



St. Helena's Church of England Primary School

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

Upcoming dates

Wednesday 6th December

Flu nasal spray catch up

Thursday 7th December

Christmas Jumper Day

Saturday 9th December

SA Breakfast with Santa

Monday 11th December

2pm-2:45pm Reception Nativity Rehearsal

Tuesday 12th December

Y3, 4, 5 & 6 at Lincoln Cathedral Carol Service.

2pm-3pm Reception Nativity Performance to Parents

Thursday 14th December

9:30am Singing around the Christmas Tree at The Willoughby Arms

1:30pm Rudy's Run

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

Happy Christmas Everyone!

We are back on

Wednesday 3rd January 2023

The next newsletter will be out on Friday 15th December 2023.

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

Let the festive season begin and what a line up we have! Christmas has always been a special time at St Helena's and this year is no different. It will be lovely to see lots of parents supporting the events.

As we near the end of the term, children will undergo assessments, so that we can gauge progress, while it will also allow the teaching staff to look at next steps in your child's learning journey. Please be reassured, as parents, that the assessments will just feel like a normal part of your child's day.

As you are aware, we had an OFSTED monitoring visit last term and now the report is out on our website. Further to this we had a SIAMS inspection last week and the report will be published in due course. I know that some parents were asked for their points of view on the school and I thank you for the time you dedicated to the discussions you had with the inspectors.

Lastly, can I thank the school community for their support in a range of charitable asks: Shoebox appeal, Children in Need & Medical Aid for Palestine. I understand that we have asked a lot of our families recently so it is hugely appreciated. A wonderful show of compassion all round!



Ed Anderson
Headteacher

2023 Church Schools' Carol Service at Lincoln Cathedral.



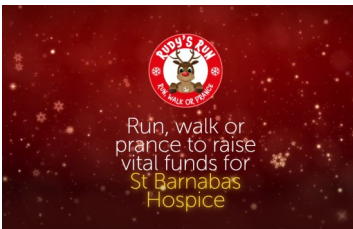
The Y3, 4, 5 & 6 have been given an opportunity to join in with a Carol Service at Lincoln Cathedral on Tuesday 12th December.

They will leave school at 8:15am and return to school for approximately 3:40pm.

They will need a packed lunch and plenty to drink (but not squash, fruit juice or fizzy drinks). They will need to wear their school uniform but can wear a Christmas Jumper if they wish. They will need to be warmly dressed as it can be very cold in the cathedral.

For this visit we kindly ask for a contribution of £13.50 towards the cost. Payment can be made via Parentmail or at the school office-Thank you

Rudy's Run - Thursday 14th December at 1:30pm



The children will be provided with antlers and red noses and will then run around the village green (opposite school), if the ground is good!

Please come and cheer the children on!

All donations gratefully received for St Barnabas Hospice. A suggested donation of £1 per child would be wonderful.

St Barnabas is renowned for its outstanding end-of-life care for adults, but they also provide pre and post bereavement support for families too. This invaluable support is free for anyone in Lincolnshire who is struggling with loss, and more work is being done right now at St Barnabas to create a specialist bereavement service for children as young as five.



Christmas Jumper Day.

On Thursday 7th December please can the children come to school in their Christmas Jumper/Top. If they don't have a Christmas Jumper then anything Christmasy in their hair or on their head.

Donations of £1 towards 'Save the Children' will be gratefully received.



School Uniform.

New School Uniform is available from Nationwide Uniform at Spilsby and pre-loved uniform is available from Alford Hub.

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



Starting w/c 8th January 2024 After School Clubs (3:30-4:30pm)



Monday	Gymnastics with JB Sports for Y1 & Y2
Tuesday	SATs (invitation only) with Mrs Roberts
Wednesday	Dodgeball with Charlotte for Y3 and Y4
Thursday	Choir with Miss Wickland for Y3, 4, 5 & 6
Friday	Handball with JB Sport for Y5 and Y6

If your child would like to join one of the clubs above please email admin@st-helenascofe.lincs.sch.uk

Christmas Performances



Reception will be having their rehearsal on Monday 11th December at 2pm. The performance to parents is on Tuesday 12th December at 2pm, if you cannot make the 12th December you are welcome to come and see the rehearsal but please let the office know first.

