



01.10.2021

# St. Helena's Weekly Newsletter

Dear Families,

We have our new School's Parliament for this year and our School's Prime Minister is Ellycia in Y6. Here is her message to you:

"I want to find out if everybody in the school community is happy and healthy so I will be chatting to all the children to find out their feelings, thoughts and hopes. Then I will be able to improve things in school. Parents, if your children are more comfortable telling you how they feel, then please leave me a message in the office. Look out for our Parliament Post Box coming soon to the office reception area. Drop me a line if you think of any great ideas."

Thanks,  
Ellycia

No KS1 Celebration Assembly  
on Friday 8th October.

Invitation to the opening of  
St Helena's Portrait Gallery

Friday 8th October at 9am

Come and see the display of children's self portraits in our corridors (please do not go into classrooms as the children are learning!). Then stay for a tea/coffee in the hall.

## A couple of reminders . . .

**PARKING:** Please do not park in the staff car park or use it as a turn around. This is something which we always ask, but particularly important at the moment, as we are using the gates around the car park as entrances to school, so there are lots of people in the car park. Please help us keep your children safe!

Also, we have received a letter from the Parish Council asking that parent/carers do not park on the village green.

Added, to this we have had a complaint from a resident regarding parents parking in the pull in near the council houses. Please be aware that this area is for the residents of the houses. We do appreciate that parking near the school is difficult however the Willoughby Arms have always offered their car park to parents to help alleviate the problem.

**PHOTOGRAPHS:** *Online* ordering is still available until Sunday night.

**LABELLING CLOTHES:** Mrs Seymour is finding several items of clothing scattered about but, unfortunately, with no name so they cannot be returned to the owner. Please ensure you put your child's name in their clothing - Thank you.



## Reception children visit Tattershall Farm Park

The Reception children will be visiting Tattershall Farm Park on Wednesday 6th October 2021. The children will leave school at 9:15am and will return for the end of the school day.

They will need school uniform, warm waterproof coat, sensible shoes, packed lunch and plenty to drink.

We, kindly, ask for a contribution of £19.50 towards the cost of this visit. Payments can be made via Parentmail or please complete the slip below and return to the school office by Monday 4th October.

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### Reception children visit Tattershall Farm Park.

I/We enclose a contribution of £19.50 towards the visit to Tattershall Farm Park.

Child's name .....

Signed .....

Date .....

## Y1 and Y2 visit Alford Fire Station

As part of their studies of "The Great Fire of London" , Year 1 and Year 2 children will be visiting Alford Fire Station during the school day on Thursday 14th October 2021.

We, kindly, ask for a contribution of £2.85 towards the cost of transport for this visit. Payments can be made via Parentmail or please complete the slip below and return to the school office by Monday 11th October.

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### Y1 and Y2 visit Alford Fire Station.

I/We enclose a contribution of £2.85 towards the cost of the visit to Alford Fire Station for

Child's name .....

Signed .....

Date .....



## Y3 and Y4 walk to Alford.

On Thursday 7th October, 2021 Year 3 and Year 4 will be walking in the footsteps of Captain John Smith who used to walk from Willoughby to school in Alford (across fields!). The children are required to wear uniform on top, however, can wear non uniform trousers. They will also need to wear good walking shoes (as they are going across fields) and a waterproof coat. Please can the children bring a drink of water, a spare pair of shoes and a carrier bag, they will also need a small back pack to carry this in. The children will be returning by coach and we, kindly, ask for a donation of £2 towards the cost of the transport. Payments can be made via Parentmail or please complete the slip below and return to the school office by Monday 4th October.

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### Y3 and Y4 walk to Alford.

I/We enclose a contribution of £2.00 towards the transport cost of the return from the walk to Alford.

Child's name .....

Signed .....

Date .....

## Year 2 Swimming

Year 2 will be swimming this year starting on Friday 5th November, 2021. until Friday 25th March 2021. The cost per week is £6.45, and we kindly ask for the following contributions for the 3 terms as follows:

Term 2 - 5th November until 17th December - £45.15.

Term 3 - 7th January until 11th February - £38.70.

Term 4 - 25th February until 25th March - £32.25

Payments can be made via Parentmail or at the school office.

If the children would like to bring a small snack and a drink for after swimming they are welcome to.

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### Year 2 Swimming - Term 2.

I/We enclose a contribution of £45.15 towards the cost of swimming for Term 2.

Child's name .....

Signed .....

Date .....

# Sunnyside Garden



The butternut squash plants are trailing all over the vegetable patch and as the leaves are beginning to wilt in the cooler weather, there are quite a few orange butternut squashes appearing from under the leaves. I picked one last Saturday and made some soup by adding a small onion, some ginger and herbs from the garden. It made a lovely lunch with some fresh french bread. The other squashes I can cut and store in the garage to eat during autumn.

The herb bed is full of overgrown plants so I need to cut and dry some of them to use during the winter. Most of these plants will die down soon, but are very easy to dry either in the microwave, or in a dehydrator or naturally indoors. Once dry, they can be crushed and stored in small jars. I noticed the Reception class have a lovely

new herb bed near their classroom. I hope you will be able to smell the lovely herbs and find out which varieties you are growing.



All the vegetables in the new greenhouse are now ready to harvest, so the next job is to cut the peppers, the last few tomatoes, cucumbers and aubergines and then compost all the plants, empty the pots and give the greenhouse a clean. Something to do on a sunny day. Cleaning the glass means that more light can reach any plants growing in there during the winter.

