

St. Helena's Weekly Newsletter

Dear Families,

Our Governors held a productive meeting on Monday sharing their monitoring visits over this last term. They were looking at the curriculum in school, particularly Science, P.E. and Healthy Lifestyles. Mrs Askew, who is the Governor responsible for those areas of learning told us that when she chatted to the children, they all said they enjoyed sports and Games outside, especially with our Sports Apprentice, Will. He is the perfect role model for the children, young, active, eager to learn his craft and an energetic basketball player - he is still learning to skip though!

The Governors and School staff are keen to help you help your child to be as healthy as they can be - all our children have two hours of physical activity a week, breaktimes are an opportunity to play sports, fruit is available for snacks, water bottles are there during the day and we are regularly discussing what makes a balanced diet. Our YR children know everything there is to know about cleaning their teeth - posters everywhere to remind them and even a giant set of gnashers on display. (Mr Startin was telling Governors that 160 Lincolnshire children had to have their teeth removed this year due to gum decay!) You could help by just checking how healthy their snacks from home are and if their lunchboxes have a good balance of food types in them - it is very hard for children to see some friends having lots of chocolate!

Having said all that, the end of term is upon us, and I am looking forward to an Easter break with lots of Egg Hunts - there is a time and place for everything, even treats!

Have a wonderful Easter together and stay healthy!

With love and hopeful prayers,
Mrs B x

End of School Day

As previously mentioned in the newsletter the staggered end of day was a trial for both COVID measures and parking. As life has now returned to 'normal' regarding COVID and the parking situation has not improved the Governors have decided that the end of the day will be 3:25pm again for everybody. This will start after the Easter Holidays.

Easter Service

Our Silent Pilgrimage from school to the Easter Service at St Helena's Church will be on Thursday 31st March, 2022 at 2:15pm. If you wish to walk with school to the Church please remember this is a SILENT Pilgrimage!

At Church the children will plant Teddy sunflower seeds in remembrance of Teddy Vines.



Reception Children



On Wednesday 30th March at 2:30pm Reception families are invited to join our learning. This will be a hands-on afternoon of learning with your child in the classroom. Please come and join us.

After School Clubs Term 5

Next term the following clubs will be running

Monday Choir with Miss Wickland (Spilsby Music Festival continuation)
JB Sports—to be confirmed
Art Club with Mrs Langdale for Year 6 children.

Tuesday No Clubs

Wednesday SATs with Mrs Roberts (invitation only)
Forest Club with Mrs Sherwood for Reception to Year 2 children
STEM Club with Mr Goddard for Year 3 to Year 5 children

Thursday Fun with Phonics with Miss Newson for Year 1 children.

Friday Drama Club continuing with Mrs Belton — New finish time of 5pm.

All clubs finish at 4:30pm except Drama Clubs.

Clubs will not start until week commencing Monday 25th April.

If your child would like to join one of the clubs please complete the consent below and return to the school office by Friday 22nd April.

After School Clubs Term 5

I/We consent to, Year joining the following After School Club.

Monday Art Club for Year 6 children

Wednesday Forest Club for Reception to Year 2 children

STEM Club for Year 3 to Year 5 children

Please indicate which club.

Thursday Fun with Phonics for Year 1 children

Signed

Date.....

**This is the last newsletter for this term.
Last day at school is Thursday 31st March
and we are back on Wednesday 20th April.
Happy Easter everyone**

Diary Dates 2022

MARCH

26th SA Breakfast with Bunny.
31st 2:15pm Easter Service at St Helena's
31st End of Term 4

APRIL

1st Staff Training Day
20th School Opens—Term 5
22nd Y2 swimming starts
29th Y3 and Y4 see The Earth at the Collection and visit the Cathedral.

