



William Stukeley Church of England Primary School

Where our shared Christian values give us a foundation of challenge and support, helping to make a positive change in the world, as we strive to create a community of respect and aspiration, preparing everyone for their future.



Newsletter: Term 2 (2021/22)

Dear Parents and Carers,

Now we are into Term 2, it's a sure sign that winter is approaching with the darker mornings and shorter days.

Inside and outside of school the challenges continue, with the pandemic being slightly overshadowed (for a while) by the UN Climate Change Conference (COP26).

As you read through this newsletter, you'll see evidence of the children's climate promises; we pray that the leaders of our world can adhere to *their* promises.

An additional challenge presented to us recently was the condition of the clock tower, within the early years setting. As a precaution, we have had to cordon off the area around the tower until remedial works can be completed; we await a start date – I hope it'll be soon.

Trust is included within this term's Values programme. Last week, several members of the team were accompanying visitors around the school grounds. During this time an area of the school wasn't looking it's best and two children took it upon themselves to tidy, because they knew, that is what should happen; this is a great example of the 'trust' we see in our children.

Mr T W Emery
Head Teacher

Tesco Community Grants Scheme



We are thrilled to let you know that following the Tesco Community Grant vote in the Holbeach Tesco store, our project came first and has been chosen by Tesco customers to receive a grant award of £1,500! Thank you for your continued support, it means so much. The money will make a huge difference to our project to include, breakfast club, playground equipment and library books.

Lincolnshire Co-op Breakfast Club Funding

Thanks to Lincolnshire Co-op's Community Champions fundraising, we have been awarded £350 towards our breakfast club. We are very grateful and would like to pass our sincere thanks to Lincolnshire Co-op.



Tesco Colouring Competition – Holbeach 'Big Bang'



Our children were invited to take part in the Tesco Holbeach colouring competition to promote the Holbeach 'Big Bang' Victorian Fayre. Children were asked to colour or create their own Victorian Christmas themed picture.

A big well-done to all the children who took part in the colouring competition. We are delighted that our school won 5 out of the 7 categories! Congratulations to the winners: Ivy-Jean (Reception), Elsie (Y1), Jessica (Y2), Willow-Mae (Y3) and Maisy (Y6). Thank you to Tesco Holbeach for the wonderful prizes the children received.

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Operation Christmas Child - Samaritans Purse

All the classes have been busy putting together shoe boxes filled with gifts to be part of the Operation Christmas Child 2021 event. The amount of donated items and filled boxes arriving in school over the past two weeks has been amazing and shows how much our children and families want to show care and extend love to others. Over 100 boxes were filled and donated!

Our filled boxes have now been delivered to our local collection point in Spalding. From Spalding our boxes will go to a national sorting centre where it will be decided which country our gifts will be sent too. Wherever they go they will be received by a child who is unlikely to receive another gift this year. Many of our children have written notes and drawings which were included in the boxes to give the gift a more personal touch.

We look forward to updating everyone as to where our boxes are destined for. Everyone in school has been delighted with how generous the support has been. Thank you!



Climate Change Day aka 'Earth Day'

On Friday 5th November all the pupils in school took part in some exciting activities to learn all about climate change. The school council members had played a big part in designing the activities for this day and they chose to call it 'Earth Day'. The children learnt about COP26, climate change, global warming and took part in an activity in association with the WWF. The children thought carefully about ways to save our planet and then wrote a promise on a leaf. The leaves were shared with the WWF who put the leaves together with those of other pupils from around the world to create a global forest of promises that were then shared with world leaders at the recent COP26 summit. Fantastic job everybody!

Oak Tree

A big thank you to Charlie in Owls class and his grandparents who kindly donated an oak tree which they had grown from an acorn. Mr Thorpe agreed to plant the tree for us (as he is a landscape gardener and knows what he's doing and it was heavy!). We planted it on 'Earth Day' as a way to help offset our carbon footprint. It has been planted at a safe distance from our other protected trees.



Make, Bake and Shake Day

The children in Ducks, Robins, Woodpeckers and Kingfishers classes all enjoyed their "Make, Bake and Shake Day". The day saw all children join in with making jam, baking bread and shaking cream to turn it into butter - they were amazed at how the consistency changed. They then had the opportunity to eat what they had made. The children had great fun getting sticky with the bread dough and slicing and mashing up the strawberries (some even fell into children's mouths!).

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Harvest Festival



The children in Woodpeckers, Kingfishers and Key Stage 2 visited All Saints Church last month to celebrate Harvest Festival. This was our first visit to Church since Christmas 2019 and for some of the youngest children it was their first time visiting with school. The children in Herons said that it was amazing, exciting and fantastic to be back in Church - it made them happy! Reverend Seal retired in July and so Micki Carey-Slater took the service for us. The collection of food donated by our children and their families was wonderful and has helped to replenish stocks at Holbeach Community Larder who

have asked us to pass on their grateful thanks.

