



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 3 (2022/23)

Welcome Back

Happy New Year! We hope that everyone is in good health and the Christmas holidays provided some opportunity for rest, relaxation and fun. It's great to see the children have returned to school ready to work hard and take advantage of all that will be offered to them this coming term; a curriculum letter will be sent home very soon, highlighting the learning for the coming weeks.



Message from Chair of Governors

I am sure you are all aware now of the sad news that Mr Emery will be leaving us at Easter. Over the 11 years that Mr Emery has been with William Stukeley and later the Federation, our schools have gone from strength to strength. He will be leaving the schools in a very strong and healthy position. We all wish Mr Emery and his wife all the very best, and it goes without saying he will be sorely missed. On a personal note, I have worked very closely with Mr Emery from the start of his time with us, he has been an amazing and inspirational leader, it has been a pleasure working with him.

We will of course keep you updated.

Richard Nicholas

Staff News

We would like to warmly welcome Mrs McNicol to the Early Years team. We have said goodbye to Mrs Speed and we wish her well for the future.

Starting Reception in September 2023

Don't forget to apply for a Reception place by Sunday 15th January for children born between 1st September 2018 – 31st August 2019: <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-admissions/apply-school-place>

Attendance and Punctuality

ATTENDANCE

Last term, our whole school attendance was **92.9%**, 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**.

Charity Collections

Last term our fundraising raised an incredible amount for charity:

Our non-uniform day raised a 'SPOTacular' **£337.68** for Children in Need and our collection for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal raised an incredible **£219.88!**

Thank you for your continued support.



Thank you



We would like to say a very big thank you to Caffè Aurora, in Holbeach who have very kindly offered to donate long-life items to our Breakfast Club. We are very grateful!

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Reading Ambassadors

We are delighted to be able to introduce our new reading ambassadors; 'The Reading Rascals'. This enthusiastic group of children have volunteered to help us to raise the profile and love of reading throughout the school. They have already shared countless ideas and are keen to begin putting them into action. Included is the publication of a newsletter dedicated to reading. Look for more information soon!



Remembrance Day

As part of our school's Courageous Advocacy initiative, Falcons' class thought it would be lovely for every child in school to make a poppy, which were given out to Veterans who attend the Support Group in Spalding, as a way of thanking them for their service. In our Collective Worship on Remembrance Day, Simon Hallam and David Poultney (founders of the group) came into school to collect the amazing contributions from the children. Each class used a variety of techniques to make the poppies, including clay, painting, sewing and paper.

Remembrance Parade

On the Sunday 13th November some children from our school took part in the Remembrance Parade and church service in Holbeach. We thank them for proudly representing our school.



Remembrance Poetry Competition

Children in Year 5 and 6 took part in a competition organised by the Royal British Legion. The entries were all fantastic and the British Legion members were very impressed; well done to the following children whose poems were chosen as the top two by the Royal British Legion:

1st – Layla (Eagles)

2nd – Riley (Eagles)

Both children received a prize and Layla also read out her poem as part of the Remembrance Day service in Church.

Eco-Warriors and School Council News

Last term the School Council and Eco-Warriors ran a competition to design a poster to use with the bins in school. This was to help people recycle and dispose of rubbish correctly. Congratulations to our two winners – Eva in Falcons class and Daisy in Eagles class! Look out for their posters around school.



Eco-Warrior class of the term



The Eco-Warriors in school are monitoring their own class to make sure we remember to turn out lights and turn off electrical equipment at playtimes and at lunch. They are also making sure we use our class bins correctly. This earns each class eco-points and at the end of each term a winning class is chosen in KS1 and KS2.

Congratulations to the winning classes for term 2:

Key Stage 1 – Kingfishers class

Key Stage 2 – Herons class

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Year 3 and Year 4 Pantomime trip



On Thursday 15th December I had the honour of joining Herons, Owls and Swans classes of their Panto trip to see 'Snow White' at The Corn Exchange in King's Lynn.

It was a wonderful experience, and the children's anticipation on the way to the panto was clear to see. With another school there, and with other groups in the audience, it was a very busy theatre. Our children were a credit to the school throughout our time there.

During the show the children were enthusiastic, were clearly enjoying themselves, and took every opportunity to engage when the audience were encouraged by the cast of the show to respond.

The Panto had an extra element of joy for the children as Mr Emery's daughter was Snow White, and after the show,

when everyone else had departed, Snow White and Prince Simon of Sofaria came out to meet the children from our school and have a chat. Of course, there was the group photo with Snow White and Prince Simon.

My thanks go out Mr Cuthbertson and the rest of the team for organising this trip to the Panto. It was a great way to end the term and add that little bit of magic to the Christmas season. My thanks are also offered to the adult helpers who joined us and became an essential part of the team.

