



## St. Helena's Church of England Primary School

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

### Upcoming dates

**Thursday 7th March, 2024**

World Book Day

**Mon-Thurs w/c 11th March**

Y5 & Y6 Bikeability

**Monday 11th March, 2024**

Parents' Evening - Bookings made via Parentmail.

**Friday 15th March 2024**

Red Nose Day.

All children from Reception to Year 6 will be taking part in tree planting at Ulceby .

**Monday 18th March, 2024**

Community Dental Services to see Reception and Year 1 children.

Parents' Evening—Bookings made via Parentmail.

**Tuesday 19th March, 2024**

Miss Wickland and the Choir at Spilsby for an all day rehearsal.

Y4 Tennis Development afternoon at Skegness Grammar School

**Wednesday 20th March, 2024**

6pm Spilsby Music Festival

Thursday 21st March, 2024

World Down's Syndrome Rock Your Socks Day.

6pm Spilsby Music Festival

**Term 5**

**Tuesday 16th April 2024**

To

**Friday 24th May 2024**

**Term 6**

**Monday 3rd June 2024**

To

**Friday 19th July 2024**

### 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

The last couple of weeks have been filled with achievements at St Helena's. We are very proud of the Year 5&6s who represented our school in a dance competition and won! Also, some of our Year 5&6 boys played in a football tournament of nine teams, where they won 6 matches and drew 2, so have progressed to the county finals next month! Most importantly however, was their exemplary attitude, behaviour, and sportsmanship at these sports events. They should all be very proud of themselves.

If children have sporting achievements outside of school, can I please encourage them to bring in their certificates/ medals, so they can be recognised and celebrated in our celebration assembly on a Friday.

At St Helena's reading is a great strength, which is partly down to the commitment our families have in dedicating time to reading at home. Next Thursday is World Book Day and I look forward to celebrating a love of reading for pleasure with the children.



Ed Anderson

Headteacher

## Tree Planting Reception children to Year 6

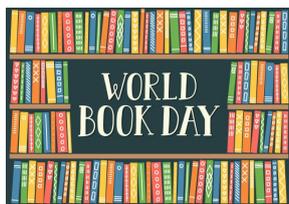


On Friday 15th March, 2024 ALL children from Reception to Year 6 will be visiting Ulceby to plant trees. They will be transported by coach throughout the day.

The children will need to come to school dressed in their old clothes (as they may get dirty) but will also need to bring uniform to change into after they have been to Ulceby. They will also need wellingtons as the ground may still be wet. Depending on the day they may need warm clothes and a coat.

They will back in school for their lunch time.

To help towards the cost of transport we do kindly ask for a contribution of £3.00 which can be paid via Parentmail or at the school office.



## World Book Day - Thursday 7th March, 2024

Optional - Come to school dressed as your favourite book character or book.

Alternatively, if children do not wish to come to school dressed up that is absolutely fine but please come in school uniform.



## Red Nose Day - Friday 15th March, 2024

As the children will be going to plant trees on this day and parents have already been asked for a donation towards the cost of transport. For Red Nose Day it would be appreciated if donations of food could be given to support our local food bank at Alford. It will need to be non perishables such as tinned food or packs of dry food please.

## School Association Diary Dates

**Thursday 7th March, 3:30-5:30pm** - Chicken Run 'Dawn of the Nugget'

**Thursday 2nd May** - Film, Wish

**Friday 3rd May, 6:30-8:30pm** - Willow & Wine Evening

**Date to be confirmed in May** - Football Breakfast

**Date to be confirmed in June** - Friends of St Helena's School Event

**Saturday 29th June** - Summer Fayre

**School  
Association**

## After School Clubs (3:30-4:30pm) for Term 4



Monday	Cross Country with JB Sports for Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6
Tuesday	SATs (invitation only) will continue with Mrs Roberts Chess Club with Mr Anderson for Y5 & Y6
Wednesday	Tennis with Charlotte for Y1 and Y2 SATs (invitation only) will continue with Mrs Roberts
Thursday	Choir will continue with Miss Wickland for Y3, 4, 5 & 6, there will be a Performance at Spilsby Music Festival.
Friday	Handball will continue with JB Sport for Y5 and Y6 to get ready for a tournament on 21st March.



