



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

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

### Upcoming dates

#### 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

#### Wednesday 27th March, 2024

2:30pm Easter Service at Church

#### Thursday 28th March

Last Day of Term

#### 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

Firstly, I want to express my gratitude to the entire school community for your ongoing support regarding parking around the school. It's truly encouraging to see significant improvements, as not a single parent parked on the zigzag lines yesterday. The safety of our children remains paramount, and the respectful parking habits observed have greatly contributed to this.

While I may sound like a broken record when it comes to attendance, it cannot be overstated how important it is. Our curriculum is designed to build upon prior knowledge, and any missed learning can have repercussions on subsequent learning objectives. I'm pleased to note that the majority of children have attendance rates exceeding 95%, which is commendable and greatly appreciated. As you are aware, starting from Easter onwards, Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) will be issued for holidays, unless under exceptional circumstances. I make no apologies for this stance, as every child has the right to education, and absence from school undermines this fundamental right.

Today has been a fantastic day for all our children, as they had the opportunity to plant native species of trees. They not only learned about different types of soils but also understood the environmental benefits of tree planting. Today we also celebrated Red Nose Day which you helped towards by bringing in a tin for Comic Relief so a big thank you to everyone who supported this. Our children have been learning about the work of Comic Relief and developing their understanding and compassion for those less fortunate than themselves.

Lastly, I want to extend a massive thank you to Sarah Vines for her remarkable efforts in establishing a Trim trail in memory of Ted. This Trim trail will offer hours of enjoyment for children in the community. If you haven't had the chance to see it yet, I encourage you to visit Willoughby Park!



**Ed Anderson**

**Headteacher**



**11+****Reminder for Year 5 to bring back 11+ forms**

Please return the 11+ forms to the school office by Friday 22nd March. Even if your child does not want to take the 11+ the form needs returning stating this - Thank you.

**Letter from Mrs Roberts**

Dear families of St Helena's.

After 10 wonderful years at the school, the time has come for me to move on to the next chapter of my career. It is a very sad but exciting time, and I just wanted to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to you all for allowing me to be part of your children's journey. You are an incredible school community and over the years you have shown me a great amount of love, support and kindness. I appreciate every single one of you and your children. Please don't be strangers and I look forward to seeing you at the school gates at pick up time.

Lots of love and warm wishes Mrs Roberts

**Bikeability**

Congratulations to all the Year 5 and Year 6 children who took part in the Bikeability programme - you all passed. Please continue to take care on the roads!

**Reading Cafe**

Please come and join us for the reading café on Friday 22nd March, 8:15am to 8:40am.

**School  
Association**

**School Association Diary Dates**

**Thursday 2nd May** - Film, Wish

**Friday 3rd May, 6:30-8:30pm** - Willow & Wine Evening

**Date to be confirmed in May** - Football Breakfast

**Date to be confirmed in June** - Friends of St Helena's School Event

**Saturday 29th June** - Summer Fayre

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



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, until the 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.



## Fixed Penalty Notice

Following a governors' meeting 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, persistent 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.**

## 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.

## Parents' Meetings

Parents' Evenings are on Monday 18th March. Have you got your appointment?





## Coats!

Please can you ensure your children bring a coat to school. The weather is very unpredictable at the moment and the children do go outside when it is raining lightly.

Thank you.

## Transport information for children starting school in September 2024.



If your child is starting primary school or transferring to secondary school in September 2024 they may be eligible for school transport. If you think your child is eligible please apply for transport as soon as you have your offer of a school place (1 March for secondary school or 17 April for primary). Early transport applications are encouraged to ensure that transport is in place in time for the start of the September term. Applications can be made online at the website below or a telephone application can be made by contacting the Customer Service Centre on 01522 782020.

For more information about the home to school transport policy and online applications please go to [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-college-transport](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-college-transport). Queries can be emailed to [schooltransportapplications@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:schooltransportapplications@lincolnshire.gov.uk).



## Holiday Activities and Food Programme

Bookings are now open. There are over 110 clubs being delivered across the County during the Easter Holidays. Eligible families will have received their HAF Evoucher Code.

Find out more : <https://bit.ly/42MzH55> #HAF2024



## Easter Service

Please come and join us for the Easter Service at St Helena's Church on Wednesday 27th March at 2:30pm.

# MULTI SPORTS HOLIDAY CAMP

For  
ages 5-13!

Girls and  
Boys Welcome!

At Skegness Grammar  
School

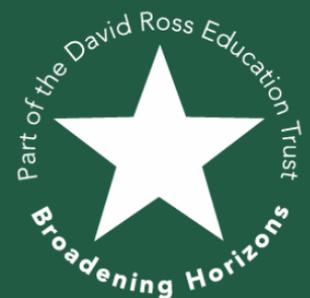
9.00am-3.00pm

**10TH AND 11TH OF  
APRIL 2024  
EASTER HOLIDAYS!**



Register on  
the QR code  
Below!

**£25 per person per day or  
£40 per person for the week!**



**MORE INFO: SBRIDGEMAN@  
CHARWOODCOLLEGE.ORG**

# Here are a few photographs from the tree planting this morning.





# FASHION

# SHOW

## CHAIN STORE CLOTHING CLEARANCE SALE

FROM SMART TO CASUAL AND STYLES TO SUIT ALL SEASONS

NO SECONDS

ALL BRAND NEW CLOTHES AT BARGAIN PRICES!

SIZES 8 TO 24/AGE RANGE 16-60+

TOPSHOP, M&S, MONSOON, WALLIS, NEXT, WHITE STUFF,  
MISS SELFRIDGE AND SO MANY MORE...

TICKETS £3

REFRESHMENTS AND RAFFLE



FRIDAY  
**22**<sup>ND</sup>  
MARCH

AT 7:00 PM

CHAPEL ST LEONARDS  
VILLAGE HALL, SEA ROAD

MORE INFO CALL  
01754 872722

**GYMNASTICS AND TRAMPOLINING  
EASTER HOLIDAY ACTIVITY DAYS  
AT JOHN SPENDLUFFE SCHOOL, ALFORD  
FRIDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> & TUESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 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 **PLENTY OF DRINKS AND SNACKS**

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

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

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

**GARETH on 07861 424541**

**Spaces are limited. Spaces will be held on payment, please fill out form and e-mail form back to Gareth at: [garethbutlerisc14@hotmail.com](mailto:garethbutlerisc14@hotmail.com)**

**Hope to hear from you soon.**

**Gareth and Debby**