



## William Stukeley Church of England Primary School

*In our happy, caring and safe school, our teachers will inspire learning, support us to achieve success and create lifelong values, characteristics and ambitions*

### Newsletter: Term 1 (2021/22)

#### Message from Chair of Governors

As we start to see the 'light at the end of the tunnel', I feel the need to write, as so much has taken place over the last two years.



I was in William Stukeley CE Primary School on the first day of term; it had been so long since my last visit as governors, quite rightly, were asked not to go into school during the depths of the pandemic. What I saw was an oasis of calm. Classes were quiet, children were engaged and learning was taking place. There was clear evidence of what is one of our main aims: to close the "Covid gap".

Children of all ages have experienced a difficult time under the 'black cloud' of the pandemic. However, as much I have wanted to be out and about, meeting friends, socialising, or getting on with normal life, it must have been so much harder for the young. They have coped so well; well done to each and every one!

Parents have had the pressures of home-schooling to contend with; each of us with varying degrees of success; I would like to thank you all for your hard work. Thank you too for all the emails and letters from parents, praising staff for their help and support. I need to add my own thanks to all staff for everything they have done. It is without surprise that they went the extra mile, as always, but during pandemic, they did it in so many new ways - from grappling with the new technology, to the extra contact and concern for those in need.

I also wish to thank the Senior Leadership Team, who have had to deal with so much, without precedence to guide them; rules and regulations changed daily. I would like to thank Mr Emery, whose hand at the tiller has steered us through stormy waters. Lastly, my thanks extend to the governors for coping with the difficulties of supporting the school from afar (I hope I never see another Teams meeting, however unintentionally hilarious they may have been!).

To poorly paraphrase, we are not at the end, but we are at the beginning of the end; we are getting back to 'normal', although 'normal' might be slightly different...

I am looking forward to the pandemic being a distant memory; it is something that the children of today will talk about in their old age. Our future is the same: William Stukeley CE Primary School and Deeping St Nicholas Primary School - The Stukeley Federation. The place of education, fun and experiences; of friendships, learning and imagination.

Thank you, to you all.

Richard Nicholas

Chair of Governors  
The Stukeley Federation



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## Message from Mr Emery



A great big welcome back and we hope everyone had a good summer break! We have had a great start to the new term, as evidenced by our Chair of Governors (above) and I'm sure, like us, everybody absolutely hopes that we'll see a year with minimal disruption! As I have said, and continue to say, coming back after the holiday can always be a little difficult, but our children will again be comforted to know that as they walk through the school, they are surrounded by people who deeply care and who are passionate about helping them achieve their dreams; teaching them that if you aim at something, you'll hit something! We give a special welcome to everyone who has recently joined our school; to our new children and families we look forward to an exciting primary career together.

## Year 6 PGL Residential

On the 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> September, the Year 6 children from Falcons and Eagles spent a fabulous three days at PGL in Caythorpe, Grantham.

The residential visit was jam-packed with activities, including canoeing, rifle shooting, the giant swing, the sensory trail and the trapeze.

All children challenged themselves and many experienced things they had never tried before.



When talking about the visit upon our return, the children said things like, "It was great fun!" "I got to challenge myself." "I loved the high activities!" "I've never done anything like that before." "I loved being in the water!" "I conquered my fears." and "We got to know each other better."

The children were well-behaved and a credit to both the school and themselves. The instructors complimented our children on their beautiful manners and the way that they listened to instructions and were encouraging of each other.

We hope that the children enjoyed the experience and made memories that will last a lifetime.

## Year 6 Secondary Applications for September 2022

If your child is in Year 6 and due to start secondary school next year, you can apply online: [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions). You can contact Lincolnshire County Council via e-mail at [schooladmissions@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:schooladmissions@lincolnshire.gov.uk) or on 01522 782030 if you have any queries or difficulties. The closing date for applications is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021.

