



St. Helena's Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers

What a pleasure it was to take 10 eager Y5/6 footballers to Ingoldmells Primary School this week - our first sporting function for months. As always, our children were superb ambassadors for the school and conducted themselves with maturity, sportsman-like behaviour and a healthy desire to do their best. Both teams, managed admirably by Will, won all their games with several great goals. Congratulations to Will, Daisy, Ellycia, Oliver, Noah, Charlie B, Charlie V, Frankie, Fletcher and Zach.

Our School's Parliament met this week and amongst the many things discussed, Ministers decided to spend £300 of our Sports Premium funding on playground equipment. Breaktime activities was one of the things many children felt could be improved. Watch out for Facebook photographs once the play equipment is in place!

Our School Association also met this week and have many nice things planned for the children including Breakfast with Santa. I cannot wait - Mr Stokes is cooking up something delicious!

On a more serious note, thank you for letting the children purchase a British Legion poppy. The whole school stood in silent remembrance on Armistice morning to mark their respect and give thanks to those who served and still do in the Armed Forces. Our oldest children have written their own beautiful poems inspired by the wartime poets and their visit to RAF Scampton; many of these can be seen on display in Willoughby Church and some will be used in the Sunday Service.

Here are just a few:

Untitled by Scarlotte

My little boy has gone but he is still in my heart
I will always love him part by part.
All of the times that are gone
he will never be on his own.

I will see him in the sky free from the horror
he will always be in my honour
from all of the danger in the sea
from explosions that only he can see.

Gone Forever by Oliver

As my brother walks out the door
into the lonely streets to go off to the war.
The last words I remember of him are goodbye
then I look at him with a sigh.
He broke the limits of being brave.
But now sadly he's lying still in his grave
And not it's time for me to say goodbye.

Waiting to Die by Robert

BOOM! I'm hit, when will I die?
I want to get out of this place, so when will I die?
Just a solemn soldier sitting on the sand, when will I die?

Sitting in a coffin that's for me,
standing on the earth not my cup of tea.
Driving a tank or flying a plane,
nothing better than being slain.
So Lord God oh when will I die?

Diary Dates 2021/2022

NOVEMBER

16th Y2 Parents' Meetings
18th Flu immunisations.
18th James Mayhew, author, visiting Y2
19th Children in Need
3:30-5pm School Association Film Night
21st 3pm Forest Church at St. Helena's Church
25th Y3 & Y4 children visit Magna.
26th School Association Raffle on the playground
29th NSPCC 'Stay Safe' to all classes

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
13th 9:30am Year 3 Dress Rehearsal
14th 10am Little Explorers' Nativity
1:30pm Dress Rehearsal Reception children Nativity
6pm Year 3 Christmas Performance
15th 1pm Rudy's Run-St Barnabas Hospice
16th 9:15am Year 1 and 2 Christmas Nativity Rehearsal.
Christmas Dinner
Little Explorers' Christmas Party
Reception Children Christmas Party
5pm Year 1 & 2 Christmas Nativity

17th 2pm Christingle Service
17th End of Term 2
20th Staff Training Day

JANUARY 2022

4th School Opens—Term 3
14th School Association Disco Night

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

**Year 2 swimming every Friday.
Please remember your swimming kit AND towel.**

Year 6 parents.

There are still a couple of parents who have not applied for their child's secondary school place. You must apply online at www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions by 14th November.

Please can you bring your old BUT CLEAN cereal boxes into school for Y4's science lessons.

Thank you

School Association Film Night – Luca



Friday, 19th November - 3.30pm-5pm

Popcorn and sweets provided!

Permission Slips coming home with children today! We hope to see the children there!

Sunnyside Garden

If you want to start an easy new project in your garden, this is a good time of year to make your own leaf mould. In woodlands this occurs naturally because as the leaves fall on the ground they are untouched and gradually decay to form leaf mould on the ground. This feeds the trees in future years.