Poppy Appeal & Remembrance Day

Thank you to all who supported the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Children were given the opportunity to buy a poppy during the school day; we will let you know the total amount raised. We observed the 2 minute silence in respect of Remembrance Day on 11th November at 11am.



Children in Need

Please be advised that in line with our charity timetable, whilst we recognise the day (Friday 19th November) and allow the children to do so, we are not fundraising for Children in Need this year.

September 2022 Admissions

Children born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018 are due to start Reception in September 2022. Applications for a school must be made before 12 noon on 15th January 2022. Apply online at www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions or telephone 01522 782030.

Reminder NHS Flu Immunisations: Wednesday 24th November



Following the recent letter from NHS Lincolnshire Community Health Services (sent by ParentMail), if you haven't and would still like 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).

Willoughby Foods – School Christmas Lunch: Tuesday 14th December

All Christmas Lunch orders must be placed online by Tuesday 7th December (late orders cannot be accepted): www.willoughby-foods.co.uk

The menu this year is:



MAIN COURSE

Roast turkey fillet with sage & onion stuffing balls, pigs in blankets & gravy OR Cheesy crumble topped stuffed mushrooms (cheese, soft Cheese, garlic, sage & onion crumb topped field mushroom)
With Lincolnshire broccoli, carrots, peas & roast potatoes

PUDDING

Chocolate ice-cream sponge roll OR fruit

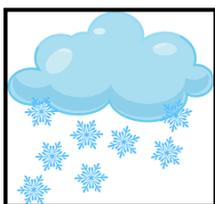
KS1 Christmas Party

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children are having their Christmas Party Day on **Wednesday 15th December**. Further details for the party will follow in due course. As the children will be using the hall, hot meals will not be available on this day.

If you have already ordered a hot school meal for your child in Year 3, 4, 5 or 6, this will be changed to a packed lunch option, unless you notify us otherwise.

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Winter Weather



Should the school need to close due to the weather, we will notify parents / carers via sending a ParentMail text, however, you can also find out via BBC Lincolnshire or Heart FM Radio stations. If you have not registered for ParentMail yet and would like to do so please contact the school office. If you cannot get your child/children to school, then please telephone and leave a message on the absence line explaining your difficulty. The information will also be uploaded to [Lincolnshire County Council's school closures website](#).

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

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.

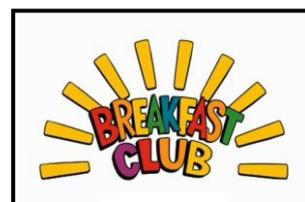
Free School Meals (Pupil Premium)

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.

Attendance and Punctuality

Last term, our whole school attendance was **95.55%**, our target is 97% (the national level). We need to remember, for our school to reach 97% we need to ensure that children's time out of school is only for illness or **exceptional circumstances**.

Lateness also needs to be considered as 'on time to school' really does matter; school doors open at 8.45am and school learning begins at 8.55am.

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Reminder: parking / access



Whilst we appreciate the difficulties regarding the limited parking options, 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 or block the car parking spaces outside the staff car park.**

We have also been contacted by our neighbours in Back Lane – please can we request parents/carers are mindful of where they are parking and to be respectful of our local community.

When dropping off and collecting children from Key Stage 2 playground, please can we remind parents and carers to keep the slope to the playground clear - it is becoming congested and difficult for children and classes to pass through. You may use any of the available space on the playground.

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 or if you have any questions or would like to register your interest to join, please email: friends@williamstukeley.lincs.sch.uk



Local Events

Please be advised that any posters advertising local events will continue to be placed on our school website rather than being sent by Parentmail – we do not want to inundate parents / carers with Parentmail letters and posters, so please see our Local Events tabs on:

<http://www.williamstukeley.lincs.sch.uk/news/community.html>

Diary Dates for Term 2

Monday 1 st November	Start of Term 2
Tuesday 9 th November	Open Day for Reception 2022 intake
Wednesday 10 th November	Open Day for Reception 2022 intake
Monday 15 th November	Reception 2022 Applications Open Anti-Bullying Week
Wednesday 24 th November	Flu Immunisations - Reception-Year 6, <i>only those who have given consent</i>
Friday 3 rd December	Holbeach St Nicholas Christmas Fayre, All Saints Church – Lantern Parade, 5pm-9pm
Saturday 4 th December	Holbeach St Nicholas Christmas Fayre, All Saints Church, 10am-4pm
Tuesday 14 th December	School Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 15 th December	Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Party Day
Friday 17 th December	End of Term 2
Tuesday 4 th January	Start of Term 3



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TERM DATES 2021/22

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

*Staff Training Days
(school closed)*

*Thursday 2nd September 2021
Friday 3rd September 2021
Friday 22nd October 2021
Friday 1st April 2022*

One training day remaining; twilight sessions

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

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