## Open Day for September 2022 Admissions

We are holding two Open Days for families of children who are starting in Reception, next September: Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November. There will be two sessions each day, 10.30am & 1.45pm. Places are limited and must be booked in advance via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/william-stukeley-ce-primary-school-open-day-tickets-178127463037>

## School Uniform



Our free, pre-loved uniform is now well established and being supported by so many of you. All donated items are washed and ironed and ready for use. If you would like to request any pre-loved uniform please complete the form by clicking the following link; we will do our best to cater for your needs (depending on the stock we have available): [Pre-Loved Uniform](#)

We are always grateful for donations of stock, in clean, washed condition: any boys or girls uniform, PE kit, winter coats, school footwear (shoes, plimsolls and trainers).

New uniform can be purchased online via our supplier Nationwide School Uniforms: <https://www.nationwideschooluniforms.co.uk/>

**PLEASE ENSURE ALL CLOTHING IS NAMED**

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## NHS Flu Immunisations: Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November



Following the recent letter from NHS Lincolnshire Community Health Services (sent by ParentMail), to give consent for your child, please register online at <https://www.lincolnshireimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

You will need to enter the following code to ensure the completed form can be correctly allocated to our school: **EE120596**. If you have any queries, please contact the School Aged Immunisation Service please contact the Immunisation team on: 01522 572950 (8.30am – 4.30pm Monday – Friday).

## Lunches / Food Policy

If sending your child/children to school with a packed lunch, please be reminded that lunches should **not include any nuts or nut products** (including peanut butter and chocolate nut spread) due to concerns about children with nut allergies. Our Food Policy is available on our school website: <http://www.williamstukeley.lincs.sch.uk/information/policies.html>  
Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.



## Message from Willoughby Foods



*Potential Supplier Shortages* - as you may be aware our suppliers are experiencing unprecedented driver shortages and as a result, we may see a disruption in certain products getting through to us (particularly bread products). We have been in talks with our suppliers over the summer to try to minimise such shortages.

During this time, we may have to change the menu at short notice, however in case of such supply issues we will endeavour to maintain a menu as close to our published menu as possible, notify schools and retain the original Allergen Information for that menu.

Next term's menus are now live and available for ordering.

A lot of consideration and planning has been put into designing next term's menus. It means that on the majority of days, across the four meal options, there will be a meal suitable for children who need to eat a gluten free or dairy free diet – we feel this is a huge achievement and are really pleased that more children will be able to access our meals.

## Free School Meals (Pupil Premium)

If you think your child may be eligible for Free School Meals please click the link to apply: <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schools-and-education/free-school-meals/>

## Breakfast Club

Parents / carers **MUST** book Breakfast Club sessions in advance via Parentmail to guarantee their child's place; spaces will be booked on a first-come-first served basis.

Breakfast Club opens at 8.00am and is currently open with a *limited* number of places, therefore please only book your child into Breakfast Club if you have no other alternative.



Please let the school office know if you need breakfast club and we will add the booking option to your Parentmail account. Currently, the system only allows booking for one week at a time, and the sessions go live every Monday. The sessions close on Thursday lunchtime, or until the sessions are fully booked. The cost of each session remains £2.00 (children entitled to Free School Meals will not need to pay) and **ALL** sessions must be booked in advance, regardless whether they are chargeable or not.

## Tesco Community Grants Scheme

We are delighted that we are through to the Tesco Community Grants voting scheme in the Holbeach store. Please help support our school by popping your blue tokens in our slot each time you shop. Voting is open until Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September. Thank you for your continued support. <https://tescocommunitygrants.org.uk/>

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## Contact details



We will soon be sending home a Student Update Form for you to check through and return. To ensure we have your correct contact details it is really important that you inform the office of any changes to your contact phone numbers; this is really important should we need to contact you in an emergency situation. If you are able to provide another contact (in case we are unable to contact you) please provide their details too.

## Friends of the School

We are on the lookout for new members to join us! There are plenty of opportunities in the year to get involved and how much time you want to give is up to you. It is a great way to make new friends, share or learn new skills and discover hidden talents.



If you would like more information you can visit [www.pta.org.uk](http://www.pta.org.uk) or if you have any questions or would like to register your interest to join, please email: [friends@williamstukeley.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:friends@williamstukeley.lincs.sch.uk)

## ParentMail

We'd like to encourage ALL parents to download the APP as there are a number of benefits both to you and for the school.

