



10.09.2021

# St. Helena's Weekly Newsletter

## Welcome to 2021/2022 academic year!

Dear Everyone,

Welcome Back! I hope you have had a lovely summer. The children have certainly had lots of exciting stories to share.

Welcome to our new Reception children and their families who are settling in really well. We wish all our new families a special welcome, and we hope you will enjoy your time at St. Helena's School. We look forward to working with you.

It has been lovely to see the children returning to school, looking so smart in their school uniform - thank you. In Collective Worship, we talked about all our new school clothes and especially our new school shoes. We thought about what we liked and disliked about wearing new shoes. On the positive side, shiny new shoes can make us feel proud. The downside is that at first new shoes can feel strange and uncomfortable. They can also sometimes be difficult to put on, especially when we first learn to tie laces! It was so much easier with the old pair. But before long the new shoes become as comfortable as the old ones!

A new school year can be like this. We may feel uncomfortable and wonder whether we will ever fit into our new class, but that feeling will pass. It's quite normal (for adults as well as children!) to feel this way when a new start is made.

We will be there to help. Your children are our greatest priority; we will treasure them, help them, guide them and support them.

I feel honoured to be part of such a community of trust and friendship, thank you to every family, staff member and Governor. I know we will look after each other and work together to ensure the children enjoy the best childhood experiences whilst continuing to minimise the risks.

### Class Information Meetings

Come and meet your child's new teacher and learn about the year ahead.

Monday 13th September	5pm Year 2 6pm Year 6
Tuesday 14th September	6pm Year 5
Wednesday 15th September	6pm Year 4

**Please notify the school office when your child is poorly. Please do not use Seasaw.**  
**[attendance@st-helenascofe.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@st-helenascofe.lincs.sch.uk)**  
**Thank you**

# After School Clubs

The following after school clubs are available this term and will begin next week.

- Monday Mrs Roberts will continue her Year 6 Page Turners .
- Monday (W.C 20.09) Year 2 and 3 Fun Food and Fitness with Mrs Langdale. Maximum of 12 children.
- Wednesday Year 4-6 STEM Club (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) with Mr Goddard. Maximum of 15 children.
- Thursday Year 4-6 Recorders with Miss Wickland. Maximum of 15 children.
- Thursday Year 1-3 Music Makers with Miss Newson
- Friday Year 3-6 Drama Club with Mrs Belton.

All clubs start at 3:30pm and finish at 4:30pm. Children must be collected from the Office Foyer.

If your child would like to attend an afterschool club please complete the consent form below and return to the school office. Alternatively please email [admin@st-helenascofe.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-helenascofe.lincs.sch.uk) stating which club your child would like to attend.

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### After School Clubs – Term 1

Childs name ..... would like to join the following After School Club.

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Signed ..... Date .....

**The Reception children are learning about birds of prey and to help with this will be visiting Tattershall Farm Park on Wednesday 6th October. More details will follow as soon as possible.**



## Diary Dates 2021/2022

### SEPTEMBER

13th Individual Photographs  
5pm Year 2 Curriculum Evening  
6pm Year 6 Curriculum Evening  
14th 6pm Year 5 Curriculum Evening  
15th 6pm Year 4 Curriculum Evening  
16th 6pm Year 3 Curriculum Evening  
17th 11+ Verbal  
19th 3pm Forest Church at St Helena's Church  
20th 6pm Governors' AGM  
24th 11+ Non Verbal  
28th Year 5/6 visit Yorkshire Wildlife Park

### OCTOBER

6th Reception children visit Tattershall Farm Park  
7th 5:30-8:30pm QEGS, Alford Open Evening  
8th 2pm Harvest Festival in Church  
17th Forest Church at St Helena's Church  
18th-20th Year 6 Residential at Caythorpe  
21st End of Term 1.  
22nd Staff Training Day

### NOVEMBER

1st School Opens - Term 2  
18th James Mayhew, author, visiting Y2

### DECEMBER

6th-9th Y5 and Y6 Bikeability  
17th 2pm Christingle Service  
17th End of Term 2  
20th Staff Training Day

### JANUARY 2022

4th School Opens—Term 3

### FEBRUARY

11th End of Term 3  
21st School Opens - Term 4

### MARCH

31st End of Term 4

### APRIL

1st Staff Training Day  
20th School Opens—Term 5

### MAY

27th End of Term 5

### JUNE

6th School Opens—Term 6

**Year 2 will be swimming every Friday next term starting on Friday 5th November. Keep looking out on Parentmail and the Newsletter for more details.**

### **Breakfast Club - £2.00 per child**

Little Explorers and Reception children enter via the Nursery gate.

Y1—Y6 children enter via the gate at the side of the school office.

