



St. Helena's Weekly Newsletter

Dear Families,

Lovely to have everyone back in school and to return to our normal finishing time of 3.25pm. The children have also had morning break together at 10:30am and it is heart-warming to see little people playing safely alongside the older children on the orchard.

It won't be long before we have to say goodbye to our present Year Sixes, however they have a busy time ahead of them with "Transition to Y7" days, Church Schools' Festival at Lincoln Cathedral, film-making and end of term treats. Before all that, they have to sit their end of Year 6 national assessments, week beginning the 9th May. These test results go to the secondary schools and are used to baseline the children's reading, writing and maths skills-**no absences that week please.**

Year 2 will also sit some basic skills tests throughout the month of May and Year 1 will complete their national phonics test in June. Year 4 must complete a national multiplication test online in June so get practising children!

We have some lovely things planned for the Summer term too—the Platinum Jubilee being one of those occasions. Watch our for more details!

The Willoughby Village Committee, who organised the highly successful Bonfire Night, are planning a children's Jubilee event on Saturday 4th June from 12-4pm on the village green. It will include a "Bring your own picnic" street party on the school playground, art activities and fun races with fabulous prizes. They need to know numbers of children to pre-order the party bags so if you can join them on that day, please return the slip below by Friday 29th April.

Willoughby Village Committee Jubilee Celebrations

Saturday 4th June

I/We confirm that we will be attending the Jubilee Celebrations and will have children with us.

Signed

Date

Print Name :

Little Explorer Parents' Meetings

Mrs Kirk will be holding Little Explorer Parents' Meetings on Wednesday 27th April. A notification will be sent to you when the booking system is open on Parentmail.

For those children moving up to Reception in September 2022, Mrs Sherwood will also be there to talk to you.

After School Clubs Term 5

Starting next week the following clubs will be running

- Monday Choir with Miss Wickland (Spilsby Music Festival continuation)
 Football for Y4, 5 & 6 with JB Sports
 Art Club with Mrs Langdale for Year 6 children.
- Tuesday No Clubs
- Wednesday SATs with Mrs Roberts (invitation only)
 Forest Club with Mrs Sherwood for Reception to Year 2 children
 STEM Club with Mr Goddard for Year 3 to Year 5 children
- Thursday Fun with Phonics with Miss Newson for Year 1 children.
 Girls football for Y5 and Y6 with Mrs Roberts (continuing)
- Friday Drama Club continuing with Mrs Belton — New finish time of 5pm.

All clubs finish at 4:30pm except Drama Club which will finish at 5pm.

If your child would like to join one of the clubs please complete the consent below and return to the school office.

After School Clubs Term 5

I/We consent to, Year joining the following After School Club.

Monday Art Club for Year 6 children
 Football for Y4, 5 & 6 with JB Sports

Wednesday Forest Club for Reception to Year 2 children
 STEM Club for Year 3 to Year 5 children

Please indicate which club.

Thursday Fun with Phonics for Year 1 children
 Girls football Y5 and Y6

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Transport for September 2022

If your child is starting primary school or transferring to secondary school in September 2022 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.

We would be grateful if applications can be made by 31 May 2022.

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

Y3 and Y4 School Visits

Lincoln Cathedral and The Earth Exhibition at The Collection.

On Friday 29th April 2022 Year 3 and 4 will be visiting The Collection at Lincoln to see the exhibition of the Earth and will also be looking at their Egyptian Artefacts. After this the children will be walking up to The Cathedral to have a look around.

The children will be leaving school by coach at 9:15am and will need to wear their school uniform, sensible shoes and a waterproof coat. They also require a packed lunch and plenty to drink. Mrs Brown will contact all the children who are eligible for Free School Meals to organise their packed lunch.

We kindly, ask for a contribution of £10.50 towards the cost of this visit, payment can be made via Parentmail or at the school office. Unfortunately, if we do not receive sufficient contributions for this visit it may not be able to go ahead.

Alford Craft Market Pottery Workshop and The Manor House.

As part of their Egyptian studies, Year 3 and 4 children will be taking part in a workshop at the Alford Craft Market on Monday 23rd May 2022. They will be making their own Egyptian artefacts. Whilst in Alford they will also visit The Manor House to sketch the building.

More details nearer the time.

We kindly, ask for a contribution of £13.00 towards the cost of this visit, payment can be made via Parentmail or at the school office. Unfortunately, if we do not receive sufficient contributions for this visit it may not be able to go ahead.

The pottery workshop is more expensive than the Lincoln visit due to the cost of materials.

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Child's name

Year 3 and 4 visit Lincoln Cathedral and The Earth Exhibition at the Collection on Friday 29th April 2022.

I/We enclose a contribution of £10.50 towards the cost of the above school visit.

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Child's name

Year 3 and 4 visit Alford Pottery and The Manor House on Monday 23rd May 2022.

I/We enclose a contribution of £13.00 towards the cost of the above school visit.

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Reception Visit Woodside Wildlife, Lincoln

As part of their studies of the lifecycle of a butterfly, Reception children will be visiting Woodside Wildlife in Lincoln on Friday 6th May 2022 .

The children will be leaving school and returning during the normal school day and will be transported by Alford minibus and one staff car. They will need to wear school uniform, sensible shoes and a waterproof coat. They will also require a packed lunch and plenty to drink.

