



15.10.2021

St. Helena's Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Your children might have come home telling you about a Creativity award recently launched in school. Our dear friend, Mr Keaton, (co-creator of the annual Y6 Leavers' film) talked to the whole school on Thursday about this project he has in mind for a few local primary schools. He challenged the children to create, paint, draw, sing, dance, act, compose or model a unique piece of their own work to enter in his "Ben Keaton Creativity award".

We are very excited to be working with him during this year, staff and children, to develop the learning skills of creativity, ingenuity, invention, resilience, openness, stickability and adaptability. He is going to set us a series of challenges and the first one is easy... keeping a diary of our day. It doesn't have to be long, perfectly spelled or even shared, just a collection of our thoughts, feelings and actions that stick in our minds about the day.

He left us with this thought, "Being creative is a source of happiness" and that is one of the best things we can teach the children (and ourselves) - how to be happy and content with "Me and my achievements". We all need to find comfort and relaxation in creative activities, be it cooking, gardening, singing, drawing, reading, rambling, even Fantasy Football - not comparing ourselves with others, just enjoying the moment it offers us.

Enjoy the weekend and get creating; it is so good for the brain!

P.S. Year4 -6 Caythorpe adventurers will be keeping their own diaries over the two nights away next week - that will be interesting reading!

Parents' meetings

Parents' meeting dates - come and see your child's teacher and find out how they are doing in school.

Reception	Thursday 21st October
Year 2	Tuesday 16th November
Year 3	Thursday 11th November
Year 4	Tuesday 2nd November
Year 5	Friday 5th November
Year 6	Monday 8th November

Bookings can be made via Parentmail or if you are having problems please contact Mrs Storr/Mrs Brown in the office.

School Association

School Association met on Tuesday 5th October and the following roles were agreed:

Chair - April Burrell
Treasurer - Katie Peck
Secretary - Sue Belton

New members are very welcome and always needed. Joining School Association is a fantastic way of meeting new people. It doesn't matter how much time you can offer, every bit is always gratefully received. New ideas are also welcomed so please pop along to the next meeting on Tuesday 9th November at 7:30pm in school.

Take a look at the diary to see the events already planned.

**Next week on Tuesday and Wednesday
Breakfast Club will be in Little Explorers for
everyone. Please take your child to the Nursery
gate.**

Thank you.

Year 2 Swimming

Year 2 start swimming on Friday 5th November, 2021. The cost per week is £6.45, and we kindly ask for the following contributions for the 3 terms as follows:

Term 2 - 5th November until 17th December - £45.15.

Term 3 - 7th January until 11th February - £38.70.

Term 4 - 25th February until 25th March - £32.25

Payments can be made via Parentmail or at the school office.

If the children would like to bring a small snack and a drink for after swimming they are welcome to.

Year 2 Swimming - Term 2.

I/We enclose a contribution of £45.15 towards the cost of swimming for Term 2.

Child's name

Signed

Date

Please check, sign and return your pupil update forms - Thank you.





St Helena's CE Primary School
"To Learn is to Live"

Open Day & Evening
Thursday 4th November 2021
9:30am - 11:30am & 5pm - 7pm

Please come along and visit our school and register your interest for Reception & Nursery places for September 2022.

We can offer:

- Places for 3 & 4 year olds in our Little Explorers' Nursery
- Small Early Years Class Size
- Breakfast Club from 7:30am
- After School Club until 5:30pm
- School Dinners cooked on the premises

Main Road, Willoughby, Alford LN13 9NH
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Diary Dates 2021/2022

OCTOBER

17th Forest Church at St Helena's Church
18th-20th Year 4/5/6 Residential at Caythorpe
21st Reception Parents' Meetings.
21st End of Term 1.
22nd Staff Training Day

