



St. Helena's Weekly Newsletter

Dear Families

I can tell it's getting closer to Christmas as children are coughing, spluttering and looking tired, a result of the best of times in the coldest of months! Please help us by sending children with coats, gloves, hats and scarves; we still go out at breaktimes. I was talking to one mummy who said her child seemed exhausted and quite emotional at the end of the day - this is normal for most young people and it just needs a wise adult to scoop them up, have a snack ready and leave them be for a while! Our days are so busy, so full, so overloaded with learning, activities, and chatter; no wonder they are tired and want a peaceful half an hour to themselves.

Our Year 3s and 4s have been exceptionally tired this week following a very busy visit to Roman Lincoln on Monday. We planned a hectic trip visiting the Lincoln Mosque, Usher Art Gallery, The Collection museum and a walk round the Roman ruins in the Bailgate and at all four places, the children were exceptionally behaved and fully engaged with the learning.

I have appreciated families coming to see me this week to sort out issues and concerns - we really cannot do anything to help unless you catch us with an email, call or visit. We really want to ensure we are doing all we can to help your families.

Please remember to email me at sue.belton@st-helenascofe.lincs.sch.uk if I can be of any help.

Warmest wishes,
Mrs B x

Y1 and Y2 teacher

Dear Y1/2 families,

We have been able to appoint a lovely teacher for Y1s and 2s, Laura Boswell, to start immediately after Christmas. Miss Boswell works at North Cockerington Primary and hopefully will be able to spend some time with Ms Newson and the class before the holidays so that there is a seamless transition for everyone. She will teach Y2 in the mornings and the whole class of Y1/2s in the afternoon. Mrs Shaw will continue to teach the Y1s in the mornings. When we can, we will introduce you to Miss Boswell so that you can have a sense of who your child's new teacher will be in January. I know you will all want to join me in saying thank you and good luck to Ms Newson - you will be missed by us all, Louise.

Reception Children September 2023

If your child was born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019 they are due to start school in September 2023.

From Monday 14th November applications can be made at www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions

This year LCC have provided a powerpoint to show parents how to apply. If you would like a copy of this and a School Application letter with the full details please contact the school office.



Reading workshop

Mrs Roberts will be holding a reading workshop in the hall on Wednesday 30th November for Year 5 and 6. Starting at 3:30pm for 30 minutes.

The purpose of the workshop is to talk about the importance of reading at home and how parents can help their children. As this is for parents only the children may go into Hub free of charge.



Attendance between 14.11.22 and 18.11.22

St Helena's attendance for the whole school is 96.06% (Ofsted's expectation is above 94%)

21 late arrivals have been recorded this week and due to this 2 hours and 44 minutes learning time has been lost

6 children left school early (not relating to illness) which equates to 6 hours and 20 minutes learning time lost.

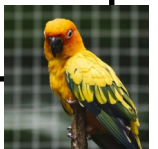
Total learning time lost by late arrivals and early leavers = 9 hours.

Y1 and Y2 visit to Lincolnshire Wildlife Park

As part of their Geography and Science studies, Year 1 and Year 2 will be visiting Lincolnshire Wildlife Park on Tuesday 13th December.

The children will need to wear school uniform, sensible shoes and a waterproof coat. They will also need a packed lunch and plenty to drink. If it is wet, it will probably be muddy at the Wildlife Park so the children will need to take either wellies or a change of shoes.

Miss Newson has managed to get these tickets free of charge, however, we do kindly ask for a contribution of £9.00 towards the cost of transport which can be paid via Parentmail or at the school office. Cheques payable to LCC please—Thank you.



**Year 1 & 2 will be swimming every Friday.
Please remember your swimming kit.**

Diary Dates 2022/2023

DECEMBER

5th	Year 4 & 5 Music Performance to whole school 6pm Year 4 & 5 Music Performance
7th	8:20-8:45am Reading Cafe
8th	Christmas Jumper Day 9:30am Year 1 and 2 Christmas Performance Rehearsal 5pm Y1/2 Christmas Performance
9th	9:30am Y3 Christmas Performance Rehearsal. 3:30pm SA Raffle on the playground 5pm Year 3 Christmas Performance.
10th	9am-11am SA Breakfast with Santa
12th	2pm Reception Nativity Rehearsal
13th	Year 1 & 2 visit Lincolnshire Wildlife. 2pm Reception Nativity Performance
14th	Bubble Theatre Company—Cinderella to whole school 3pm Y6 Perform Steel Drums to parents
15th	Rudy's Run Christmas Dinner for whole school
16th	2pm Christingle End of Term 2