Love from Mrs Fulwood.



## In Harmony Alford Area Youth Singers Come and Sing!

Do you love Singing?

Would you like to have a go at singing in a fun, friendly and relaxed group?

Then join us for 45 minutes in a pop-up singing experience on Saturday 16th October at 1:30pm, St. Wilfrid's Church.

Open to all ages, so bring the whole family and sing together!

Memories  
**Maroon 5**

Try Everything  
**Shakira**

Part of 'Alford Together', a whole day event celebrating our community through music

Free Event



**Harvest Festival**  
Please come and join us on  
Friday 8th October at 2pm  
at St Helena's Church, Willoughby

Donations of tins or packaged food for the food bank will be gratefully received. Please can the children bring this into school in the morning.

Thank you.

**Year 5 and 6 will be making their own Rainforest and would appreciate any shoe boxes and toilet/kitchen roll holders. Please bring to the school office.  
Many thanks**

## Diary Dates 2021/2022

### OCTOBER

6th	Reception children visit Tattershall Farm Park
7th	Y3 & Y4 follow John Smith's footsteps to school in Alford (Church).
7th	5:30-8:30pm QEGS, Alford Open Evening
8th	2pm Harvest Festival in Church
13th	Y1 Parents' meetings
14th	Y1 & Y2 visit Alford Fire Station
17th	Forest Church at St Helena's Church
18th-20th	Year 4/5/6 Residential at Caythorpe
21st	End of Term 1.
22nd	Staff Training Day

### NOVEMBER

1st	School Opens - Term 2
4th	St Helena's Open Day and Open Evening
5th	Y2 swimming starts.
18th	Flu immunisations.
18th	James Mayhew, author, visiting Y2

### DECEMBER

6th-9th	Y5 and Y6 Bikeability
17th	2pm Christingle Service
17th	End of Term 2
20th	Staff Training Day

### JANUARY 2022

4th	School Opens—Term 3
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### FEBRUARY

11th	End of Term 3
21st	School Opens - Term 4

### MARCH

31st	End of Term 4
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### APRIL

1st	Staff Training Day
20th	School Opens—Term 5

### MAY

27th	End of Term 5
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### JUNE

6th	School Opens—Term 6
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### JULY

22nd	End of Term 6
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**We are collecting the Morrisons' Gardening Vouchers. Please bring to the school office, or donate via your Morrisons' app.**

**Thank you!**



**Reminder . . .**

**Due to Health and Safety, children cannot wear jewellery during PE. This includes all ear-rings and, unfortunately, they cannot be taped either. Thank you.**



**Reception children need 13 dingle dangle scarecrow floppy hats. Can anyone help please?**

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

*"Together, We Strive For Excellence"*

*23 September 2021*

Dear Parent

## ELECTION OF A PARENT GOVERNOR

A vacancy has arisen for a Parent Governor at this school, and it is therefore necessary to hold an election.

The governing body, with the headteacher, has overall responsibility for the running of the school. Governing bodies have three main roles:-

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- Holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils; and
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

Governors are not expected to be involved in the day-to-day management and administration of the school, but rather to set strategic plans for the school and to provide the Headteacher with guidance on general principles. However, Governors need a strong commitment to the role, the curiosity to question, analyse and the willingness to learn. In particular, at this time the Board needs someone with good financial knowledge. It would be expected that you made a visit to school at least once a year.

It should be noted that an elected Parent Governor is appointed for a 4 year term and may continue in office even though their child may have left the school part way through their four year term of office. Our full governing body usually meets 6 times a year and there is currently one committee for finance which usually meets 3 times a year.

If you are interested in being a candidate please complete the slip attached, proposed and seconded by a current parent of the school and forward it to the Returning Officer at the school, to arrive not later than 10am on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2021. It is recommended that candidates supply a short personal statement (**not more than 50 words**) about themselves for circulation to voters.

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Candidates should be aware of certain disqualification clauses relating in particular to bankruptcy and criminal convictions. If you are in any doubt about your eligibility to stand for election please contact the Returning Officer who will be able to supply you with further details.

If the number of candidates exceeds the number of vacancies, you will be sent voting slips and details about the electoral process via your child. The results of the election will be announced in the school newsletter.

Any queries relating to this election should be made to the Returning Officer at the school.

Yours sincerely

Mrs S Belton  
Returning Officer

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**Parent Governor Nominations**

To the Returning Officer of St Helena's Church of England Primary School,  
Willoughby. (Closing date 10am on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2021)

(Please use Block Capitals)

I .....  
(Full Name)

of .....  
(Address) .....

wish to stand for election as a Parent Governor of St Helena's CE Primary  
School, Willoughby.

This nomination is proposed by .....  
(Full Name)

and

seconded by .....  
(Full Name)

Who are both parents of pupils registered at St Helena's CE Primary School,  
Willoughby.

You have the opportunity to write a statement overleaf to set out (a) evidence  
of the extent to which you possess the skills and experience the governing body  
desires; (b) your commitment to undertake training to acquire or develop the  
skills to be an effective governor; if seeking re-election, details of your  
contribution to the work of the governing body during your previous term of  
office; and (d) how you plan to contribute to the future work of the governing  
body.

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**Personal Statement** *(100 words max)*

Signed.....

Date.....