NOVEMBER

1st School Opens - Term 2
2nd Y4 Parents' Meetings.
3rd 3:30-5pm School Association Film Night
4th St Helena's Open Day and Open Evening
4th Little Explorers' Parents' Meetings
5th Y5 Parents' Meetings
5th Y2 swimming starts.
8th Y6 Parents' Meetings
9th 7:30pm School Association Meeting
11th Y3 Parents' Meetings
16th Y2 Parents' Meetings
18th Flu immunisations.
18th James Mayhew, author, visiting Y2
19th 3:30-5pm School Association Film Night
21st 3pm Forest Church at St. Helena's Church
26th School Association Raffle on the
playground

DECEMBER

3rd 3:30-5pm School Association Film Night
4th 9-11am School Association Breakfast with
Santa
6th-9th Y5 and Y6 Bikeability
10th Christmas Jumper Day
14th Little Explorers' Nativity
16th Christmas Dinner
16th Little Explorers' Christmas Party
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

JULY

22nd End of Term 6

Caythorpe

Reminder...

Children will need a packed lunch for Monday, please put this in a carrier bag **NOT** a lunch box. They will also need waterproofs (coat and leggings), sleeping bag, pillow and old clothes (check your kit list). Please pack their clothes in a **SMALL** suitcase, preferably with wheels.

All medicines are to be handed to Mrs Roberts or Mrs Belton on Monday morning with instructions. Children can take pocket money (up to £8) in a named purse to be handed to the class teacher.

The children will be leaving school during the day so come into school at the normal time and children can be collected on Wednesday at the end of the usual school day.

Sunnyside Garden

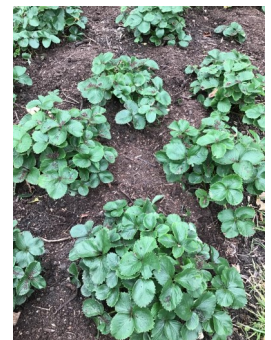
This week I have prepared my strawberry plants for winter by hand weeding carefully between each plant. Then I have covered them with a mulch to help the soil improve and stop more weeds from growing.

The mulch was made up of leaves that have been rotting down for a year and some homemade compost which I mixed together. We try to recycle all old leaves and vegetation from the garden in our compost heaps. As the leaves fall off the trees in the autumn we collect them and pile them up to make the leaf mould. I know the Reception children love throwing and kicking the leaves on the village green.

I have also been picking the apples and pears from the fruit trees in the orchard recently. The pears are quite firm, but are ready to eat within a few days of picking them. The apples can be stored in the garage, by wrapping each one in a piece of newspaper so that they do not touch each other and placing them in boxes. They make lovely puddings during the winter.

Thank you for coming to church to celebrate Harvest Festival last Friday. I love this time of year when there are so many lovely vegetables and fruits that we can be thankful for.

Love from Mrs Fulwood.



After School Clubs

All clubs will continue with the same children after the holidays **EXCEPT** fun, food and fitness which will continue but for different children in Years 2 and 3.

If your child would like to join Fun, Food and Fitness please complete the consent slip below and return to the school office or please email admin@st-helenascofe.lincs.sch.uk to give consent.

Y2 and Y3 Fun, Food and Fitness - Term 2.

I/We consent to joining Fun, Food and Fitness on a Monday after school.

Signed

Date



WILLOUGHBY ARMS



&

Village Fete Committee

will be hosting a Bonfire Party on

Friday 5th November

starting at 5.30pm prompt.

**Guy Fawkes competition to be judged
by Mrs Belton (Willoughby School)**

Bonfire Lit at 6pm

Firework Display 6:45pm

BBQ , Hot Drinks , Toffee Apples.

Admission £5 Adults

Children under 12 Free





ALFORD ARTS

CHILDREN'S HALF TERM PORTRAIT COMPETITION

FOR ALFORD & THE SURROUNDING VILLAGES
sponsored by Alford Arts Gallery

Paint or draw a portrait of a person or pet, just head and shoulders, in colour or black and white, on any sized piece of paper.

Bring your portrait to the Alford Arts Gallery by 4pm on Saturday 30th October and don't forget to put your name, phone number and age on the back.

Prizes for age groups 6 - 10yrs, 11 - 15yrs and 16 and over.

To be judged by portrait artist Gail Toynton Dass and the Alford Arts Team.

