



## St. Helena's Church of England Primary School

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

### Upcoming dates

#### Mon-Thurs w/c 11th March

Y5 & Y6 Bikeability

#### Monday 11th March, 2024

Parents' Evening - Bookings made via Parentmail.

#### Friday 15th March 2024

All children from Reception to Year 6 will be taking part in tree planting at Ulceby .

#### Monday 18th March, 2024

Community Dental Services to see Reception and Year 1 children.

Parents' Evening—Bookings made via Parentmail.

#### Tuesday 19th March, 2024

Miss Wickland and the Choir at Spilsby for an all day rehearsal.

Y4 Tennis Development afternoon at Skegness Grammar School

#### Wednesday 20th March, 2024

6pm Spilsby Music Festival

Thursday 21st March, 2024

World Down's Syndrome Rock Your Socks Day.

6pm Spilsby Music Festival

#### Term 4

#### Monday 19th February 2024

To

#### Thursday 28th March 2024

#### Term 5

#### Tuesday 16th April 2024

To

#### Friday 24th May 2024

#### Term 6

#### Monday 3rd June 2024

To

#### Friday 19th July 2024

### Our School Vision

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

We seek to reveal and develop the talents of everyone, so that we may flourish and become the valued and valuable person God intended us to be. We work towards every member of our school community being happy, confident, committed learners, reaching their full academic potential. We strive to open minds, widen horizons and develop a better world. We do this by providing a foundation of strong moral and social values, ensuring all can play an active, responsible role within the community.

"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."

John 10:10

### Headteacher's message

It has been an incredibly busy term with so much to be proud of and celebrate! Lots of fantastic learning has taken place both for pupils and staff. As always, please can I thank the entire school community for your continued support. I have been blown away this term by our sporting achievements too - not only were our teams successful, but their sportsmanship also lived up to St Helena's high standard. Well done to all involved!

Can I also thank you all in your support for the School Association events - they are so well attended. Yesterday evening, 105 children attended the Dickie Bows and Diamonds Disco. It was so good to see the children in a more relaxed and social environment. However, these events do not just happen by chance, the fantastic committee have the school at the heart of everything they do, well done School Association! They are always looking for volunteers, so please let me know if you are interested...

And finally, I will take this opportunity to wish you a lovely half term break. I look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 19th February.



Ed Anderson

Headteacher

## After School Clubs (3:30-4:30pm) for Term 3



Monday	Cross Country with JB Sports for Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6
Tuesday	SATs (invitation only) will continue with Mrs Roberts Chess Club with Mr Anderson for Y5 & Y6
Wednesday	Tennis with Charlotte for Y1 and Y2 SATs (invitation only) will continue with Mrs Roberts
Thursday	Choir will continue with Miss Wickland for Y3, 4, 5 & 6, there will be a Performance at Spilsby Music Festival.
Friday	Handball will continue with JB Sport for Y5 and Y6 to get ready for a tournament on 21st March.



If your child would like to join one of the clubs please email [admin@st-helenascofe.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-helenascofe.lincs.sch.uk). If your child is already doing handball they do not need to sign up again.

**Clubs will begin week commencing 19th February 2024.**

## Fixed Penalty Notice

Following a governors' meeting on Monday night and advice from the Local Authority, St Helena's will start to issue Fixed Penalty Notices with regard to non-school attendance from Tuesday 16th April, 2024.

Non-school attendance includes any day when a child should be in attendance at school and they are absent without the authorisation of the school and it includes unauthorised holidays during term time, persistend absence and persistent late arrival at school beyond the registration period. School starts at 8:50am and registration closes at 9am. Lates will be recorded after this time.

If you wish to seek approval for any request of absence for your child from school, then you must apply in writing to the Headteacher at least 4 weeks in advance of the dates of absence. You should only then remove your child if the absence has been authorised, and notified to you in writing by the school. Any exceptional circumstances must be clearly set out in the written request to the Headteacher who will consider each case upon its merits.

Failure to pay the Fixed Penalty may result in further legal action being taken against you.