MAY

4th Class Photographs
23rd Y3 & 4 go to Alford Pottery & Manor House
27th Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations
27th End of Term 5

JUNE

6th School Opens—Term 6
15th 4:15-5:30pm Y6 QEGS masterclass
22nd 4:15-5:30pm Y6 QEGS masterclass
29th 4:15-5:30pm Y6 QEGS masterclass
24th Sports Day (Afternoon) at Alford CC, Well
27th Y5 Curriculum Day at JSTC

JULY

7th Y6 Induction Day at QEGS, Alford
11th Y6 Induction Day at Banovallum, Horncastle
13th Y6 JSTC Induction Day
14th Y6 JSTC Induction Day
22nd End of Term 6

After School Clubs

The following clubs will be running next week :

Monday Fun, Food and Fitness
Football with JB Sports

Wednesday SATs club

Thursday NO CLUBS

There will be no more Choir this term, however it will start again after Easter so the children will need to continue learning their words.



Can't sleep

Charlie and Stella recommend the 'My Floating Bed' website if you are finding it difficult to sleep.



Odd Sock Day/Ukraine Fundraising
Thank you for your generosity,
you have raised £58.10.

Y3 and Y4 School Visits

Lincoln Cathedral and The Earth Exhibition at The Collection.

On Friday 29th April 2022 Year 3 and 4 will be visiting The Collection at Lincoln to see the exhibition of the Earth and will also be looking at their Egyptian Artefacts. After this the children will be walking up to The Cathedral to have a look around.

The children will be leaving school by coach at 9:15am and will need to wear their school uniform, sensible shoes and a waterproof coat. They also require a packed lunch and plenty to drink. Mrs Brown will contact all the children who are eligible for Free School Meals to organise their packed lunch.

We kindly, ask for a contribution of £10.50 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.

Alford Craft Market Pottery Workshop and The Manor House.

As part of their Egyptian studies, Year 3 and 4 children will be taking part in a workshop at the Alford Craft Market on Monday 23rd May 2022. They will be making their own Egyptian artefacts. Whilst in Alford they will also visit The Manor House to sketch the building.

Further details will be available nearer the time.

We kindly, ask for a contribution of £13.00 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 pottery workshop is more expensive than the Lincoln visit due to the cost of materials.

Child's name

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I/We enclose a contribution of £10.50 towards the cost of the above school visit.

Signed

Date

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Signed

Date



Thank you for all the shoeboxes you donated for the Ukraine Appeal. They have now left the UK.



Free creative camp

As part of the Lincolnshire Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme, Total Insight Theatre is running a **free** creative camp in Alford for children aged 4-11 who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals.

When: Monday, 4th April – Friday, 8th April

Where: St. Wilfrid's Church Hall, 16 East Street, Alford, LN13 9EG

Times: 9am-1pm each day

The creative camp is open to 35 children of all abilities and children will have the opportunity to take part in a range of fun and exciting activities that include drama, dance and arts & crafts, led by friendly and experienced staff. Children will also receive a certificate at the end of camp.

All children will receive a free hot lunch each day.

If you would like your child or children to join our creative camp, please visit our website to book:

<https://www.totalinsighttheatre.com/lincolnshire>

You can also email lincolnshirecamps@totalinsighttheatre.com or call 07858221809 if you have any questions.

What have we been learning this week (according to our school members of parliament).

Year 1

In Year 1 we have been comparing numbers up to 50 to see which is greater and which is less than and we are making moon buggies with wheels and axles!

Year 2

In English we have been writing an alien story about the first man on the moon.

In Maths we have been comparing numbers and using a ruler to measure centimetres.

In Art we have been doing a model of the moon.

In PSHE we have been talking about Safety Online.

Year 3 and 4

We have been learning about the Ancient Egyptian pharaohs and how they built pyramids.

Year 5 and 6

We have been writing playscripts to a beautiful silent film [A shed full of animations - THE LITERACY SHED](#)

In Maths we have been learning about area and perimeter

In Art we have attended an online live lesson with the artist John Dyer—painting lions!