Bookings for Breakfast Club are not necessary, however we do ask for parents to hand their child over to the adult (not just let them run in on their own) Payment is either on the day or in advance. **Unfortunately, we cannot offer credit.**

### **Home Learning Hub - £4 per child.**

Please make bookings for Home Learning Hub at the school office by 3pm (not with your child's teacher or via Seasaw).

Home Learning Hub collection point is at the nursery gate and the latest time for collection is 5:30pm. Late collections will result in a £5 per 15 minute additional cost (time as per our clocks!!).

Payment can be made on the day or in advance. **Unfortunately, we cannot offer credit.**

Thank you.

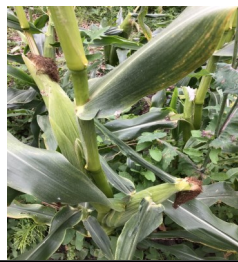
# Sunnyside Garden

There has been lots to harvest in the garden during the summer; peas, runner beans, courgettes, strawberries, gooseberries, blackcurrants and potatoes. The freezer is now full of all the extra vegetables and fruit that we have not eaten. There are still some crops to pick, so I will have to think of other ways to preserve them for the autumn and winter.

At present I am picking lovely sweet sweetcorn cobs and autumn fruiting raspberries every day. The onions have been harvested and are drying on the shelf in the greenhouse. They grew very well this summer. There are lots of tomatoes in the greenhouses which are ripening well. The cucumber plants are still producing a few cucumbers, but these plants will not last much longer.

In the orchard the plum tree has produced lots of yellow fruit and the pears are nearly ready to pick. I have to be careful when picking the plums as the wasps like to eat them and I do not want to be stung.

I hope you are all able to enjoy lots of fresh seasonable fruit and vegetables at this time of year. I always like going into the garden to find vegetables and being able to cook and eat them straight after harvesting. I also like giving some of the produce to neighbours and family. Our little granddaughter picked tomatoes, plums and pears to take home to her parents last week. She was very pleased to pick them herself.



Happy Harvesting Mrs Fullwood.  
Chair of Governors.

## Y5/6 visit Yorkshire Wildlife Park

Year 5 and 6 children will be visiting Yorkshire Wildlife Park on Tuesday 28th September. They will be walking around the park and will take part in a hands on educational session (observing a range of animal artefacts' and will have the chance to touch at least one animal). The children will need to wear school uniform, sensible footwear for walking and a waterproof coat. They will also require a packed lunch and plenty to drink. They will be leaving school at approximately 9:15am and are expected to return at 4pm.

We, kindly, ask for a contribution of £21.00 towards the cost of this visit. Payments can be made via Parentmail or at the school office. Please also complete the consent forms which the children have brought home and return to the school office by Monday 20th September.

**Miss Newson is running 60 miles during  
September in aid of Cancer Research.  
If you would like to sponsor her please  
pop into the office.**

**Thank you**





# Happy Birthday

Emma  
Dawson  
Aurelia  
Harley  
Evie  
Harvey

## Alford Fire Station Charity Motorcycle Ride 2021 in aid of prostate cancer



They will be stopping at every fire station in Lincolnshire all in one day. If you can support them please go to the just giving link below:

[https://www.justgiving.com/team/Alford?utm\\_source=Sharethis&utm\\_medium=team&utm\\_content=Alford&utm\\_campaign=pfpe-mail&utm\\_term=d1e954b37cc14ce5b036c8af1634f7bd](https://www.justgiving.com/team/Alford?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=team&utm_content=Alford&utm_campaign=pfpe-mail&utm_term=d1e954b37cc14ce5b036c8af1634f7bd)

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# THE ALFORD MONSTER HUNT

**SATURDAY 30TH OCTOBER 2021**  
**5PM TILL 7PM**

The Monsters Of Alford Are Having A Halloween Ball & Are Sure To Get Lost Again. So, On The Night Of The 30<sup>th</sup>, We Will Need Your Help In Trying To Find All Of Them.

We Also Hear Two Very Friendly Witches Will Be Wandering Round Our Streets. But Don't Be Scared They're Here To Help & Will Have A Cauldron Of Tricks & Treats!

Come In Your Spooky Fancy Dress. The Most Imaginative Will Win A Prize. It Will Also Help You Find All Of Our Monsters If You Are In Disguise.

When You Have Found All The Alford Monsters A Special Reward Awaits You. A Halloween Goodie Box Filled With Treats & A Delicious Monster Slush Tea.



**Tickets Cost £2.50 Per Child**



All Children Must Be Pre-Registered  
By 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct By A Parent Or Guardian At  
Either



For Health And Safety An Adult Over The Age 18 Must Accompany  
Each Child Or Family On The Evening Of Saturday 30th October

