

# St. Helena's Weekly Newsletter

Dear Families

Do you remember what Noah told us about the game of football last Friday?

*"All the life-skills you will ever need can be learned on the football pitch."*

I never thought those words would have to play out as they did last Saturday. We must all know by now of the collapse of the Danish player Christian Eriksen during a match on Saturday.

The most important thing is that Eriksen is ok. But after that, what was immeasurably heart-warming was the leadership and team spirit that was evident on the pitch: the way the whole team surrounded Eriksen to protect him, the way his wife was looked after by them, the way that they waited to know that he was safe before they agreed to play again and then they played. Some of the reports have been extremely moving and they show the best of humanity - to care for someone, to have built effective, positive relationships, to have the strength of character and purpose to choose how to act and to choose well. Those players acted out of love and compassion and our children have talked about these school values over the last few days.

Much to be learned, much to be admired and much to be thankful for - football is truly a beautiful game and can be a powerful force for change.

Mrs Belton x

P.S. Come on England - dare we dream?

**Talking of football, have you seen Phoenix and Fletcher's house?**

**If you see it, give them a toot!**



# Sports Afternoon - Tuesday 29th June 2021

Sports Afternoon will be held on Tuesday 29th June at Alford Cricket Club. The children will need to come to school dressed in their PE kits and have suncream, sun hats, a waterproof coat and plenty to drink.

Lunch will be as usual but at an earlier time.

Unfortunately, the Department for Education have instructed schools to maintain their Covid-secure measures until the end of the academic year. With this in mind, we will have to **cancel parent spectators** at our Sports Day - we will still go ahead with the event for "bubbles" of children and they will need to be picked up from school at the usual times. Please be patient if we are a little late!

The children will be going to the ground by coach and returning to school at the end of the day. We kindly, ask for a £2 donation towards the cost of the transport. Please complete the slip below and return to school by Friday 29th June—Thank you.

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Please find enclosed a £2 donation towards the cost of transport for the Sports afternoon.

Child's name .....

Signed .....

Date .....

In the academic year 2021/2022 Year 5 and 6 will be taught in separate groups for English and Maths.

If anyone has any concerns regarding the teaching groups for next year please speak to Mrs Belton

**Year 3, 4 and 5 should have brought home letters regarding their visit to Aerial Trail near Scunthorpe on Tuesday 6th July, 2021.**



### Diary Dates 2021

#### JUNE

21st-25th Assessment Week  
29th Sports Afternoon at Alford Cricket Club, Well.

#### JULY

1st Little Explorers' Sports Afternoon.  
6th Y3,4 and 5 visit Arial Trail, Scunthorpe.  
8th Rhubarb Theatre performance to the whole school  
15th 10am-12pm Teddy Bears' picnic for new Reception children  
10:30am-11:30am New Little Explorers' introduction.  
5pm New Reception children Parents' meeting  
16th Y6 transition day at QEGS, Alford.  
19th 3pm Open Evening—come and collect your child's report.  
20th 6pm Year 6 Prom  
21st 2pm Y6 Leavers' Assembly  
21st End of term  
22nd Staff Training Day

#### SEPTEMBER

2nd Staff Training Day  
3rd Staff Training Day  
6th School Opens—Term 1

#### OCTOBER

18th-20th Year 6 Residential at Caythorpe  
21st End of Term 1.



**If you need to contact  
home learning hub  
after 3:30pm please  
press the extension  
for Little Explorers.**

Congratulations to Erin and Richee, winners of the "Unknown Knight" story and picture competition organised by Willoughby church. All entries will be on display in the Church this summer.

**Little Explorers' will be having their sports afternoon  
on Thursday 1st July. Please can they come to  
school dressed ready in T-shirts, shorts and trainers.  
Thank you.**

# Sunnyside Garden

Gosh! The garden has changed so much in the last couple of weeks. The sunshine and hot weather have encouraged all the plants to grow very quickly. My target has been to plant out all my young vegetable and flowering plants and I have nearly succeeded.

The pink and yellow peony is flowering beautifully as are the plants in the beds near the greenhouse. These plants look after themselves and I just have to remove a few weeds and put a few stakes in to support flowers which fall over. The water tubs are gradually becoming empty as I use the water in the greenhouse. I think the rain due soon will quickly refill all 5 tubs.

The vegetables are growing quickly and the sweet corn, courgettes and butternut squash are now all planted out. I am looking forward to harvesting some of my vegetables soon. The only type ready for picking at present are the cucumbers growing in the greenhouse. I have 6 plants and suddenly there are lots of lovely fresh cucumbers ready for picking. The reception class picked the first one last Friday and took it back to school to cut up and taste. I hope the children liked it.

