



Dear Parents/Carers,

As we enter the last two weeks of term, I wanted to write to you with an update on things that are happening in school.

Recruitment for Mrs Crane's maternity cover is underway and we should have news to share with you shortly. I appreciate that Mrs Crane's temporary replacement has a large role to fill and the Governor's and I are actively seeking an experienced teacher to do this.

After long discussions with the Governors and Lincolnshire County Council I am afraid that we cannot offer places for 3 year olds this September although this will be reviewed regularly.

Thank you for your support of Down Syndrome World Awareness Day. It is held on the 21st March specifically to highlight the 3rd copy of the chromosome 21 (hence 21/3). We hope this is something we can continue to make awareness off in future years. Thank you for supporting Comic Relief also.

Class 2 are looking forward to their trip to Skegness Aquarium on Monday 31st March and on Tuesday 01 April there will be a FOSS Film Night (letter with details to follow).

Our half termly celebrations assembly will be held on Thursday 03rd April at 2:45pm and everyone is welcome.

On Friday 04th April, it is the Easter Service in the school hall at 2pm. Class 3 will be performing their interpretation of the Easter story. After the service, there will be the annual Easter Egg Hunt, thanks to FOSS. The eggs have been kindly donated by Lincoln Electrical and we are very grateful for this.

There will also be a fun Bunny Run during the sports session on Wednesday 2nd April.

As we approach the Year 6 SATS, please be reminded of the Y6 Easter School between 9am and 12pm on Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th April.

Finally, we break up on Friday 04th April and return on Wednesday 23rd April.

Have a really lovely Easter with your friends and families.

Kind regards,
Zoe Longstaff
Headteacher

Easter Competition (optional)

Turn a hardboiled egg into a book character. All entries to be in school by Friday 04 April

Current School Opening Times



ALL classes start at 08:45am
and end the day at 3:20pm

Children who are late for school will be marked as such, which could be flagged up as a concern during our attendance monitoring. If your child is late on a regular basis, they then miss out on a vital routine, which helps them settle into the school day and be ready to start learning. If they are late, this disturbs the smooth start of the day for all.



Reporting Absence

If your child is absent from school you can either telephone the school on 01522 868287 or send an email to enquiries@swinderby.lincs.sch.uk before 9.15am to inform us that your child is ill. Our new phone lines mean you can leave a voicemail to report your child's absence by pressing option 2.

Absences must be reported each day your child is absent.

If your child is absent due to sickness or diarrhoea, they will need to be clear of all the symptoms for 48 hours before returning to school.



Attendance Every student. Every day.

It is vital that your children get the best possible education going forward so please send your children to school. Attendance is now **compulsory** and holidays in term time will NOT be authorised. Our normal attendance policy will now apply and Fixed Penalty Notices may be issued.

As a school, we need to meet the target of 95.9%, which is the national average. We can only do this if parents support us fully and if we all understand the importance of NOT taking term time holidays or absences from school. Attendance will be monitored each half term. In line with the new Government policy, an even greater emphasis will be placed on attendance.

Holidays in Term Time

We want all our pupils to achieve success, so it is important that parents do their best to support pupils in attending school for the full 190 days in an academic year – as per Section 7 of the Education Act 1996, which places upon parents a duty to ensure their child receives suitable and efficient full time education.

To support our drive to increase pupil attendance, no absences due to holidays during term time will be authorised. This means absences due to pupils being taken on holiday during term time will be recorded unauthorised.

If you do have any holidays planned during term time, please notify school as soon as possible – leave of absence forms (available from the school office) should be completed in plenty of time ahead of any leave.

We hope that our parents will support us and arrange holidays around the existing 175 days the school is closed, through weekends and school holidays, and help us support your child achieving success in school.

Please note, if holidays are still taken during term time this will be reported to Lincolnshire County Council and a fine may be issued, for any absence over 4.5 days.