The Year 1 and 2 rehearsal is on Monday 18th December at 9:30am

The performance to parents is on Monday 18th December at 2pm, if you cannot make the afternoon performance you are welcome to come and see the rehearsal but please let the office know first.

Tickets are not necessary for either performance but please remember it is a small hall!

There will be raffle at both performances to raise funds for the cost of the licences.

Shoebox Appeal



Thank you for your generous donations, we provided 29 shoeboxes of the 383 sent.

School Association

School Association Diary Dates

Saturday 9th December - Breakfast with Santa

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) this term.

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.



Parentmail APP

We use Parentmail for all our communication, through this service we send out emails, newsletters and text messages. To ensure you are always up to date why not download the app onto your phone, it is much easier.

Keep up to date and download today.

Parent Governor Vacancies

2 Parent Governor Vacancies.

The deadline for applications is 10am on Monday 4th December. Nomination forms available from the office.



Children In Need

What a walk!

The children were all amazing as they did their ramble.

Thank you for your generous donations of £225.78 for Children In Need.



Lost and Found,

A miniscule mobile phone has been handed into the office. If anyone has lost one please speak to Mrs Brown or Mrs Storr.



Parking in the Staff Car Park

Parking permits have now been given to those parents who have permission to park in the staff car park. Unless you have a permit please do not park in the car park to drop/collect your child. Also, please do not use it to turn around in. Children are walking across the car park, often unaccompanied.

Please help us to keep your children safe.



School Christmas Cards Postbox

The Christmas Cards Postbox will be out on Monday, near to the hall. Please ask the children to post their cards to their friends in school here.



Medical Aid for Palestine and Israel

Thank you for all your generous donations of medical supplies. 4 boxes has now been collected and is on its way to The British Red Cross.



Alford Town FC U9's

Christmas Fundraiser

Come and join us for a fun family evening to raise funds for Alford Town Football Club's under 9's team. We have great prizes to be won, donated by local businesses and volunteers. There's something for everyone in our prize Bingo, Raffle & children's lucky dip boxes!

10th December 2023

Starts at 4pm

**Willoughby Arms, Church Lane, Willoughby, Alford
LN13 9SU**

Free entry



SATURDAY 16TH, SUNDAY 17TH, SATURDAY 23RD & SUNDAY 24TH DECEMBER 2023.

Breakfast with Santa

Join us at **10am** on **Saturday 16th, Sunday 17th, Saturday 23rd & Sunday 24th December 2023.**

- › Access to Captain Kid's
- › Breakfast offering included - continental & cooked options available
- › Meet & Greet with Santa Claus & receive a gift!

Booking required.

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The poster features a family of three ice skating on a frozen lake at night, illuminated by string lights. A QR code is located in the bottom left corner. Below the main image is a collage of four smaller photos: a group of people dining at a table, a person playing a brass instrument, a person at a bar, and a view of the pier structure.

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

School Association Breakfast with Santa

I/we consent to(child’s name) in Year attending the School Association Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, 9th December from 9am – 11am.

I/we have enclosed £5.00 with this permission slip.

Please return this slip together with the correct change to the school office by Monday, 4th December.

Please let us know if you have any dietary requirements below.

Signed..... Dated.....2023

Parent/Guardian

Special Dietary Requirements.....
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The children of St Helena's are invited to join the School Association on Saturday, 9th December for our Breakfast with Santa morning from 9am-11am. Please complete the forms that have been sent home with your child and return them with £5 to the office as soon as possible. We have a fun filled morning planned for the children which includes:



Breakfast with Santa
Sausage muffins, cereals,
orange or apple juice.



Meet and Greet with Santa



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and Glitter
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