



St. Helena's Weekly Newsletter

Dear Families,

Christmas is the most magical time in schools, and it has dawned on me that this will be my last after 38 years of gluing homemade calendars, sticking paperchains, making Christingles, creating mayhem, covering everyone in glitter, emptying Christmas card post boxes, serving Christmas dinners and telling the story of the very first Christmas.

That story is so reminiscent of the world today, amazing and troubled all at the same time. We have shared it with the children in film, song and Bible readings to help them understand the important themes behind our traditional Christmas - themes of hope, giving, transformation and compassion. Again, we see these themes lived out amongst our community here - your generosity, kindness and care help the children gain a sense of citizenship and friendship.

Thank you for joining in with all our Christmas festivities and hopefully see you at Carols around the Christmas tree on Thursday morning and the Christingle service on Friday at 2pm.

Please remember to email me at sue.belton@st-helenascofe.lincs.sch.uk if I can be of any help.

Warmest wishes and peace this Christmas,

Mrs B x

Christingle Service

We shall be holding our annual Christingle service at St. Helena's Church on Friday 16th December 2022 at 2pm, the last day of term.

Please come along and join the children in their remembrance of those less fortunate at Christmas time. Nationally, nearly a million children take part in these candlelit services every year, which are organised by the Children's Society. Each child receives a Christingle (an orange bearing a candle, red ribbon, fruit and sweets).

The children should have brought home a collection candle for donations to the Children's Society.

Diary Dates 2022/2023

DECEMBER

- 9th 9:30am Y3 Christmas Performance
Rehearsal.
3:30pm SA Raffle on the playground
5pm Year 3 Christmas Performance.
- 10th 9am-11am SA Breakfast with Santa
- 12th 2pm Reception Nativity Rehearsal
- 13th Year 1 & 2 visit Lincolnshire Wildlife.
2pm Reception Nativity Performance
- 14th Bubble Theatre Company—Cinderella to
whole school-Thank you to School
Association.
3pm Y6 Perform Steel Drums to parents
- 15th 9:10am Carols around the Christmas
Tree at The Willoughby Arms. Please
come and join the children.
10:30am Rudy's Run on the Village Green
-Parents welcome.
Christmas Dinner for whole school
- 16th 2pm Christingle
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

- 8th BANK HOLIDAY-School Closed
- 26th End of Term 5

JUNE

- 5th School Open—Term 6

JULY

- 21st End of Term 6

SEPT

- 6th School Opens-Term 1

Rudy's Run

In aid of St Barnabas the children will be taking part in Rudy's Run on Thursday 15th December from 10:30am. Hopefully, they will also have a very special visitor. Suggested donations of £1 towards St Barnabas will be gratefully received - Thank you.

- 10:30am Reception and Year 5
- 10:50am Year 1 and Year 6
- 11:15am Year 2, 3 and 4



Carols around the Christmas Tree

On Thursday 15th December at 9:10am we will be singing around the Christmas Tree at The Willoughby Arms. Please come and join us. Hot Chocolate may be available from the pub.

Reception Children September 2023

If your child was born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019 they are due to start school in September 2023.

From Monday 14th November applications can be made at www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions

This year LCC have provided a powerpoint to show parents how to apply. If you would like a copy of this and a School Application letter with the full details please contact the school office.

Attendance between 28.11.22 and 02.12.22

St Helena's attendance for the whole school is 94.11% (Ofsted's expectation is above 94%)

32 late arrivals have been recorded this week and due to this 7 hours and 30 minutes learning time has been lost

2 children left school early (not relating to illness) which equates to 2 hours and 25 minutes learning time lost.

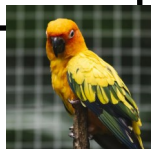
Total learning time lost by late arrivals and early leavers = 15 hours and 51 minutes!

Y1 and Y2 visit to Lincolnshire Wildlife Park

As part of their Geography and Science studies, Year 1 and Year 2 will be visiting Lincolnshire Wildlife Park on Tuesday 13th December.

The children will need to wear school uniform, sensible shoes and a waterproof coat. They will also need a packed lunch and plenty to drink. If it is wet, it will probably be muddy at the Wildlife Park so the children will need to take either wellies or a change of shoes.

Miss Newson has managed to get these tickets free of charge, however, we do kindly ask for a contribution of £9.00 towards the cost of transport which can be paid via Parentmail or at the school office. Cheques payable to LCC please—Thank you.



**Year 1 & 2 will be swimming every Friday.
Please remember your swimming kit.**

Reception Children's Nativity Performance

Monday 12th December

2pm Reception Nativity Rehearsal to whole school

Tuesday 13th December

2pm Reception Christmas Nativity Performance

Tickets are not required for the main performances. If you are unable to attend the Performance and would like to see the Rehearsal please contact the school office—
thank you.

Raffle tickets will be on sale at the performance. All proceeds will help with the cost of licences etc.—Thank you

**YEAR 6
MUSICAL PERFORMANCE
FOR PARENTS.**

**WEDNESDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2022
STARTING AT 3PM
PLEASE COME AND JOIN US!**

After School Clubs week commencing 12th December 2022

Monday Multi Skills Y4, Y5, and Y6
Choir

All other clubs have finished until the New Year.

All clubs finish at 4:30pm

Happy Birthday

Jodie-May

Ava

Richee

Isabella P

Charlie

Jack

Isabella WW

Elsie

Annabelle

Archie

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.



Friday 9th December

3:30pm

School Association Christmas Raffle
on the playground.



Thursday 15th December
Christmas Dinner

This is the final newsletter for this term
(last day at school is Friday 16th December).

HAPPY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE!

Have a lovely holiday

We are back on Wednesday 4th January 2023



Years 1 and 2 swimming

Next term Year 1 and 2 will continue swimming on a Friday, however, from Friday 13th January they will be swimming at the Richmond pool in Skegness as Southview will be closed.

If all the children can please come to school with their swimming kit underneath this will make it a lot easier at the pool—thank you.

We kindly ask for a contribution of £55.50 towards the cost of Term 3's swimming. Payments can be made via Parentmail or at the school office.

Years 1 and 2 swimming—Term 3

I/We enclose a contribution of £55.50 towards the cost of swimming for Term 3.

Child's name

Signed

Date



The children of St Helena's are invited to join the School Association on Saturday, 10th December, 9am - 11am for our Breakfast with Santa morning. Please complete the forms, that have been sent home with your child, and return to the school office with the £5 payment as soon as possible. We have fun filled morning planned for the children which includes:



Breakfast with Santa
Sausage muffins, cereals,
orange or apple juice.



Meet and Greet Santa



**Christmas
crafting and
Glitter Tattoos**

