



# St. Helena's Weekly Newsletter

Dear Families,

Welcome back to a windy, rainy week at school - where's the autumnal sunshine? It has not deterred our school family; some great things have happened in five days. School Association held their first Film Night for two years and fifty children enjoyed popcorn, sweets and "Raya and the dragon", Y5/6 snapped up a chance to visit RAF Scampton and find out more about the "Flying Nightingales" and our Church family brought "Open the Book" to Collective Worship. We heard about Samuel's story and his messages from God.

We also welcomed Ben Keaton to school (our good friend and a professional actor living locally) to help all of us understand the importance of "Saying Yes" to any opportunity that comes our way. He reminded us that we must praise our failures as a learner - they tell you where you can improve! If negative thoughts come into your head:

*"The thing I have made is awful"* - Say to yourself: **"Excellent. Now you know where you're starting from."**

*"I have no ideas"* - Say to yourself **"You don't need ideas. Just start."**

*"I'm shy"* - Say to yourself **"Start small. Do it for yourself. And smile!"**

*"When will I be good?"* - Say to yourself **"I will decide."**

Ben is to work with children and staff through this year, exploring creativity and developing a positive mindset to all learning opportunities - bit hard on a wet November morning but we are trying!

In the meantime, stay safe and well everyone and just keep smiling!

Mrs B x

P.S. Just bought a beautiful book "Big Panda and Tiny Dragon" - put it on your Christmas list!

## Reception children starting in September 2022

If your child was born between September 2017 and August 31 2018, they are eligible to start school from September 2022. You can apply online at [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions) or can telephone 01522 782030. Closing date is January 15 2022.

**Poppies are now on sale  
on the playground.**



## Parents' meetings

Parents' meeting dates - come and see your child's teacher and find out how they are doing in school.

Year 2	Tuesday 16th November
Year 3	Thursday 11th November
Year 6	Monday 8th November

Bookings can be made via Parentmail or if you are having problems please contact Mrs Storr/Mrs Brown in the office.

## Diary Dates 2021/2022

### NOVEMBER

8th	Y6 Parents' Meetings
9th	7:30pm School Association Meeting
11th	Y3 Parents' Meetings
16th	Y2 Parents' Meetings
18th	Flu immunisations.
18th	James Mayhew, author, visiting Y2
19th	Children in Need 3:30-5pm School Association Film Night
21st	3pm Forest Church at St. Helena's Church
26th	School Association Raffle on the playground

### DECEMBER

3rd	3:30-5pm School Association Film Night
4th	9-11am School Association Breakfast with Santa
6th-9th	Y5 and Y6 Bikeability
9th	Y3 and Y4 visit Magna
10th	Christmas Jumper Day
13th	9:30am Year 3 Dress Rehearsal
14th	10am Little Explorers' Nativity 6pm Year 3 Christmas Performance
15th	1pm Rudy's Run-St Barnabas Hospice
16th	Christmas Dinner
16th	Little Explorers' Christmas Party
17th	2pm Christingle Service
17th	End of Term 2
20th	Staff Training Day

### JANUARY 2022

4th School Opens—Term 3

### FEBRUARY

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

### MARCH

31st End of Term 4

### APRIL

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

### MAY

27th End of Term 5

### JUNE

6th School Opens—Term 6

### JULY

22nd End of Term 6

**Year 2 swimming every Friday.  
Please remember your swimming kit AND towel.**

## **Year 6 parents.**

There are still a couple of parents who have not applied for their child's secondary school place. You must apply online at [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions) by 14th November.

# Sunnyside Garden

I have been busy during the holiday clearing weeds from the garden, but there are still some beautiful flowers in the borders.

My favourite at this time of year are the bright pink nerines that grow near the back door. They were planted many years ago and need very little care. In the spring they produce green leaves which die down and then in the autumn they produce these lovely bright flowers which are really cheerful on a wet autumnal day. The flowers last for about six weeks.

The fuchsia bushes still have lots of flowers. The bushes all have flowers with two colours, a mixture of pinks and reds, so they are also cheerful in November and have been flowering since the early summer.

Finally the dahlias are still producing some flowers. I like the bright pink one, but also have plants with a range of colours. I had enough pink and yellow blooms to pick a whole vase full of flowers last week. They are lovely in the lounge. These plants will soon die off because of the colder weather and will need to be stored in the garage over winter.

Love from Mrs Fulwood.



## After School Clubs

All clubs will be on next week EXCEPT Fun, Food and Fitness, which will start on Monday 15th November.

### WILLOUGHBY ARMS

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### Village Fete Committee

will be hosting a Bonfire Party on

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November

starting at 5.30pm prompt.

Guy Fawkes competition to be judged  
by Mrs Belton (Willoughby School)

Bonfire Lit at 6pm

Firework Display 6:45pm

BBQ, Hot Drinks, Toffee Apples.

Admission £5 Adults

Children under 12 Free

