

# St. Helena's Weekly Newsletter

Dear Families,

In the week that it has SNOWED, school has started thinking Christmas. Eight beautiful real trees arrived on Tuesday and the place is aglow with lights, baubles and tinsel, Christmas songs ring out in the hall and we've been in the loft for the nativity costumes! It is the best place to be in the run up to Christmas as children wait impatiently for Santa - although he is with us on Saturday morning for Breakfast!

Thank you for so much for supporting School Association's functions and raffle - every little bit helps; in particular, a huge thank you to Mr and Mrs Stokes for providing Santa's breakfast and to Alford sweet shop for cost-price sweet bags. The last few events have raised enough money for the children to enjoy Mr Junk Man and his home-made musical instruments. Together, the children composed music just like Ed Sheeran and I have heard we have a few families launching their own Number One chart-topping singles this Christmas (well done Charlie and Archie - Mummy and Daddy loved your performance)!

If you would like to know more about how to make your own trumpet, shaker and drum for the holidays, try Mr Junk Man's website: <https://thejunkorchestra.co.uk/>

On a serious note, I hope your children returned home to tell you about the NSPCC's Speak out, Stay safe campaign.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/our-services/childline/>

As always, our children were incredibly sensible and thoughtful as they considered who and where their safe, trusted adults were. It was heart-warming to hear them talk about their close and extended families with love and pride. Our children are so lucky, they are the centre of everyone's being and we must never take them for granted.

Thank YOU!

Love Mrs B x

P.S. Hope those elves do not cause too much mess! I have heard some stories!

**The Christmas Card Postbox is by the hall door for the children to post their cards to their friends in school.**



## After School Clubs

All Clubs have now finished except Recorder Club.

## Diary Dates 2021/2022

### DECEMBER

- 3rd 3:30-5pm School Association Film Night  
4th 9-11am School Association Breakfast with Santa  
6th-9th Y5 and Y6 Bikeability  
6th YR & Little Explorers' Penguin Waddle  
7th 9:45am Little Explorers' dress rehearsal  
10th Christmas Jumper Day  
13th 9:30am Year 3 Dress Rehearsal  
11am Singing at The Willoughby Arms  
14th 10am Little Explorers' Nativity  
1:30pm Dress Rehearsal Reception children Nativity  
6pm Year 3 Christmas Performance  
15th 10am YR Nativity  
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

*Happy Birthday*

**Ted  
Noah**

### ***Reception and Little Explorers' Welly Waddle Monday 6th December***

Reception and Little Explorers will be having a penguin parade on Monday 6th December around the school orchard.

Donations towards Marie Curie will be gratefully received.



### **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](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions) or can telephone 01522 782030. Closing date is January 15 2022.

# Christmas Performances

Year 1 and Year 2                      16th December Dress Rehearsal 9:15am  
16th December Performance 5pm

Year 3                                      13th December Dress Rehearsal 9:30am  
14th December Performance 6pm

Have you reserved your tickets, if not please speak to the office.

Before attending the performance we ask that you do a lateral flow test and on the entering the building you sanitize your hands and wear a mask throughout the performance Thank you.

## Little Explorers' and Reception Christmas Performances

Little Explorers' Performance - Tuesday 14th December at 10am  
Reception Performance - Wednesday 15th December at 10am

Have you reserved your tickets, if not please speak to the office.

Before attending the performance we ask that you do a lateral flow test and on the entering the building you sanitize your hands and wear a mask throughout the performance Thank you.

## ***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)

On Monday 13th December we will be singing around the Christmas Tree at The Willoughby Arms. Please come and join us at 11am.

On Wednesday 15th December from 1pm the children will taking part in Rudy's Run and hopefully they will have a very special visitor. If you would like to come and watch please stand on the pavement and remember to take with social distancing etc. - Thank you

# Sunnyside Garden

It was lovely to see some snow on the garden earlier in the week. Did you notice how it settles on some surfaces but not others? The soil turned from brown to white, but the grass remained green. I wonder why?

Then it was very windy and most of the leaves have been blown off the trees. When I looked out of the window I saw the leaves blowing horizontally across the garden and also blowing into piles against walls. Now I just have to go outside and finish sweeping them up.

A shrub that looks lovely this week is a very old hydrangea plant which grows near the house. The flowers are turning from bright pink to dusky pink/green as the cold weather causes them to change. The shrub is probably nearly 100 years old as I think it will have been planted soon after the house was built in 1911.

Another shrub that is only 40 years old is the garrya elliptica that we planted against the kitchen wall soon after the kitchen was built in 1980. It has lovely long catkins which grow during the winter months. Our cats like to climb up it and sit on the window sill upstairs

Love from Mrs Fulwood.



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

**Home Learning Hub have been busy  
making Christmas Decorations.  
These are now on sale in hub.**



**Thank you.**



In aid of St Barnabas the children will be taking part in Rudy's Run on Wednesday 15th December from 1pm. Hopefully, they will also have a very special visitor. If you would like to come and watch please stand on the pavement and remember to take care with social distancing etc. - Thank you.

If you would like to make a donation to St Barnabas we have created a just giving page; [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/st-helena-s-school](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/st-helena-s-school) All donations are gratefully received - Thank you.

# ALFORD SANTA SEARCH

TUESDAY 21 DECEMBER



- Help us find Santa
- Wear your Christmas jumper



Please visit the website for more information on what is happening  
[WWW.ALFORD.INFO](http://WWW.ALFORD.INFO)

#alfordsantasearch



## Crib Service

3pm Christmas Eve, St Wilfrid's Church, Alford

Free Tickets Available from Alford Town Promotions Shop, 23 Alford Market Place or [secretary@alfordpromotions.org.uk](mailto:secretary@alfordpromotions.org.uk)

## Cornmarket Craft & Flea

FESTIVE SUNDAY MARKETS 2021  
November 14th & 28th  
& December 12th

10am - 4pm

FREE Face Painting

FREE Balloon Twisting

Join us for a  
Christmas Sing-a-long and meet Father Christmas  
Hog Roast ★ Mulled Wine ★ Roast Chestnuts

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