- You don't need to login to pickup messages or attachments when you use the APP.
- The APP stores all the messages we send you in one place so you don't have to search.
- Every message sent arrives as an instant alert on your mobile.\* (important – see below)

\* We currently send text messages from time to time, especially for urgent situations, but these are expensive and cost the school hundreds of pounds each year. If we can persuade parents to use the APP we can stop sending text messages completely and put the money spent to better use.

You can download the APP for free from either the [Apple APP store](#) or the [Google Play Store](#) and it will really help you to get the best experience from the ParentMail system.



If you have any issues or queries with the process, please visit the help site: <https://www.parentmail.co.uk/help/parenthelp/> or contact the school office.

We also use +Pay on ParentMail – an online payment service which allows you to pay for school items quickly and easily on your smartphone, tablet or computer. We will inform you about items you need to pay through ParentMail, and you will be able to pay electronically, using credit or debit cards.

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## REMINDERS

- **Parking** - in order to keep the access to school clear for emergency services (at all times) and for the safeguarding and well-being of children being brought into school and collected by taxi, please DO NOT park in the yellow boxed area.
- For safety reasons, please be reminded that access through the staff car park is prohibited – please use the pathways to enter the school grounds.
- **Cycling and scooters** - children are reminded that bicycles and scooters must be dismounted when in the school grounds.



- **Healthy Snacks**



Please be reminded that children may only bring in:

- Fresh or dried fruit e.g. apple, banana, raisins (not fruit winder etc)
  - Vegetables e.g. carrot sticks
  - Plain biscuits e.g. rich tea, digestive (not chocolate, cream or jam)
  - Crackers or plain rice cakes (not cereal bars or crisps)
  - Water bottles only (not juice or squash)
- If you have any letters or paperwork for the office, for your convenience there is a post box located outside the main school entrance.
  - **Trim Trail** - children are not permitted to play on the trim-trail equipment out of normal supervised sessions, including pre-school children; this is a requirement of the Risk Assessment.
  - **Medical appointments & absences** - please phone or email the school to advise; messages can be left on our answerphone or you can email [enquiries@williamstukeley.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@williamstukeley.lincs.sch.uk) Please note, absences need to be followed up in writing.
  - Please be reminded that our policy is 48 hours absence from school following any episode of vomiting or diarrhoea.
  - **Website** - please visit our school website [www.williamstukeley.lincs.sch.uk](http://www.williamstukeley.lincs.sch.uk) which includes our 'Home School Agreement' - children who have just moved into Year 3 will be soon be sent the KS2 version of the agreement. We also advertise local/community events on our website, which may be of interest.
  - Please be advised that dogs are not allowed on the school grounds.



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## Diary Dates for Term 1

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	Start of Term 1
13 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup> September	PGL Caythorpe residential, Year 6
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents Evening, 4.00pm-7.00pm
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents Evening, 4.00pm-7.00pm
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	End of Term 1

## Diary Dates for Term 2

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Start of Term 2
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Open Day for Reception 2022 intake (10.30am & 1.45pm) <i>Bookable</i>
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Open Day for Reception 2022 intake (10.30am & 1.45pm) <i>Bookable</i>
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu Immunisations - Reception- Year 6, <i>only those who have given consent</i>
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Term 2

## TERM DATES 2021/22

Term 1	<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2021</b>
Term 2	<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021</b>
Term 3	<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022</b>
Term 4	<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February – Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022</b>
Term 5	<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022</b> <i>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May - Bank Holiday (school closed)</i>
Term 6	<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022</b>

Staff Training Days  
(school closed)

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022

*One training day remaining; twilight sessions*

**Due to school requirements training days may be subject to change.**

School Times\*

School Starts 8:55 am.  
Lunchtime KS1 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm.  
Lunchtime KS2 12:15 pm – 1:15 pm.  
End of teaching and learning for KS1 3:15 pm.  
End of teaching and learning for KS2 3:25 pm.

Please remember to visit our school website: [www.williamstukeley.lincs.sch.uk](http://www.williamstukeley.lincs.sch.uk)

