



Dear Parents/Carers,

I cannot believe how close we are to the end of another school year. It seems only a few minutes since we were welcoming eager faces back into school and here we are approaching the last few weeks of July.

The year has had so many highs throughout the weeks – too many to mention. This last week alone has given us so many – the Y6 children have achieved a set of SATS results to be proud of. For the children, SATS are not a measure of the end point but a reflection of the personal learning journey they have been on. The results can be found on:

[https://www.swinderbyallsaints.co.uk/key\\_information/school\\_performance/school\\_performance.html](https://www.swinderbyallsaints.co.uk/key_information/school_performance/school_performance.html)

The Y4 children have achieved the highest average score in their multiplication screening check and the Y1's Phonics screening result check is excellent.

Aside from academic success, the school has been awarded Gold status for PE and Sport enrichment offer from the school sports Partnership and then this Tuesday, I was amazed by the vocals of our choir at Lincoln Music Festival. This was followed by an excellent music concert showcasing the talent in music throughout the school.

I could go on and on and say more, but I just want to personally say thank you to the children for all their achievements, to the hardworking staff that give so much to bring out the best in the pupils, to the FOSS team who put on so many lovely events for the children, to the Governors for their support and challenge and to you as parents for working with the school throughout the year. I would like to thank Mrs Lintin for her 2 years of hard work as SENCO and for making such a difference. We wish her all the best at Leslie Manser.

Finally, I would like to wish the families and children leaving us all the very best for the future. Remember, the door is always open.

We also look forward to welcoming our 9 new Reception children on September 04<sup>th</sup>.

Have a super summer and do join us at one of our remaining events if you can.

Kind regards,  
Zoe Longstaff  
Headteacher

### 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](mailto: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.

### 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

18<sup>th</sup> 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

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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 were to seek help.

At school, we educate children about e-Safety in ICT lessons but it is 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](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.



### **Parking**

Please could all parents ensure that they are 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.



### **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.

### **Communication**

ALL emails should be sent to  
[enquiries@swinderby.lincs.sch.uk](mailto: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.



### **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

### 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.

### Term Dates



#### July

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| Mon 14   | SWRA Y6 Transition Day                                                                                                     |
| Mon 14   | Move Up Afternoon – Whole school                                                                                           |
| Mon 14   | Parents can meet teachers – 3:20pm                                                                                         |
| Tues 15  | Reports Issued                                                                                                             |
| Tues 15  | Y5/6 in school by 08:30am as Leaver's performance to Whole School                                                          |
| Tues 15  | Last swim session for Y4/6                                                                                                 |
| Tues 15  | Y5 YMCA Newark Trip – PM                                                                                                   |
| Wed 16   | Y5/Y6 to return to school at 5:30pm for evening Leaver's performance                                                       |
| Thurs 17 | Taekwondo demo AM<br>C3 – 09:30 to 10am<br>C2 – 10am to 10:30<br>C4 – 10:30 – 11am                                         |
| Thurs 17 | Y6 Water fight – PM – come to school wearing swimwear under clothes and bring a change of clothes, spare shoes, towel etc. |
| Fri 18   | Celebrations Assembly – 2:45pm                                                                                             |
| Mon 21   | Y6 Leaver's Event – STACK. Meet at 6pm                                                                                     |
| Tues 22  | Y6 Bell Ringing – 08:30am                                                                                                  |

Tues 22

Leaver's Service – 1:30pm

Tues 22

LAST DAY OF TERM

### 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](http://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.

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