



# St. Helena's Weekly Newsletter

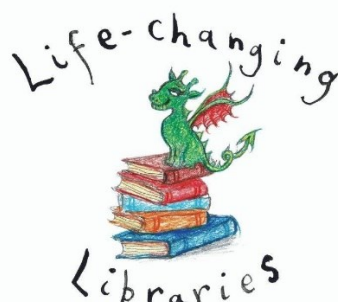
Dear Parents,

The Governors met this week to draft the new April 2021/22 budget. Finances have been very challenging during the Pandemic for us all but Mrs Rinfret, our Bursar, has done a fabulous job balancing the books despite the necessary extra Covid-related expenditure we have incurred over the year. Money is tight and will just about pay for what we need, however, one lovely financial opportunity that has happened recently for our children is the anonymous donations from three of our families, enabling us to have two Reading shacks on the orchard for breaktime book shares. Mrs Roberts has sourced two beautiful wooden cabins, some new picture books, non-fiction and graphic novels, beanbags, bunting, lights, and cushions to entice the children into a world of reading for pleasure and enjoyment.

How lovely! There is nothing better to do in your spare time than read!

We are hugely grateful for these monetary gifts; you do not know how wonderful this is for the children and what an amazing thing you have done; especially as the author and Children's Laureate, Cressida Cowell is calling on the Government to invest in young people's reading habits and "life-changing libraries" - *"Decades of research show a reader for pleasure is more likely to be happier, healthier, to do better at school, and to vote - all irrespective of background"*

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/what-we-do/childrens-laureate/lifechanginglibraries/>



Thank you, thank you, thank you from the staff and children.

Love Mrs Belton x

**Parents, you have surpassed yourselves  
with your creativity for  
number day.  
The children look amazing!  
Thank you**

### Reading Shack

Thank you to the following local businesses for kindly donating towards the 'Reading Shacks'.

Drury Precision Engineering, Alford  
NFU Mutual, Alford  
Askew Furniture, Alford

A big **THANK YOU!**

# Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Relationships and Sex Education.

During the last two weeks of half term (Monday 17th to Friday 28th May) , the children in Year 3/4, Year 4/5 and Year 6 will be exploring Relationships and Sex Education as part of their Science and PSHE learning. All of the content to be delivered is in line with the Science curriculum, and the new 2020/21 PSHE/RSE framework for primary schools.

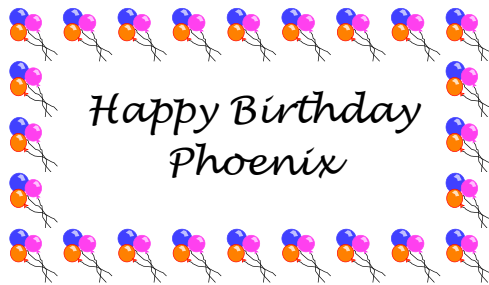
Over the course of a number of sessions, the children explore:

- Puberty, hygiene and human development.
- Sexual intercourse and human reproduction.
- Love and relationships.

Year 6 Children will consider:

- The differences between sex, gender and sexuality.
- Sex in the media.

If you have any queries about the content of the sessions, please do not hesitate to contact school for more information. The Sex, Relationships and Health Education Policy has been sent to all parents/carers via Parentmail.



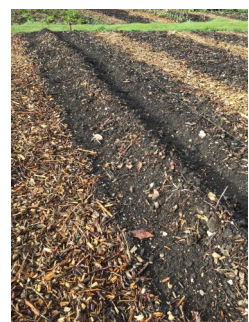
## **Sunnyside Garden**

Sunnyside garden is much happier now that we have had some rain during the week. The water butts which were only half full have quickly refilled and the plants in the garden are growing more quickly, especially the onions.

The Reception class planted two ammi plants when they visited last week. These will become very tall and have lovely white flowers. They were 30 and 45 cms tall, so we will measure them regularly to see how quickly they grow. I have had to find a stick to support the taller plant and will tie it to the stick so that it grows up straight.

The potatoes had started to produce green shoots, so I have earthed up the soil over the new leaves. This should protect the plants when we have a cold, frosty night.

Have you seen the trees getting their new leaves? I love to see the hedgerows looking green with their new blossom. Have a look around you as you travel to school.



# School Transport.

If your child is starting primary school in September 2021 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. 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 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)

## Diary Dates 2021

### MAY

- 10th Year 6 Parents' Meetings with Mr Goddard
- 11th Year Reception Parents' Meetings with Mrs Shaw
- 12th Year 1 Parents' Meetings with Miss Newson
- 25th Sports Personality visiting school
- 28th End of Term 5

### JUNE

- 7th School open—Term 6
- 7th-25th Year 1 Phonics screening
- 17th-18th Year 6 Residential at Rand Farm
- 21st-25th Assessment Week

### JULY

- 8th Rhubarb Theatre performance to the whole school
- 12th Bannovallum School Y6 transition day
- 15th 10am-12pm Teddy Bears' picnic for new Reception children  
10:30am-11:30am New Little Explorers' introduction with parents.  
5pm New Reception children Parents' meeting
- 19th 3pm Open Evening—come and collect your child's report.
- 20th 6pm Year 6 Prom
- 21st Leavers' Assembly
- 21st End of term
- 22nd Staff Training Day

**A minecraft lunch box has been lost.  
Please can you check if you have it  
by mistake. It is white at the bottom  
and green on top. If you find it please  
can you hand to Mrs Storr.  
Thank you.**

### Parents' Meetings

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| Monday 10th May    | Mr Goddard Year 6  |
| Tuesday 11th May   | Mrs Shaw Reception |
| Wednesday 12th May | Miss Newson Year 1 |

Please book your 15 minute face to face appointment on Parentmail. Please wear a face mask. If you would prefer a telephone conversation please book your slot and then contact the school office.

Thank you.