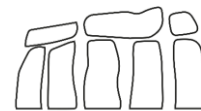




William Stukeley Church of England Primary School



Stukeley
Federation

*'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 3 (2023/24)

Welcome Back



A warm welcome back to everyone and a Happy New Year. I hope you have all had a lovely Christmas break. The start of the new year is always a time to reflect on the past and the way we plan to move forward. For the children within the Federation, it will be another busy term with so many new and exciting things to learn.

We welcome some new faces to our schools both children and staff and hope they enjoy their new start at the Stukeley Federation. As always if you have any comments or concerns, please come and talk to the staff.

Mrs C Underwood
Acting Executive Headteacher

Parent Governor Election

A vacancy for a Parent Governor has arisen within the Stukeley Federation. If you would like to find out more, please contact the school office to arrange an informal chat with Mr Nicholas, Chair of Governors. If you are interested in being a candidate, please complete the proposal slip (sent via Parentmail), and forward it to the Returning Officer at school, to arrive no later than **Wednesday 7th February 2024**.

Vacancies

We are looking to recruit additional Relief Mid Day Meals Assistants to assist with lunches and supervising children during lunchtime. If you are interested in applying and would like further details, please email the school office: enquiries@williamstukeley.lincs.sch.uk

Volunteers Required

Are you available on Thursdays between 10.15am-12.15pm? (Not necessarily every week). Could you volunteer your time to assist taking our children swimming? (No actual swimming involved!)

If the answer to the above is 'yes', and you are interested in finding out more, please contact the school office. Please note, all volunteers are required to complete a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check.



The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal



We are pleased to announce that the collection for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal raised an incredible **£178.81**. Thank you so much for your support!

Thank you to the children from our school who proudly represented our school, by taking part in the Remembrance Parade and Church service.

Poetry Competition

Children in Year 5 and 6 took part in a poetry competition organised by the Royal British Legion (RBL). The entries were all fantastic and the RBL members were very impressed; a selection of the children's poems were displayed in Tesco Holbeach. Well done to Jasmine (Eagles) whose poem was chosen as the winner by the RBL. Jasmine received a prize and read out her poem as part of the Remembrance Day service in Church.

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Thank You

A huge thank you to Tennyson Tyres who have very kindly donated some high-visibility jackets to our school. We have already used them and they really help to keep the children visible when we are off the school site.

School Christmas Pantomime



On the last day of term, after weeks of secret rehearsals, our talented staff team treated the children to a unique performance of the pantomime 'Ricky Whittington'. It was a wonderful and festive way to end the Autumn Term before the Christmas break. Well done and thank you to all the staff who took part!

'Operation Christmas Child' – Shoebox Appeal

The Kingfishers would like to update you on the success of our courageous advocacy 'Operation Christmas Child'. Firstly, we would like to thank everybody for their fabulous donations of toys, stationery, toiletries, hats and gloves. We packed the items into shoe boxes wrapped in Christmas paper and wrote notes for each box, wishing the children who opened them a Merry Christmas. The boxes were then delivered to the Lighthouse Church in Spalding for delivery to children around the world.



Reception and Key Stage One Christmas Production

The children's Nativity, 'Hosanna Rock', was amazing and the children all worked hard to learn their words and the songs. The singing was fantastic, and the children looked amazing in their costumes, a big thank you to parents & carers for providing these, your support is greatly appreciated - thank you to those of you who donated costumes to school. We are really proud of the children and seeing the Christmas story brought to life by such young people really captured the meaning of Christmas. A big thank you also goes to everyone who made a donation, which covered the cost of the production licence.

Reception and Key Stage One 'The Snowman' Christmas Party

The day began with great excitement as the children entered the hall which had been transformed into a Winter Wonderland, with their own snow themed decorations. The children got to watch The Snowman and made melted snowmen biscuits afterwards. The morning was filled with crafting activities and enjoying a hot chocolate with our snowmen biscuits. In the afternoon, we had a very special visit from Santa and each child received a present. The children played traditional party games including pass the parcel, musical chairs, build a snowman and four corners! The day was very successful, and children were extremely excited. We would like to express a big thank you to the Friends of the School for helping to make the Party Day so special by providing funding for activities, special treats, and their time to help decorate the hall for lunch.