I made a wire cage in the garden last autumn which is wedged between two compost heaps to secure it. As I rake up the fallen leaves from the grass, I put them into the 1 metre high cage and leave them to decay.

A few weeks ago I took the top layer of leaves off and found lots of dark brown rotted leaves which can now be used as a mulch in the garden to cover the flower and vegetable beds. All I needed was space for the cage and patience for a year. I am so pleased with the result and have lots of lovely natural material to put back on the garden so that the soil is improved ready for next year. Now I am refilling the cage to make leaf mould for next autumn.

Love from Mrs Fulwood.



After School Clubs

Drama club will not be on next week due to Film Night however, all other clubs are.

More places are now available for Y4-Y6 to join STEM club on a Wednesday. If your child would like to join please complete the consent slip below and return to the school office on Monday.

Please collect your children at 4:30pm.

Y4 - Y6 STEM After School Club.

I/We consent to joining the After School STEM Club on a Wednesday.

Signed

Date

Year 3 and Year 4 visit Magna

As part of their Science studies the Year 3 and 4 children will be visiting Magna, Rotherham on Thursday 25th November. They will be leaving by coach at 7:30am and will return at approximately 4:30pm. They will need to wear school uniform but will also need to dress warmly as it can be cold at Magna. They will also require a packed lunch and plenty to drink, school will provide a packed lunch for the children who are eligible for free school meals. Please contact Mrs Brown/Mrs Storr if you would like to provide your own.

We, kindly, ask for a contribution of £17.50 per child towards the cost of this visit, payment can be made via Parentmail or at the school office. Unfortunately, if we do not receive sufficient contributions for this visit it may not be able to go ahead.

The children will bring home a consent form which we ask you to complete and return to school with your contributions by Monday 22nd November 2021. Thank you.

Parents' meetings

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

Year 2 Tuesday 16th November

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

Reception children starting in September 2022

If your child was born between September 2017 and August 31 2018, they are eligible to start school from September 2022. You can apply online at www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions or can telephone 01522 782030. Closing date is January 15 2022.

Children in Need
Friday 19th November 2021

Dress up or dress down.
Dress up posh or dress down
in pyjamas.

Suggested donation of £1 per child
for Children in Need.



James Mayhew visiting school on Thursday 18th November, 2021.

On Thursday 18th November, Y2's favourite author, James Mayhew, is visiting school. He will be running writing and drawing workshops with all the children.



At the end of the day, he will be out on the playground selling signed copies of his best children's books - make sure you have your pocket money with you! Book prices will range between £5-£7.



Donations for the School Association Raffle will be gratefully received. Please take to the school office - Thank you.

Raffle is on Friday 26th November, 2021 at the end of the school day.

Lincs FM's Cash for Kids

Lincs FM's Cash for Kids are bringing the biggest gift appeal in the UK to Lincolnshire and Newark to help children in poverty at risk of waking up to nothing on Christmas Day. 1 in 3 children live in poverty and, for some families, Christmas is a luxury they just cannot afford. With the reduction in Universal credit and the end of the furlough scheme we know many more families are going to have to choose between heating their house and putting food on the table or providing Christmas gifts.

Mission Christmas helps alleviate that worry, ensuring that no child goes without on Christmas morning.

St Helena's are supporting the campaign by receiving donations of gifts (I will put a box in the foyer) and also if parents wanted to donate any cash, here is a fundraising page

[Lincs FM Mission Christmas Fundraising 2021 | Lincs FM Cash for Kids - Cash for Kids \(cashforkidsgive.co.uk\)](https://www.cashforkidsgive.co.uk)



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SATURDAY 27th NOVEMBER
Start: 12pm in Market Place Finish at 7pm - Lights Switch on 5.30pm

 
FREE BUS
From surrounding villages & back

- ★ Santa's Procession
- ★ Christmas Attractions
- ★ Santa's Grotto at Manor House
- ★ Christmas Market
- ★ Live Music ★ Food Stalls
- ★ Light Switch On

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