended or not) for a period of not less than 3 months (without the option of a fine) in the 5 years before or since becoming a governor;
- have received a prison sentence of 2½ years or more in the 20 years before becoming a governor;
- have at any time received a prison sentence of 5 years or more;

- have been convicted under section 547 of EA 1996 (nuisance or disturbance on school premises) or under section 85A of the Further and Higher Education Act 1992 (nuisance or disturbance on educational premise) during the 5 years prior to or since appointment or election as a governor;
- are employed at the school for more than 500 hours per academic year if wishing to stand for parent governor at the same school;
- are an elected member of the Local Authority (applies to parent and community governors only);
- have refused a request by the clerk to the governing body to make an application under section 113B of the Police Act 1997 for a criminal records certificate
- have been disqualified from holding office as a governor of this school due to failure to attend governing body meetings for a continuous period of six months
- have been removed as a governor at a school under Regulation 25 of the School Governance (Constitution and Federations) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 within the last 5 years