Classroom Visits – Parents Welcome

Reading – Friday 23 May 9am

Maths – Tuesday 10 June 11am

Uniform

The school is keen to ensure that our children look smart and wear their uniform with pride.
PE kits are part of the school uniform

NO patterned or logoed (except school logo) T-shirts. This includes PE kits



Uniform List

- Blue/white shirt/polo top
- Royal blue sweat top or cardigan
- Grey/black trousers or shorts
- Grey/black pinafore or skirt
- Blue/white gingham summer dress (optional)
- White/grey socks or grey tights
- Sensible school shoes that children can take on/off themselves (no heels)
- Blue school book bag
- School bag (optional)

The school promotes sustainability and reuse of uniform. Donations of outgrown uniform are welcomed and there is a free clothing rail readily available in school for parents to access uniform.



PE Kit

Long hair **MUST** be tied up for PE and NO earrings are to be worn.

PE KIT WORN MUST BE IN LINE WITH THE SCHOOL UNIFORM – PALE BLUE/WHITE plain or school logo t-shirt, plain black/navy jogging bottoms or shorts and school sweatshirt/ cardigan or plain royal blue sweatshirt. Trainers or plimsolls, as plain as possible.

We will be strict about this and if your child wears anything different to this we will ask them to change. Please support us with this so that your child does not feel uncomfortable. WE WILL not accept the wearing of sports tops or football shirts.

*****Please ensure all school uniform and PE kit is named*****

Celebrations Assemblies – Fridays at 2:45pm
(except for April)
THURS 03rd April
23rd May
18th July

Online Safety



E-safety – electronic safety – is all about keeping ourselves safe, maintaining our privacy and protecting our rights in the digital world.

We all need to be aware of potential e-safety issues with all our digital devices and forms of digital communication not just computers and the internet. Computers, laptops, tablets (iPads, Kindles etc.), digital cameras, games consoles (Xbox, Wii, iPod touch, Nintendo DS etc.) smart televisions, mobile phones, texts and email are ALL part of the digital world.

Social networking sites such as Facebook and Twitter, and video sharing sites such as YouTube are valuable in allowing use to maintain communication with family and friends worldwide. However, parents and children should abide by the age restrictions on such sites and carefully set their privacy settings.

Just as in the real world we need children to be aware of stranger danger and bullying (cyber-bullying) in the digital world. We need our children to recognise when it is happening and where to seek help.

At school, we educate children about e-Safety in ICT lessons but it's important that parents know some key e-Safety tips too. Below are some links to resources to help support parents and children with all aspects of e-safety.

Our ICT Acceptable Use of Internet and Online Safety Policies are available on our school website:
https://www.swinderbyallsaints.co.uk/key_information/policies/policies.html



Breakfast and After School Club

Please ensure all bookings are made at least a week in advance, where possible – ideally we'd like these termly. As the Cabin Club is becoming more popular, we cannot guarantee there will be places available on the day. It is essential that bookings are completed for **EVERY** session. Having these bookings will allow the team to plan specific activities and purchase the correct amount of food for each session.

If anyone would like to make a booking, please use the ParentMail App or see The Cabin Club team/the school office.



Clothing Bank

The Rag-Bag clothing bank is outside the school. If you have any unwanted clothing items, please bag them up and place them in the large green bin outside the black gates.

The 'Rag Bag' recycling scheme has been developed to provide regular fundraising for schools in the UK.

The scheme increases awareness about textile recycling and by increasing recycling rates we can help the environment by ensuring less material goes to landfill.



Music

Private music lessons are also still available in most instruments through the Lincolnshire Music Service. If anyone is interested, please do let us know and we can request the Music Service get in touch with you.



Mobile Phones

Children should not be bringing mobile phones into school unless there are exceptional circumstances – going home on the bus for example. If a phone is brought into school, it needs to be handed to the Headteacher on arrival and it will be kept safe until the end of the day.



Communication with Staff

As per our Parental Code of Conduct all correspondence should go through the enquiries email address (enquiries@swinderby.lincs.sch.uk) and not direct to personal emails. These will be responded to within 48hours Mon-Fri.

School Communication

Our communication is now sent via our MIS system – Integris. Please ensure you do not block this sender otherwise you won't be able to receive the information we're sending out.



Parking

Please could all parents ensure that they're mindful of not parking in the school bus bay when dropping off in

the morning or collecting in the afternoon. For the safety of all the children getting on and off the bus it is important this area is kept clear. The bus bay is now clearly marked.