JANUARY 2023

3rd	Staff Training Day
4th	School Open—Term 3

FEBRUARY

10th	End of Term 3
20th	School Open—Term 4

MARCH

31st	End of Term 4
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APRIL

17th	Staff Training Day
18th	School Open—Term 5

MAY

8th	BANK HOLIDAY-School Closed
26th	End of Term 5

JUNE

5th	School Open—Term 6
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JULY

21st	End of Term 6
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SEPT

6th	School Opens-Term 1
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After School Clubs week commencing 28th November 2022

Monday	Multi Skills Y4, Y5, and Y6 Choir
Thursday	Girls' Football
Friday	Drama Club

All clubs finish at 4:30pm

The School Nursing Team will be returning on Tuesday 6th December to administer the flu nasal spray to those children who were away last time.

School Uniform

New School Uniform is available from Nationwide Uniform at Spilsby and pre-loved uniform is available from Alford Hub, which is opposite the butchers in Alford.

Alford Hub are always grateful for any good pre-loved uniform your children may have outgrown.



**YEAR 4 AND 5
MUSICAL PERFORMANCE
FOR PARENTS.
MONDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2022
STARTING AT 6PM**

**YEAR 6
MUSICAL PERFORMANCE
FOR PARENTS.
WEDNESDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2022
STARTING AT 3PM**

Thursday 8th December

9:30am Year 1 and 2 Rehearsal to whole school

5pm Year 1 and 2 Christmas Performance

Friday 9th December

9:30am Year 3 Rehearsal to whole school

5pm Year 3 Christmas Performance

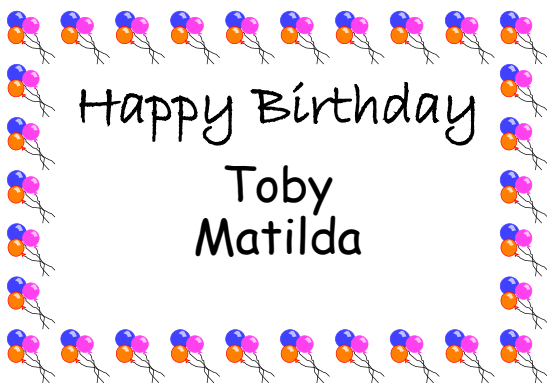
Monday 12th December

2pm Reception Nativity Rehearsal to whole school

Tuesday 13th December

2pm Reception Christmas Nativity Performance

Tickets are not required for the main performances. If you are unable to attend the Performance and would like to see the Rehearsal please contact the school office—thank you.



*Reading Café
Wednesday 7th December
8:20am-8:45am
Please come and join us!*

**Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 8th December
Please come to school in your Christmas Jumper.
Donations of £1 towards 'Save the Children'
will be gratefully received.**



Alford's Spectacular Extravaganza

Saturday 26th November



12.00 - 19.00

Free Bus Travel

Santas Parade . 5.30pm

Light Switch On . 6pm

Santas Grotto in Manor House
(Til 5.30pm)

Christmas Market

Food Stalls

Live Music

Christmas Attractions



More info: www.alford.info

Free bus to Alford Christmas lights event.

Tickets need to be booked to ensure no-one is left out.

Book online at: [Hunts Coaches to Alford's Spectacular Extravaganza Tickets, Sat 26 Nov 2022 at 12:00 | Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/alford-s-spectacular-extravaganza-tickets)

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Alford's Spectacular Extravaganza

Saturday 26th November

(Seats must be booked online: [Eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk) - Hunts Coaches to Alford's Spectacular Extravaganza)
Christmas Market. Food, Gifts, Music, Santa's Parade, Light switch on





WELTON LE MARSH XMAS FAIR

SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER 11AM TO 2PM
FREE BUFFET – FREE ENTRY

LARGE RAFFLE

NAME THE TEDDY

LARGE TOMBOLA



LUCKY CRACKER

CARROT OR PARSNIP

PLUCK THE TURKEY

LUCKY DIP BAGS



GUESS THE WEIGHT OF THE XMAS CAKE

HOW MANY PRESENTS IN THE STOCKING

JIGSAW PUZZLES

TEA, COFFEE AND SOFT DRINKS

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY VILLAGE HALL
