



'Love others as well as you love yourself.' Matthew's Gospel, Chapter 22 verse 39

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 (2023/24)

Message from Chair of Governors

I just wanted to say a hearty thank you and congratulations to all staff, parents and children for such a fantastic SIAMS inspection. A SIAMS inspection plays an important role in the improvement of Church schools. It does this by affirming that which is effective and by highlighting key areas for improvement. It looks at the school's Christian ethos, its development of wellbeing and its pastoral care. It looks at....

- 1. Who are we as a school?
- 2. What are we doing here?
- 3. How, then, shall we live and learn together?

Being the first school in Lincolnshire and one of the first in the country to be inspected under the new framework, we have really set the bar high, as the comments from the inspector certainly let us know. Any inspection can be nerve racking, but it didn't show, with comments that all staff were doing a magnificent job!

Special thanks of course go to Mrs Underwood and Miss Townsend, your hard work and commitment shone through, thank you for the huge amount of work and time put in to make this one day work so well! The inspector also spoke to parents and children, and I would like to thank you for your time and comments.

It really was a team event and the whole school ethos shone through at all levels. The inspector commented on the outstanding comments from the children and the parents they interviewed. And I do need to say thank you to our governors Mrs Dennis, Mr Braid and Mr Quant who did a sterling job representing the governors. I unfortunately couldn't get out of work during the day for it but I knew their knowledge and commitment would show through. I did get in for the final debrief and the inspector's comments were amazing, there were a few tears of joy shed!

There are only two possible scores, a 1 or a 2, 1 of course being the best, but after a little bit questioning it was confirmed that we were at the top of the top! Surely where William Stukeley is meant to be! So well done all! It all bodes well for any further inspections that may or may not be on the horizon!

On behalf of all the governors I would like to say thank you for your continuing drive and enthusiasm, your commitment, and your focus on all the children we teach, support and nurture.

Thank you!

Richard Nicholas Chair of Governors The Stukeley Federation

To read our SIAMS report please see: https://www.williamstukeley.lincs.sch.uk/statutory/performance.html

Poppy Appeal

In support of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal, poppies will be on sale in school from Thursday 2nd until Friday 10th November. The children will be given the opportunity to buy a poppy during the school day; please send a donation towards the appeal if your child would like to buy a poppy.



Remembrance Parade 2023 – Sunday 12th November

The Remembrance Day Parade in Holbeach is on Sunday 12th November. We are inviting children to attend to represent William Stukeley CE Primary School. If your child would like to participate, there will be some staff members at the Co-Op from 9.50am, to greet you on arrival. The parade will muster at 10.00am in the Co-Op car park and parade to All Saints Church for the Act of Remembrance and Wreath laying ceremony.

Children are welcome to participate in just the parade if they choose or attend both the parade and Church Service. Please note, parents will be responsible for their children throughout the parade and during the Church Service afterwards.

As the children will be representing the school, we ask that they wear full school uniform.

School Photos – Tuesday 14th November



We are pleased to confirm that Wrates photographers are coming into school on Tuesday 14th November – Individual & Sibling Photos. Unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate photos to include pre-school siblings.

Please note, if we have not received the recent photo consent form, this will mean that your child will not be allowed in any school photos (including

official individual & group photos).

Open Day for September 2024 Admissions

We are holding two Open Days for families of children who are starting in Reception, next September: Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th 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-719708907717

Winter Weather - Emergency School Closure

Should the school need to close due to the weather, we will notify parents / carers via ParentMail, however you can also find out via BBC Lincolnshire or Heart FM Radio stations. The information will also be uploaded to Lincolnshire County Council's school closures website:



https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-closures/

Children in Need



Please be advised that in line with our charity timetable, whilst we recognise the day (Friday 17th November) and allow the children to do so, we are not fundraising for Children in Need this year.

Annual Flu Vaccinations - Wednesday 6th December 2023

If your child did not have the flu vaccination on Monday 6th November and you would like them to, the immunisation team will be returning to school on Wednesday 6th December.

This vaccination is recommended to help protect your child against flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and sometimes causes serious complications.



Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable family and friends by preventing the spread of flu. Please click on the following link to complete the online consent form for your child(ren): https://www.lincolnshireimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu

Please enter the following code for William Stukeley CE Primary School: EE120596.