Also, could we remind parents to continue being courteous to our neighbours and ensure we're not blocking any access or driveways. Please, show you care, park elsewhere; we've got the ideal facility (**Park & Stride**) just five-minute walk away at the Village Hall.



Free School Meals

With effect from September 2018, a new system to process Free School Meals was introduced, whereby parents and guardians will need to apply online. We would encourage **ALL** parents & guardians to apply. Further information can be found on the following website: <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schools-and-education/free-school-meals/>

Lunchboxes

According to NHS choices a balanced lunchbox should contain:

- Starchy foods like bread, rice, potatoes or pasta
- Protein foods like meat, fish, eggs or beans
- A dairy item, like cheese or yogurt
- Vegetables or salad and a portion of fruit

As a school we encourage the above suggestions but also allow a small chocolate bar (i.e. a Penguin/Kit Kat) or a small piece of cake.

However, there are some items that are **NOT** allowed in school, these include:

- Bags of sweets (of any size)
- Large chocolate bars (Mars, Wispas etc.)
- Nuts or nut based products
- Eggs



Letters Home

We send all letters that don't need printing out via email. If you are unable to view these letters via your email you can view these on the school website if you prefer <http://www.swinderbyallsaints.co.uk/letters-home/>

Letters that require you to send in a reply slip are sent home as a hard copy.

Permission Slips

We appreciate the children sometimes have a lot of letters to bring home, but we try to keep this to a minimum by emailing copies home where possible and putting notifications on our Facebook page, however for those letters that do have to go home and require a permission slip returning, could we ask that children are provided with a plastic folder to keep them safe and contained on the journey from class room to home and vice versa. That way it tries to limit any information that could potentially be lost in transit.

Communication

ALL emails should be sent to

enquiries@swinderby.lincs.sch.uk

Any that are specific to Class teachers will be forwarded on and responded to as soon as possible. If these emails are sent during the day, they may be replied to after school or the next working day.

Term Dates



March

Weds 26	Parent's Evening
Thurs 27	Parent's Evening
Mon 31	C2 Visit to Skegness Aquarium

April

Thurs 03	Celebration's Assembly – 2:45pm
Fri 04	Easter Service, followed by Easter Egg Hunt – 2pm
Fri 04	LAST DAY OF TERM
Tues 22	INSET DAY
Wed 23	FIRST DAY OF TERM
Thurs 24	Stay & Play Open Morning 09:45-10:30 and PGL Information Evening at 5.30
Mon 28	Y6 Practice SATS week
Mon 28	C3 Trip to Creswell Crags – letter to follow

May

Mon 05	Bank Holiday
Mon 12	Y6 SATS week
Fri 16	Leave for PGL – 2:30pm
Sat 17	PGL
Sun 18	Return from PGL – 6pm
Fri 23	Reading Session – 9am
Fri 23	Celebrations Assembly – 2:45pm
Fri 23	LAST DAY OF TERM

June

Mon 02	FIRST DAY OF TERM
Mon 02	Y4 Multiplication check – all week
Mon 09	Phonics Screening Y1
Tues 10	Phonics Screening Y1
Tues 10	Maths Session – 11am
Wed 11	Phonics Screening Y1
Mon 16	Y1 Assessment Week
Mon 23	Y2 SATS Week

Wed 25 SPORTS DAY – Whole School

July

Wed 02 Reserve Sports Day – Whole School
Tues 15 Reports Issued
Fri 18 Celebrations Assembly – 2:45pm
Tues 22 Y6 Bell Ringing – 08:30am
Tues 22 Leaver's Service – 1:30pm
Tues 22 LAST DAY OF TERM

**We will be adding more dates for the diary
as time goes on**

And finally

For those of you who have 'liked' the School's Facebook page. **Please can you make sure you like the posts. As the School is a business page if you don't like the post or interact with the page the updates/posts will stop coming up on your Newsfeed.** The school facebook page is used as an additional way of getting information out to our parents.

www.facebook.com/SwinderbyAllSaintsPrimarySchool



We like to keep in regular contact with you and all our latest news can be found on: Facebook, School website.