**Important,  
please read.**

## Easy Fundraising

St Helena's Church of England Primary School are now registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them—at no extra cost to yourself! We would really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely FREE and only takes a moment. It will also help you, as this money will be used towards the cost of transport on visits and sporting events. Please use the following link: <http://efraising.org/euuQq9ZPvD>





## Parents' Meetings

Parents' Evening is on Monday 11th March and Monday 18th March. Bookings can be made via Parentmail, which will be available soon.

**School  
Association**

## School Association Diary Dates

Saturday 29th June - Summer Fayre



## School Uniform.

New School Uniform is available from Nationwide Uniform at Spilsby and pre-loved uniform is available from Alford Hub.

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



## Parentmail APP

We use Parentmail for all our communication, through this service we send out emails, newsletters and text messages. To ensure you are always up to date why not download the app onto your phone, it is much easier.

Keep up to date and download today.

# Support with childcare costs

## The road ahead for working parents

The support available for families with the cost of childcare is increasing from April 2024. Don't miss out! See the roadmap below for details.

Parents are encouraged to visit [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk) to find out what government offers they may be entitled to and apply for an eligibility code.

Funded childcare normally starts from the term after your child reaches the age of eligibility. This could be from the term after they reach 9 months, 2 years or 3 years, depending on your circumstances. You may also be able to use Tax-Free Childcare or Universal Credit to support you with any costs.

To access funded childcare, working parents must apply for an eligibility code. Once an eligibility code is issued, parents must renew their eligibility every 3 months by logging into their childcare account.

Please note that providers may ask for charges in addition to the funded childcare.

For more details scan the QR code below or visit [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/fundedchildcare](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/fundedchildcare)



**Working parents – Don't miss out!**





## Dynamos Cricket

### St Helena's CofE Primary

We are really pleased to offer your child's school a funded Dynamos Cricket Club as an Extra-Curricular club.

### Fancy learning new skills and playing countdown cricket?

### Then try Dynamos Cricket - a new initiative for children aged 8-11!

Dynamos Cricket is a program for children aged 8-11 providing a fantastic first step for those children who are new to the sport of Cricket. Children will learn new skills every week and have the chance to play a fast-paced and exciting game of countdown cricket.

Every child that registers will receive a personalised New Balance Dynamos Cricket shirt delivered to your home, Topps Cricket Attax Cards and exclusive access to the Dynamos Cricket app.



#### Booking Information



Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May  
3.30 pm – 4:30 pm  
(6 weeks)

Click the Booking Link or Scan the QR Code to register.  
**Do not forget to use the discount code at the checkout to book your place for FREE!**



#### Booking Link:

<https://ecb.clubspark.uk/Dynamos/BookCourse/8906d145-91b5-47de-849d-21a32d295c93>

# Discount Code : QEOYK

**This for Y3 and Y4 children.  
Maximum of 16 children,  
places allocated on first come  
basis.**

# SEASIDERS JUNIOR NETBALL



# SeaSiders

**FIRST SESSION  
FREE!!**

**ONLY £3.50 A  
WEEK AFTER!**

## Weekly Netball Sessions at Skegness Grammar School

**Fridays**

**Years 3, 4 & 5 - 4:30-5:30pm**

**Years 6 & 7 - 5:30-6:30pm**



**SIGN UP HERE BEFORE  
YOUR FIRST SESSION**



**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**GYMNASTICS AND TRAMPOLINING**  
**HALF TERM ACTIVITY DAY**  
**AT JOHN SPENDLUFFE SCHOOL, ALFORD**  
**TUESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2024**

Activities include Trampolining, Vaulting, Low Beams, Trampette and floor work.

5-15 YEARS, GIRLS, AND BOYS OF ALL ABILITIES

Session 1- 10:00-12:15 Session 2- 12:45-3:00pm

£20 for both sessions. £12 for Session 1 or 2

**QUALIFIED EXPERIENCED COACHES**

**Please bring DRINKS AND SNACKS**

**And LUNCH if staying for both sessions.**

**Fun and enjoyable sessions for all ages and abilities.**

**For more information or a booking form text**

**GARETH on 07861 424541**

Spaces are limited and will be held on payment, please fill out the booking form and e-mail back to Gareth

at: [garethbutlerisc14@hotmail.com](mailto:garethbutlerisc14@hotmail.com)

Hope to hear from you soon.

Gareth and Debby