Sport2Day Dodgeball competition

On 18th October a group of Key Stage 2 children went to the Holbeach Hub to take part in an inter-school Dodgeball Competition. All the children played very well, and they achieved some fantastic results. Our Year & Year 4 children won silver medals, finishing in second place! Our Year 5 and Year 6 children just missed out on bronze medals by two points - they came fourth overall and received a wrist band and certificate. It was great fun and all the children enjoyed themselves. Thank you to Sport2Day for organising and also to the volunteers who assisted in walking to the Holbeach Hub and back.



Stay Safe Partnership - Online Safety Workshops

On 18th October, the children in Eagles class attended an Online Safety workshop, which focused on the potential dangers of sharing and receiving messages and images. The sessions were led by the Stay Safe Partnership. Children listened well to the information and advice given, watched short video clips and were involved in interactive activities.

Willoughby Foods - School Christmas Lunch - Friday 15th December



All Christmas Lunch orders must be placed online by Tuesday 5th December (late orders cannot be accepted): https://www.willoughby-foods.co.uk/

Please remember to order your child's school meals before the order deadline (midnight on the Tuesday of the week before). If meals are not ordered in time, this creates additional work and if children do not have a lunch, we cannot always guarantee spare

meals are available.

KS1 Christmas Party Day – Tuesday 19th December

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children are having their Christmas Party Day on **Tuesday 19**th **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.

Lunches / Food Policy



If sending your child/children to school with a packed lunch or a snack, please be reminded that these should <u>not include</u> any of the following:

- Confectionery, such as sweets and whole chocolate bars.
- Nuts and 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/

Friends of the School

<u>Bag2School collection</u>: Please bring any donations of men's, ladies & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories (we receive a donation depending on weight).

Collection date: Wednesday 8th November by 9.00am

Collection Point: at the side of the staff car park, entrance gates.

<u>Christmas jumpers</u>: We are welcoming donations of Christmas jumpers and Festive clothing by Friday 17th November - please hand items to class teachers. These will be on sale after school on Thursday 23rd November.

School Discos



KS1 Disco Friday 24th November:

Booking Required please use the following link to give consent and emergency contact details by 10:00am on Monday 13th November: https://forms.office.com/e/YbmzZZWk8a

KS2 Disco Friday 1st December:

Booking Required please use the link below to give consent and emergency contact details by 10:00am on Monday 20th November: https://forms.office.com/e/Yz7CmdRWtm

Thank you for your support.

School Uniform

Our free, pre-loved uniform is now well-established and is supported by so many of you. All donated items are washed, 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 a 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 & BELONGINGS ARE NAMED

Breakfast Club



Breakfast Club opens at 8.00am each day; sessions must be booked in advance via Parentmail to guarantee their child's place. The booking system is available to book sessions 8 weeks in advance. Sessions close 4 days before the required day. If you would like to book, please book via +Pay (Accounts) on Parentmail.

The cost of each session is £2.50 (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.

Diary Dates for Term 2

Tuesday 31st October Start of Term 2

Monday 6th November Flu Immunisations - Reception- Year 6, only those who have given consent

Tuesday 7th November Parents Evening, 4.00pm-6.00pm Wednesday 8th November Parents Evening, 4.30pm-7.30pm

Friends Bag2School Collection

Wednesday 15th November Open Day for Reception 2024 intake (10.30am & 1.45pm) *Bookable* Thursday 16th November Open Day for Reception 2024 intake (10.30am & 1.45pm) *Bookable*

Friday 24th November KS1 Friends Disco (see poster for timings) *Bookable* Friday 1st December KS2 Friends Disco (see poster for timings) *Bookable*

Friday 8th December Advent Church Service at All Saints Church, 9.00am (details to follow)

Friday 15th December School Christmas lunch (order online by Tuesday 5th December)

Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 19th December Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Party Day (details to follow)

Wednesday 20th December End of Term 2

TERM DATES 2023/24

Term 1	Wednesday 6 th September – Friday 20 th October 2023
Term 2	Tuesday 31 st October – Wednesday 20 th December 2023
Term 3	Wednesday 3 rd January – Friday 9 th February 2024
Term 4	Monday 19 th February – Thursday 28 th March 2024
Term 5	Tuesday 16 th April – Friday 24 th May 2024
	Monday 6 th May - Bank Holiday (school closed)
Term 6	Monday 3 rd June – Friday 19 th July 2024

Staff Training Days Monday 4th September 2023 (school closed) Tuesday 5th September 2023

Tuesday 2nd January 2024 Monday 15th April 2024

One training day remaining; twilight sessions

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

School Times School Starts 8:45 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.