The School Members of Parliament are:

Year 1 Aisha and River

Year 2 Ava and Molly

Year 3 Eddie and Ava

Year 4 Jack and Emma

Year 5 Constanca and Aiden

Year 6 William and Dorrie

Sunnyside Garden

The daffodils in the front border look lovely this week. Their bright flowers and the lovely sunny days remind me that spring is here.

However because it can be quite cold at night, with frost on the ground, I have covered a strip of garden where I will soon plant the potatoes. Can you see the indentations in the fleece. I wonder what sort of animal visits the garden during night.

Last night about 10 pm we saw the badger eating from the saucer of the bird food on the grass. This is the first time we have seen him since the autumn. He seems to love the bird food and stayed eating it for quite a while.

I have plenty of little seedlings in the greenhouse now. It always amazes me as to how such tiny seeds can turn into large plants. The purple sprouting broccoli has been very tasty this spring, so I have just planted some more seeds which will be ready to eat next year.

Happy Easter everyone and enjoy being outside during your holidays.

Love Mrs Fulwood.



Year 2 Swimming

Swimming for Year 2 will begin again on Friday 22nd April 2022.

We, kindly, ask for a contribution of £32.25 towards the cost. 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 too.

Year 2 Swimming—Term 5

I/We enclose a contribution of £32.25 towards the cost of swimming for Term 5.

Child's name

Signed

Date

FUN, FOOD & FITNESS

At home this weekend why not try:

Cheese & Tomato Swirls

These are really easy and fun to make and with readymade puff pastry there really are no special baking skills required!

These are great to make for picnics, packed lunches and savoury snacks.

You will need:

- **Passata. 100ml**
- **Grated Cheese. 100g**
- **A sprinkle of herbs.**
- **A pack of ready rolled puff pastry.**
- **Milk or beaten egg for brushing the tops.**

How to do it:

1. Roll out your pastry.
2. Spread a thin layer of passata.
3. Sprinkle a thin layer of cheese.
4. Sprinkle with mixed herbs.
5. Roll up your pastry.
6. Carefully cut the rolled pastry into pieces.
7. Place on the baking tray.
8. Brush the tops with your egg or milk.
9. Bake in the oven.
10. Allow to cool on a wire rack and enjoy!

See next page for a step by step picture guide...



Take your pastry out of the fridge to warm up while you gather together your ingredients. If it's too cold it will crack when you unroll it.

Preheat your oven to 200 degrees Celsius.

Spread your passata over the pastry.

Sprinkle your cheese and herbs over the passata.

Roll up your pastry and cut into even pieces. Piece sizes need to be cut at about the size of 2 fingers side by side.

Lay a piece of baking paper onto a baking tray and space out your swirls, allowing a little room for spreading during cooking. Brush the tops with milk or beaten egg.

Bake in the oven for about 15 minutes. They are done when golden brown.

Allow to cool slightly before transferring them to a cooling rack, they will then be much easier to move. Once cooled completely they will store in an airtight container for up to 2 days.

Have fun cooking together and enjoy!

Easter in Alford



COLOURING PAGES

EGG DISPLAY

EASTER BUNNY HUNT

BONNET COMPETITION



EASTER BUNNY HUNT

from Monday 4 April hunt them down!
Can you find all the bunnies holding their numbers in
the windows?

Bring your answers to Alford Market Place on Friday 15
April 10am - 1pm to get a treat for completing the Hunt

Bonnet Competition

Wear your home made Bonnet and enter the competition
to win a prize

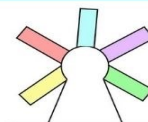
Ages will be judged: Under 6yrs / 7yrs - 12yrs / Over 13yrs
Judging will take place at 12.30pm on Friday 15 April in the
Market Place

COLOURING PAGES available now

Pop in your window for Alford this Easter



www.alford.info



**ALFORD TOWN
PROMOTIONS**

The colouring pages are available from the school office.

St Helena's website is currently moving to a new host so will not be updated until this is complete, therefore, the latest newsletters are not available on the website.

Sorry for any inconvenience.