Iain Braid, Vice Chair of Governors

Reception and Key Stage One Christmas Party – The Polar Express

The day began with great excitement as the children entered the hall, which was transformed into a train and a winter wonderland. Each child was given a golden ticket as they entered the 'train' and activities were introduced by watching clips of 'The Polar Express'. The children made a piece of music that portrayed the train arriving outside the boy's house, then they enjoyed hot chocolate and marshmallows at the same time as the children in the film! They made melted snowmen biscuits, and three-dimensional trees. In the afternoon we played lots of traditional party games, had a special visit from Santa, and each child received a present. We would like to thank the Friends of the School for helping with the party day, inviting Santa, and providing decorations and additional party food. The day was very successful, and the children were extremely excited!



Reception and Key Stage One Christmas Production

The children's Nativity, 'Baarmy Bethlehem', was really 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. The audience participation was greatly appreciated we were very impressed with some impromptu dancing! A big thank you also goes to everyone who made a donation, which had paid for the production licence.

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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 our children's favourite 'It Was On A Starry Night'. The children from Herons, Owls and Swans created and decorated some beautiful stars, angels and bells. Three trees were chosen by the public and we were delighted to be awarded 1st place! The voucher presented to us will be spent on resources for our school.



Sport2Day Competitions

Throwing & Catching



On Wednesday 7th December Mrs Glenn and Mrs Hibbins took a group of Year 1 and Year 2 children to the Holbeach Hub for a Throwing and Catching competition. There were several local schools taking part, and our children were amazing! The children all tried their very best and we finished in 2nd place! Each of the children received a medal for their efforts. It was a fun morning of activities in which the children made Mrs Glenn, Mrs Hibbins and our school very proud. A big well done to all of you!

Archery

On Wednesday 14th December Mrs Barclay and Mrs Blanchard took a group of Key Stage 2 children to the Holbeach Hub. This was an inter-school competition between nine local schools. Our children scored the highest in the second round; 110! Well done to all our children who took part – you were amazing and a pleasure to take. The children were great and had lots of fun – we are very proud of them!

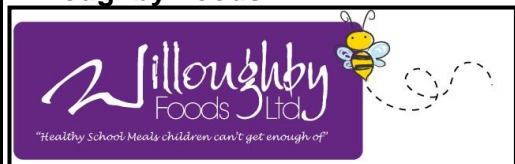
Winter Weather – Emergency School Closure

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/>



Willoughby Foods



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.

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/>

Lunches / Food Policy

If sending your child/children to school with a packed lunch, please be reminded to avoid **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.



Collecting Children

Please can we remind parents and carers, when collecting children from Herons, Owls and Swans classes, please wait ON the playground. We need to ensure that staff can see the adults, so the children can be released safely. Many thanks for your continued support.

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Parking



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 some of our neighbours in Back Lane and Littlebury Gardens – please can we request parents/carers are mindful of where they are parking and to be respectful of our local community. Thank you for your co-operation.

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](#)



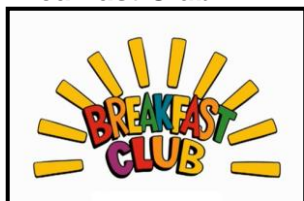
We are always grateful for donations of stock, in clean, washed condition: any boys or girls uniform, PE kit, winter coats, school footwear (shoes, plimsolls and trainers).

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

<https://www.nationwideschooluniforms.co.uk/>

PLEASE ENSURE ALL CLOTHING IS NAMED

Breakfast Club



Breakfast Club opens at 8.00am each day; breakfast is served between 8.00am-8.30am. 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 £2.00 (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.

Local Events

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 3

Tuesday 3 rd January	Staff Training Day
Wednesday 4 th January	Start of Term 3
Tuesday 10 th January	Willoughby Foods Taster Session (after school)
Wednesday 1 st February	Sport2Day inter-school Tchoukball competition (some children)
Friday 3 rd February	Candlemas Church Service (details to follow)
Monday 6 th February	Stukeley University
Tuesday 7 th February	Stukeley University
Wednesday 8 th February	Sport2Day inter-school Quicksticks Hockey competition (some children)
Friday 10 th February	End of Term 3

Monday 13th – Friday 17th February - Half Term

Monday 20 th February	Start of Term 4
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TERM DATES 2022/23

Term 1	Tuesday 6th September – Friday 21st October 2022
Term 2	Monday 31st October – Friday 16th December 2022
Term 3	Wednesday 4th January – Friday 10th February 2023
Term 4	Monday 20th February – Friday 31st March 2023
Term 5	Tuesday 18th April – Friday 26th May 2023 <i>Monday 1st May - Bank Holiday (school closed)</i> <i>Monday 8th May - Bank Holiday (school closed)</i>
Term 6	Monday 5th June – Friday 21st July 2023

Staff Training Days *Friday 2nd September 2022*
(school closed) *Monday 5th September 2022*
 Tuesday 3rd January 2023
 Monday 17th April 2023

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.