



# St. Helena's Weekly Newsletter

*It is our responsibility to learn and achieve our dreams as a family.*

*Opening minds, widening horizons and developing a better world.*

*Valuing Community, Compassion, Endurance, Friendship, Hope, Respect, Thankfulness, Wisdom*

Dear Families,

Only two more weeks in school until the half term holiday but we have lots to do - the Reception children have been celebrating the Chinese New Year. Do not be surprised if you learn that they have been eating noodles with chopsticks and dancing with Chinese dragons. The Year 1/2s are into castles, knights and the Battle of Hastings! Listen out for shield-making stories and re-enactments!

The Y3/4s have been dissecting chicken wings to learn more about bones, muscles, cartilage and ligaments - be careful we have some budding forensic scientists amongst some of the children. The Y5/6s are preparing for their trip to York on Monday, learning about the escapades and lifestyle of the Vikings in Britain. Learning at its most memorable!

Thank you for your help in financing these trips; we know times are difficult and we appreciate your contributions to ensure the children continue to engage in enrichment activities. We will carefully consider future visits out but we are hoping to take the whole school to see "Mars" at the Skegness Embassy in March - can't miss this amazing opportunity.

In the meantime, it is business as usual and please contact me if I can be of any help.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs B x

## Year 5 & 6 visit Jorvik Centre and The Dig, York

As part of their History studies, the children will be visiting The Jorvik Centre and The Dig at York on Monday 30th January 2023.

The children will be leaving school at 7am and will be back at school at approximately 5:15pm.

They will need to wear school uniform, sensible shoes and a coat. They will also need a packed lunch, drinks and snacks.

We kindly ask for a contribution of £27 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. A contact/medical/consent form will also be sent home with the children, which must be returned before the visit.

## Attendance between 16.01.23 and 20.01.23

St Helena's attendance for the whole school is 95.84% (Ofsted's expectation is above 94%)

18 late arrivals have been recorded this week and due to this 6 hours and 44 minutes learning time has been lost

2 children left school early this week and due to this 1 hours and 20 minutes learning time has been lost

Total learning time lost by late arrivals and early leavers = 8 hours and 4 minutes.

**Just to make you all aware we have a case of Scarlet Fever in school. If in doubt check out the nhs website [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk)**

### Dan's Big Fat Online Safety Quiz 7<sup>th</sup> February 6-7pm

Safer Internet Day 2023 the theme is Want to talk about it? Making space for conversation about life online. We want children to know the struggles as adults that we had at their age? Did you own a nokia 3310? Master of snake? Was the first social media platform you used Friend's re-united or MSN Messenger? Equally let your children teach you about the latest apps, games and tiktok trends....

As part of Safer Internet Day 2023 we are having a Virtual quiz over TEAMS. We want Parents/ Carers and their children to join forces. Form the ultimate team and prove that you are the most knowledgeable family in LINCOLNSHIRE. You will be tested on the latest apps and games and perhaps some old school technology!

To book on click the link. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/dans-big-fat-online-safety-quiz-tickets-523487935507>

## Diary Dates 2022/2023

### **JANUARY 2023**

30th Year 5 & 6 visit Jorvik Centre, York

### **FEBRUARY**

10th End of Term 3

20th School Open—Term 4

22nd Reading Cafe

23rd Year 1 & 2 visit Lincoln Castle

### **MARCH**

29th Reading Cafe

31st End of Term 4

### **APRIL**

17th Staff Training Day

18th School Open—Term 5

26th Reading Cafe

### **MAY**

8th BANK HOLIDAY-School Closed

9th-12th Year 6 SATS

26th End of Term 5

**Throughout the month of May Y2 assessments will be taking place.**

### **JUNE**

5th School Open—Term 6

**Throughout the month of June Y1 Phonics assessments will be taking place.**

### **JULY**

21st End of Term 6

### **SEPT**

6th School Opens-Term 1

## **Year 1 and 2 visit Lincoln Castle**

As part of their studies, Year 1 and Year 2 will be visiting Lincoln Castle on Thursday 23rd February, 2023.

The children will be leaving school at 8:45am and will be back at school for the end of their usual day.

They will need to wear school uniform, a warm waterproof coat and sensible shoes as they will be walking a lot! They will also need a packed lunch and plenty to drink.

We kindly ask for a contribution of £20 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.

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**Year 1 and 2 visit Lincoln Castle on Thursday 23rd February 2023.**

I/we consent to ..... Visiting Lincoln Castle.

Signed .....

Date .....