## Fixed Penalty Notice

Following a governors' meeting and advice from the Local Authority, St Helena's will start to issue Fixed Penalty Notices with regard to non-school attendance from Tuesday 16th April, 2024.

Non-school attendance includes any day when a child should be in attendance at school and they are absent without the authorisation of the school and it includes unauthorised holidays during term time, persistent absence and persistent late arrival at school beyond the registration period. School starts at 8:50am and registration closes at 9am. Lates will be recorded after this time.

If you wish to seek approval for any request of absence for your child from school, then you must apply in writing to the Headteacher at least 4 weeks in advance of the dates of absence. You should only then remove your child if the absence has been authorised, and notified to you in writing by the school. Any exceptional circumstances must be clearly set out in the written request to the Headteacher who will consider each case upon its merits.

Failure to pay the Fixed Penalty may result in further legal action being taken against you.

**Important,  
please read.**

## 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.

## Parents' Meetings



Parents' Evenings are on Monday 11th March and Monday 18th March. Bookings can now be made via Parentmail.



## Bikeability

Y5 and 6 children who have chosen to do Bikeability will be doing this on Monday 11th March, 2024 to Thursday 14th March. Please read the attached check list to ensure your child's bike is roadworthy. Please can the children dress warmly and with sensible footwear. In the past wearing a pair of gloves has been necessary as their hands can get very cold.

Bikes may be left overnight if you choose, however, they will be locked in the MUGA and this will be at your own risk, school will not accept liability for damage or theft.



## Coats!

Please can you ensure your children bring a coat to school. The weather is very unpredictable at the moment and the children do go outside when it is raining lightly.

**Thank you.**

## Sporting Achievement



**Congratulations to the Year 5 and 6 football team who recently won a tournament at Skegness Academy.**

## Bikeability Checklist

Please check your child's cycle before the start of the course. If the cycle is not roadworthy, pupils won't be able to participate in the course. Faults are often easily fixed but occasionally a new part from a bike shop is required so please check your child's cycle well in advance.

### Cycle Checklist

Please tick off the cycle, helmet and clothing checks below:

**1. MECHANICAL CONDITION:**  
Are the saddle, handlebars and wheel fixed on tight?

**2. FRAME & SEAT POST:**  
Is the frame the appropriate size for your child?  
Can your child comfortably touch the floor with their toes whilst sat on the saddle?

**3. BRAKES:**  
Does the cycle have a working front and rear brake capable of stopping the cycle?  
Can your child comfortably reach and operate the brake levers?

**4. TYRES:**  
Are both tyres inflated to the required tyre pressure stamped on the side of the tyre?

**5. CHAIN:**  
Have you cleaned and oiled the chain?

**6. GEARS:**  
If present, do the gears change smoothly without any delays?

Did you know? Many local bike shops offer free cycle checks for Bikeability participants.



### Helmet Checklist



1. Does the helmet conform to BS EN 1078:1997 or equivalent (check sticker inside the helmet)?
2. Does the helmet sit comfortably on the top of your child's head?
3. Is the peak of the helmet sitting about two finger widths from your child's eyebrows?
4. Do the side adjusters sit just below your child's ears forming a nice 'v' on either side of their head?
5. When done up, does the chin strap allow for two fingers to fit between the buckle and your child's chin?

### Clothing Checklist

- PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD HAS A WAY OF CARRYING WATER BOTTLES, MEDICATION, ETC SUCH AS A BACKPACK**  
If your child has their own hi-viz, please send this to school with them so they can wear this for training.  
Please ensure that your child will be dressed appropriately for the weather conditions each day:
1. **WINTER:** gloves, a coat and extra warm clothes to wear during the training.
  2. **SUMMER:** sun cream and a water bottle.

For advice and videos on checking cycles, helmets, and clothing before a course, please visit our website: [www.outspokentraining.co.uk/parental-information/](http://www.outspokentraining.co.uk/parental-information/)

## School Association Film Night – Chicken Run: Dawn of the Nugget



Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2024 - 3.30pm-5.30pm (**PLEASE NOTE: We have extended the time due to the length of the films**)

Popcorn and sweets provided!

We hope to see the children there!