We kindly, ask for a contribution of £15.50 towards the cost of this visit, payment can be made via Parentmail or at the school office. Unfortunately, if we do not receive sufficient contributions for this visit it may not be able to go ahead.

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Child's name

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Diary Dates 2022

APRIL

26th Attendance Panel Meetings
29th Y3 and Y4 see The Earth at the Collection and visit the Cathedral.

MAY

4th Class Photographs
6th Reception visit Woodside Wildlife, Lincoln
23rd Y3 & 4 go to Alford Pottery & Manor House
27th Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations
27th End of Term 5

JUNE

4th Willoughby Village Jubilee Celebrations
6th School Opens—Term 6
9th Year 1 and 2 visit Anderby Creek
15th 4:15-5:30pm Y6 QEGS masterclass
22nd 4:15-5:30pm Y6 QEGS masterclass
29th 4:15-5:30pm Y6 QEGS masterclass
24th Sports Day (Afternoon) at Alford CC, Well
27th Y5 Curriculum Day at JSTC

JULY

7th Y6 Induction Day at QEGS, Alford
11th Y6 Induction Day at Banovallum, Horncastle
13th Y6 JSTC Induction Day
14th Y6 JSTC Induction Day
22nd End of Term 6



Year 2 Swimming

Swimming for Year 2 has started.

We, kindly, ask for a contribution of £32.25 towards the cost which is now available on Parentmail.

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

Year 2 Swimming—Term 5

I/We enclose a contribution of £32.25 towards the cost of swimming for Term 5.

Child's name

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The Family Drop In

The Family Drop In is a non profit social group for families and carers, it runs every Saturday from 10am- 12pm at The Village Hall, Willoughby. It offers the following:

Toys for kids
Toy/book library
Space for parents to chill have a cuppa and chat
Advice on parenting struggles
Advice on ND struggles
Budgeting
Cooking on a shoestring workshops
Access to services- housing, benefits, mental health etc ...
Kids yoga
Mindfulness
Messy play.

Entrance per family £2.50 (covers the cost of hall hire)

MAY Workshops

(price starts from £2.50 , is no more than £3 per child to cover cost of resources)

7th mini beast pebbles
14th Life skills class -make a sandwich/cutting skills
21st Kite making
28th Make your own playdough

Please drop in and join Tammie Griffiths.

Sunnyside Garden

Welcome back to school everyone. I hope you have enjoyed your holiday. I have been very busy in the greenhouse, especially during the past week when the weather has been better. I have been transplanting little seedlings from their original trays into individual pots so that they can grow on quickly without all the roots getting tangled.

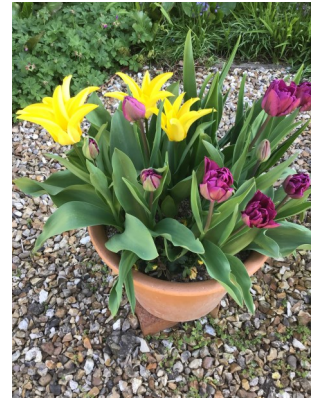
I have to leave space on the greenhouse shelf for Scampy. She likes to jump up and watch what I am doing, then curls up and goes to sleep on the warm shelf.

I have planted out a few lettuce in a sheltered space between the greenhouses, as well as planting a few pea plants in the garden. I have put twigs around the peas for the plants to grow up and hope the birds will not eat them. My granddaughters helped me plant the potato tubers at the beginning of the holiday.

This morning the geraniums and begonias plug plants arrived. I ordered these in February and I have moved them into little pots of their own to grow on. These will stay in the greenhouse for the next month.

The tulips in the large pots in the front garden are beginning to flower and are really lovely to look out at from the kitchen window when I am washing up.

Hope you are enjoying the sunshine.
Love Mrs Fulwood.



Lincolnshire County Council are providing a Free Online Safety Question and Answer Event for Parents.

A Date with Dan 18th May 6:30pm-7:30pm FREE Online Safety Question and Answer event

Online safety can be a bit of a minefield and many of us have lots of questions on how we can not only keep our children and young people safe but also let them enjoy the benefits the online world brings. After our last Q and A event earlier this year, many parents and carers asked for another opportunity to ask us some questions.

Join our resident Online Safety Officer, Dan Hawbrook, on the 18th May 2022 for a special Question and Answer session for parents and carers which will cover whatever YOU want to know – whether it's game ratings, parental controls, bullying or strangers – we will let you ask us those burning questions.

Sign up will be required to access this session. [A Date with Dan Tickets, Wed 18 May 2022 at 18:30 | Eventbrite](#)



Are you in Year 2 at school?

**And would you like to play
football for a local team?**



Alford Town FC

**is looking to recruit players for the U8 team
entering the Mid Lincs League
in September 2022**

**Why not come along to our training sessions
on**

Fridays 6.00 – 7.00 pm

**at Alford Town grounds
East Street, Alford LN13 9EQ
(next to the windmill)**

We hope to see you there

For further information contact:

**Shane Tilston (Manager) on 07805 629204
or Rob Wilson (Club Secretary)
on 07860 175326**



www.alfordtownfc.co.uk