## 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.



## After School Clubs

Monday	Year 4/5 & 6 Netball Club with Mrs Storr will start after February holidays. Year 3/4/5 & 6 Football with JB Sports.
Wednesday	SATs club—Invitation only
Thursday	Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Girls Football with Mrs Roberts.
Friday	Drama Club with Mrs Belton continues. Y1/2 storytelling club with Mrs Askew

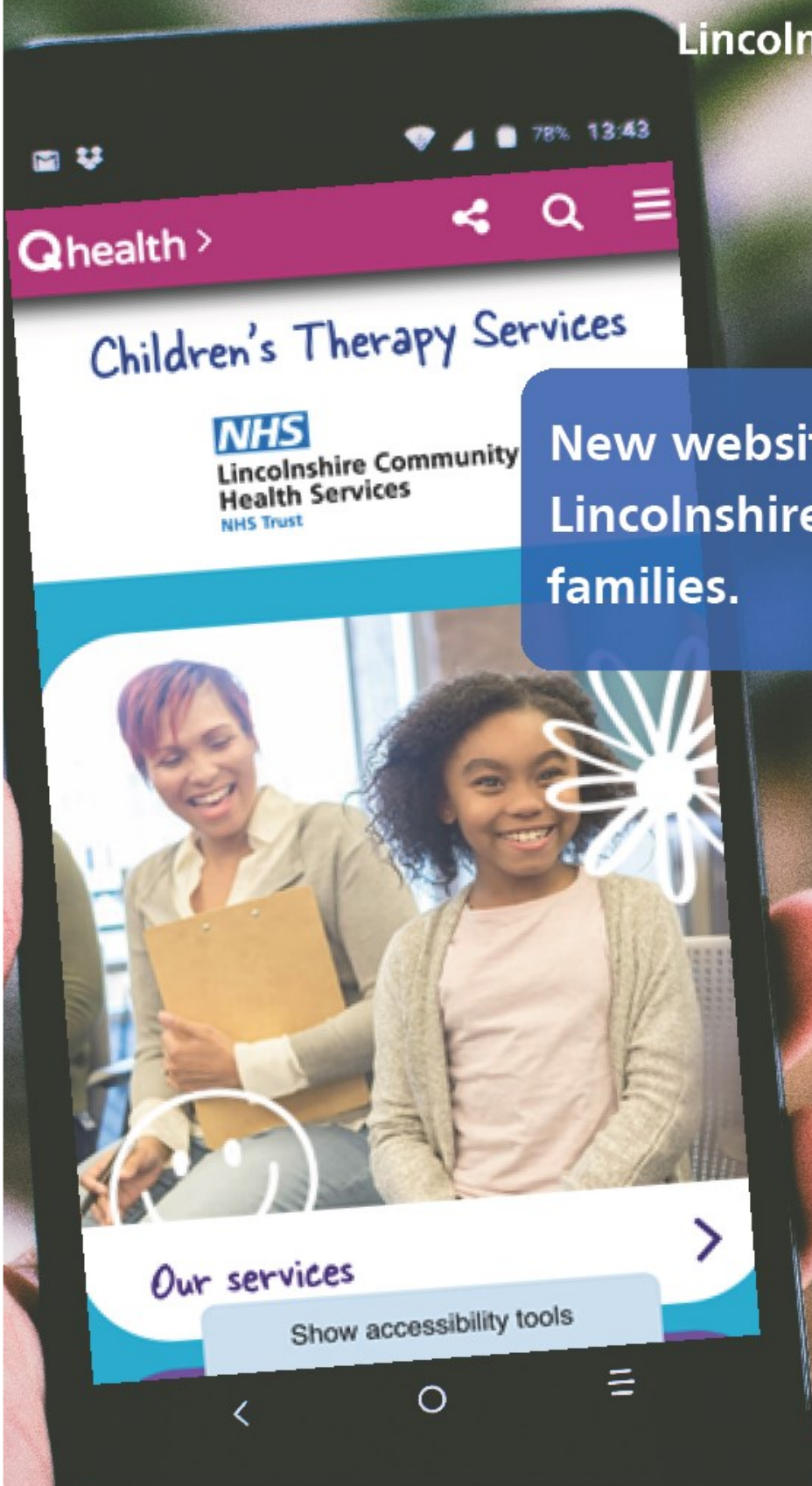
All clubs finish at 4:30pm except Storytelling Club which finishes at 4pm.

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





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Health Services  
NHS Trust



New website supporting  
Lincolnshire parents and  
families.



[www.lincolnshirechildrenstherapyservices.nhs.uk](http://www.lincolnshirechildrenstherapyservices.nhs.uk)

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**HALF-TERM**

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