

# St. Helena's Weekly Newsletter



Dear God,

Thank you for the life of the Queen.  
For her love and service.  
Help us to love and serve too.

Amen.

The Queen was always known for trying her best, can you think of ways that you can try your best today?



# Reminders for parents old and new!

## PARKING

Parking has been an issue for a long time, but we do ask that you do not park in the staff car park or use it for a turnaround. In the past we have had very near accidents with children.

We also ask that when parking you consider the residents of the village and also the law (no parking on pavements!). A local resident has already contacted school to say he has reported parents parking on the pavement to police and they will be monitoring the area. Anyone can report a person to the police for parking on pavements and can give the offending number plate identity!

Please help us to keep your children safe!

Thank you.

## Breakfast Club - £2.00 per child

All children using Breakfast Club 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.

**We cannot offer credit!**

## School Day.

The school day starts at 8:50 am and finishes at 3:25pm.

Little Explorers starts at 9am and finishes at 3pm. However, children may stay until 3:30pm at a charge £2.50.

## Reception and Little Explorers

When waiting to come into school in the morning and collecting at the end of the school day, please can you ensure you stand to the side of the pavement and do not block the way for other parents, children and residents.

Thank you.

## 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 via the gate at the side of the school office. Late collections will result in a £5 per 15 minute fine (time as per our clocks!!).

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

Thank you.

## School Photographs

Our school photographer will be in school on Monday morning to take individual photographs of all of the children. If you have pre-school children (who are not in Little Explorers on Monday) and would like a photograph taking of them with their siblings please bring them into school for 9am. All children in school will also have a photograph with their siblings.

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.

A new school year can feel very odd for everyone. We may feel uncomfortable and wonder whether we will cope with the new changes, 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 work together to ensure the children enjoy the best childhood experiences whilst continuing to help them reach their academic potential.

Hopefully see you at the Class Information meetings, on the playground and at the various occasions we have planned for you to visit school! Remember to read the Friday newsletter every week to keep in touch, drop into the office to chat or email me:

[sue.belton@st-helenascofe.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:sue.belton@st-helenascofe.lincs.sch.uk)

Have a restful weekend - your children will be shattered!

## After School Clubs

On a Monday JB Sports will be running a Multi-sports Club for Year 1, 2 and 3 starting on Monday 12th September, 3:30-4:30pm.

On a Thursday Mrs Roberts will be running a Page Turners for Year 6 children starting on Thursday 15th September, 3:30-4:30pm.

On a Friday Mrs Belton will be running a Drama Club for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 starting on Friday 16th September, 3:30-4:30pm.

If your child would like to attend either club please complete the consent form below and return to the school office.

I/We consent to ..... joining the following after school club:

Multi-sports

Drama

Page Turners

Signed .....

Date .....

Dear Families,

The Ofsted report will be available on the Ofsted website (<https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk>) on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September so I can now share with you the highs and lows of the experience we encountered a few months ago. The inspection was going well and the many changes implemented since the previous one in 2018 were being celebrated and applauded but then the Lead Inspector questioned two strategies I had specifically chosen:

The personalised learning programmes for a few children with complex additional needs, delivered outside of their classroom

The reading programme in Y2-4 which goes beyond phonetically decodable books and needs young readers to use other searchlight skills to access text

The Lead Inspector questioned this decision-making and asked that we re-consider these practices and so their overall judgement remains the same.

This was devastating for the staff and Governors however we have already begun the process to adapt these practices and to follow their advice for the benefit of the children in our care.

The parental, staff and pupil comments in the Ofsted Questionnaires were overwhelmingly positive during the inspection. The affection and regard for our school is clearly evident. Thank you for your responses.

You can be assured that everyone at St Helena's will take advantage of the advice that we have been given to make our school the best it can possibly be.

If you have any questions about the report, please do not hesitate to contact me by email [sue.belton@st-helenascofe.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:sue.belton@st-helenascofe.lincs.sch.uk) or by calling for an appointment. We do really value your feedback, so please come and talk to us face to face.

Thank you for your continuing support.

### Information Evenings

Please come and join your child's teacher to find out all they will be learning during 2022/2023.

Monday 12th September 2022

Year 3 with Mrs Belton

Thursday 15th September 2022

Year 5 with Miss Wickland

All meetings start at 6pm.

## School Uniform

New School Uniform is available from Nationwide Uniform at Spilsby and pre-loved uniform is available from Alford Hub, which is opposite the butchers in Alford.

Alford Hub are always grateful for any good pre-loved uniform your children may have outgrown.



## Diary Dates 2022/2023

### SEPTEMBER

12th Individual Photographs  
16th Y6 taking 11+ Verbal  
18th Forest Church  
21st School Association AGM  
23rd Y6 11+ Non Verbal

### OCTOBER

7th 2:15pm Harvest Festival at St Helena's Church  
17-19th Caythorpe Residential  
21st End of Term 1  
31st School Open—Term 2

### NOVEMBER

3rd Open Day at St Helena's  
16th YR to Y6 Flu Nasal Spray  
20th Forest Church

### DECEMBER

8th 9:30am KS1 Christmas Performance Rehearsal  
5pm KS1 Christmas Performance  
16th End of Term 2

### JANUARY 2023

3rd Staff Training Day  
4th School Open—Term 3

### FEBRUARY

10th End of Term 3  
20th School Open—Term 4

### MARCH

31st End of Term 4

### APRIL

17th Staff Training Day  
18th School Open—Term 5

### MAY

26th End of Term 5

### JUNE

5th School Open—Term 6

### JULY

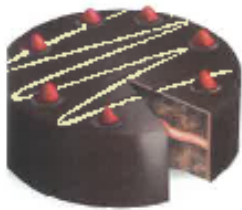
21st End of Term 6



# Macmillan's Coffee Morning

Willoughby Village  
Hall

Coffee Morning



Tuesday

September 13th

10.00 am to 12 noon

Free Entry - Donations



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