

# St. Helena's Weekly Newsletter

Dear Families,

Whilst I have been glued to the World Cup, Mrs Vines has been watching her little girl, Stella in a "Future Lionesses" tournament on a cold wintery weekend morning. It is wonderful to hear stories of all our children involved in team sports and activities outside of school - thank you to all the volunteers who run these clubs and organisations; they are a great way to learn so many life skills in a happy, safe environment.

Some of our Year Fives and Sixes have been involved in out-of-hours sports, thanks to Mrs Storr, Mr Goddard, and Mrs Rinfret. Congratulations to all the netballers and hockey players who battled the elements and teams from large primaries to give spirited performances.

As we enter the Advent of Christmas, I want to wish everyone much cheer as our days become busier and our children become ever more excited - perhaps the Christmas elf could be helpful this year rather than naughty!

Please remember to email me at [sue.belton@st-helenascofe.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:sue.belton@st-helenascofe.lincs.sch.uk) if I can be of any help.

Warmest wishes,

Mrs B x



## 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-Thank you to School Association.  
3pm Y6 Perform Steel Drums to parents
- 15th 9:10am Carols around the Christmas Tree at The Willoughby Arms. Please come and join the children.  
10:30am Rudy's Run on the Village Green -Parents welcome.  
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

### 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

### JULY

- 21st End of Term 6

### SEPT

- 6th School Opens-Term 1

## 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.



## 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](http://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.

## Attendance between 14.11.22 and 18.11.22

St Helena's attendance for the whole school is 92.07% (Ofsted's expectation is above 94%)

25 late arrivals have been recorded this week and due to this 11 hours and 26 minutes learning time has been lost

3 children left school early (not relating to illness) which equates to 4 hours and 25 minutes learning time lost.

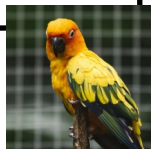
Total learning time lost by late arrivals and early leavers = 15 hours and 51 minutes!

## 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.**

**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**

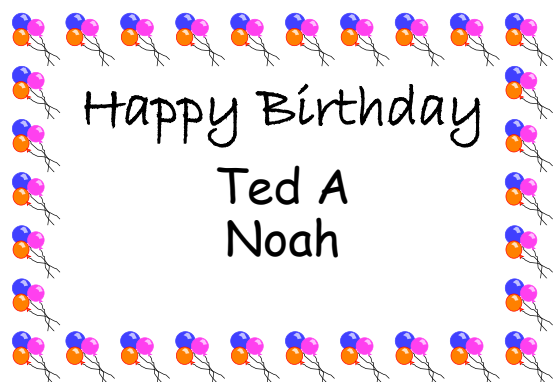
2pm Reception Christmas Nativity Performance

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.

Raffle tickets will be on sale at all the performances.

All proceeds will help with the cost of licences etc.

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.**







Dear Parent / Guardian 😊

It's Rudy the reindeer here from the North Pole to talk about a very special mission Santa has set me this year. This year, St Helena's has chosen to support St Barnabas Hospice by doing our very own Rudy's Run on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

Rudy's Run is all about our beloved children having some festive and educational fun whilst raising much needed funds for your local hospice!

Each child will receive a free pair of antlers and a red nose to wear as they run, walk, dance or prance the Rudy's Run route. They can even keep them for family festivities at home! I have even sent a Santa suit for one lucky teacher to wear whilst keeping the reindeers in formation!

St Barnabas Hospice is renowned for its outstanding end-of-life care for adults, but they also provide pre and post bereavement support for families too. This invaluable support is free for anyone in Lincolnshire who is struggling with loss, and more work is being done right now at St Barnabas to create a specialist bereavement service for children as young as five.

Losing a parent, sibling or grandparent can be extremely traumatic for a child, but it is something which one in thirty children are going through each day. Rudy's Run has been designed to highlight our bereavement support and to help continue to fund this much needed service.

Donations of £1 per child will be gratefully received, please bring into school on the day.

I hope you will support your child in this fundraising event and help boost the school fundraising total to give patients and their families at St Barnabas Hospice a joyful Christmas.

Got to dash now – Santa is calling me for flying practice!

Best wishes,

Rudy xxx 🦌🦌

P.S – Use #RudysRun when talking about this event on social media!!



Friday 9th December

3:30pm

School Association Christmas Raffle  
on the playground.



Donations will be gratefully received,  
please bring to the office-Thank you.

After School Clubs week commencing 5th December 2022

Monday	Multi Skills Y4, Y5, and Y6 <b>NO Choir</b> due to Y4/5 Performance
Thursday	Girls' Football — Last one until New Year
Friday	<b>NO Drama Club</b> until New Year
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.

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.



The children of St Helena's are invited to join the School Association on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> December, 9am - 11am for our Breakfast with Santa morning. Please complete the forms, that have been sent home with your child, and return to the school office with the £5 payment as soon as possible. We have fun filled morning planned for the children which includes:



**Breakfast with Santa**  
Sausage muffins, cereals,  
orange or apple juice.



Meet and Greet Santa



**Christmas  
crafting and  
Glitter Tattoos**





## 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

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