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Holbeach Christmas Tree Festival



We were delighted to be asked to decorate a tree for the Christmas Tree Festival at All Saints Church. All participants selected a Christmas song to base their design on – we chose the 'Twelve Days of Christmas'. We chose colour co-ordinated materials to collage the back of each picture; there were lots of parts to create - 1 partridge in a pear tree, 2 turtle doves, 3 French hens, 4 calling birds, 5 gold rings, 6 geese a laying, 7 swans a swimming, 8 maids a milking, 9 ladies dancing, 10 lords a leaping, 11 pipers piping and 12 drummers drumming. The tree looked fabulous!

Holbeach Parish Council Colouring Competition

Well done to all the children who took part in the Christmas Card competition. There were two overall winners, who got to switch on the Christmas lights at the Holbeach Christmas Fayre, and eight runners up.

A special well-done to the following children from our school:

Gabija, Andrew, Amelia-Rose (Eagles), Lena (Kestrels) and Nyla-Rae (Woodpeckers).

All the cards were delivered to local residential homes for them to enjoy.

Swans Ukulele Concert

Last term, pupils from Swans class were invited to show their ukulele skills at a concert organised by the Lincolnshire Music Service. Our children played and sang beautifully and represented our school superbly well. Thank you to all who attended.



Patchett Lodge visit

On Monday 18th December, children from Woodpeckers, Kingfishers and Doves visited Patchett Lodge. They performed the songs from our nativity 'Hosana Rock'. The residence at Patchett Lodge were very impressed with the children's singing and they joined in with some traditional Christmas songs. After singing, the children were treated to some delicious Christmas themed cupcakes.

Winter Weather – Emergency School Closure



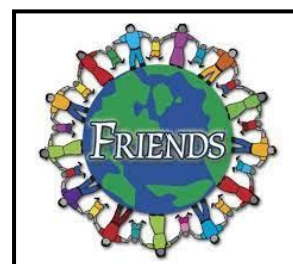
Should the school need to close due to the weather, we will notify parents / carers via ParentMail, however you can also find out via BBC Lincolnshire or Heart FM Radio stations. The information will also be uploaded to Lincolnshire County Council's school closures website:

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

Friends of the School

The Friends of the School are looking forward to organising more fundraising events this year. A quiz night will be the next event (date to be confirmed) – look out for further information on Parentmail.

A great way to help us raise additional funds, it to sign up to www.easyfundraising.org.uk – at no extra cost to you, this will donate to The Friends of the School each time you shop online. Thank you for your continued support.



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After School Clubs



Dotty Art Club (Y3-Y6)

There are spaces available on the Dotty Art Club with Helen, on Wednesdays and Fridays after school.

Acrobatic Dance Class (Y3-Y6)

There are spaces available on the KS2 Acro class, Mondays after school (4.15pm-5pm).

Please contact the school office for more details / if your child would like to take part in either of the above.

Lunches / Food Policy

If sending your child/children to school with a packed lunch or a snack, please be reminded that these should not include 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/>

PE Kits

Please can we remind parents to send correct PE kits to school. Children should have both indoor and outdoor PE kits in school (weather appropriate).

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 (including PE kit), 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).

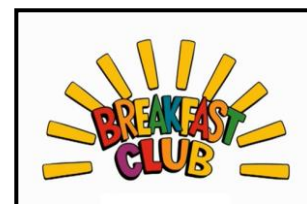
New uniform can be purchased online via our supplier Nationwide School Uniforms:

<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.

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Diary Dates for Term 3

Wednesday 3 rd January	Start of Term 3
Thursday 11 th January	Bikeability Learn to Ride, Y1/Y2
Monday 15 th January	Closing date for Primary School Applications for YR 2024
Thursday 8 th February	Singsation at UAH, Y5/Y6 (details to follow)
Friday 9 th February	Chinese New Year Celebrations 'Year of the Dragon', YR/Y1/Y2
Friday 9 th February	End of Term 3

Monday 12th – Friday 16th February HALF TERM

Monday 19 th February	Start of Term 4
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day
Tuesday 12 th March	Herons, Owls & Swans Production (details to follow)
Thursday 14 th March	Herons, Owls & Swans Production (details to follow)
Friday 15 th March	Comic Relief / Red Nose Day
Tuesday 19 th March	Parents' Evening, 4.00pm-6.00pm (booking details to follow)
Wednesday 20 th March	Parents' Evening, 4.30pm-7.30pm (booking details to follow)
Thursday 21 st March	Easter Church Service (details to follow)
Thursday 28 th March	End of Term 4

TERM DATES 2023/24

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

<i>Staff Training Days</i> (school closed)	<i>Monday 4th September 2023</i> <i>Tuesday 5th September 2023</i> <i>Monday 15th April 2024</i> <i>Two training days remaining; twilight sessions</i>
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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.
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