



September 2021

Autumn News

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back!

It was lovely this morning seeing the whole school coming into school together, it reminded me of happy times. We even managed a whole school assembly this morning. I sincerely hope that this school year is a lot less bumpy than the previous 2 years. However, as I said to the staff during our training days, we can handle whatever is sent our way – so onwards and upwards.

We all look forward to working with the children and yourselves. As the school year goes on we will be organising more trips and events also. We're very much looking forward to an action packed academic year.

If you have any queries at all, please do not hesitate to contact one of the team and we will do our best to respond as soon as possible.

My very best wishes,
Zoe Longstaff



I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Miss Colclough to Class 3 and Mrs Ellison to the After School Club. I hope they will be very happy with us.



Current School Opening Times

Class 3: 8:45am – 3:30pm

Class 2: 8:50am – 3:25pm

Class 1: 8:55am – 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.

Testing & COVID

As we are sure you have heard, self-isolation rules for close contacts in all settings have changed from 16 August. The main different is that close contacts who are fully vaccinated or those under 18 will not need to self-isolate unless they have COVID-19.

Our school, we would interpret the new rules as:

- If your child has symptoms of COVID-19, they will need to stay away from school and take a PCR test. If this test is negative they can return to school immediately. If it is positive, you would be required to inform school of the result and your child will need to isolate for 10 days.
- If your child lives in a household (or is in close contact) with someone who is either positive for COVID-19 or shows symptoms, they will be strongly encouraged to take a PCR test although there is no need for them to self-isolate while they await the results. If you have a COVID case within your family unit, it would be helpful for us to be made aware.
- If we are informed that there is a positive case in school, we will inform you of this and strongly encourage the staff and children within that class to take a PCR test (as they will have been in close contact) although there is no need for them to self-isolate while they await the results.

Many things that have worked well and been a positive change, will continue as they have been. We will continue to encourage the children to CATCH IT, BIN

IT, KILL IT, using the separate bins for tissues and hand towels. Regular hand washing will also continue and hand sanitiser will continue to be available all around the school. We will also continue with the extra ventilation throughout the school.



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.

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

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.

As a school we need to meet the target of 95%, 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.

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



PE Kit

PE KIT WORN MUST BE INLINE 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, black/white and 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.



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. Bookings & payments can now also be made via our Parent Mail App.

The Cabin Club is being run using a variety of staff and you will see a combination of Miss Jones, Mrs Jenkinson, Mrs Ellison, Mrs Pearson and Miss Hubery.

After School Clubs

Netball Y4-Y6 – Tues 21 & 28 Sept, 05, 12 & 19 October

MSP YR-Y1 – Wed 08, 15, 22 & 29 Sept, 06, 13 & 20 October

MSP Y2-Y3 – Wed 08, 15, 22 & 29 Sept, 06, 13 & 20 October

Choir Y3-Y6 – Wed 08, 15, 22 & 29 Sept, 06, 13 & 20 October

Booster Club Y6 – Thurs 09, 16, 23 & 30 Sept, 07, 14 & 21 October



Music

KS2 will have music delivered by Ms Karen Jones from the Lincolnshire Music Service every Wednesday. Private music lessons are available face to face and are offered in guitar, piano, singing, ukulele and violin. For details please contact Karen Jones directly (Karen.Jones@lincolnshire.gov.uk)



Clothing Bank

The Rag-Bag clothing bank is still in school, if you have any unwanted clothing items, please bag them up and send them into school.

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.



Morrisons Tokens

MORRISONS has launched 'It's Good to Grow', a campaign in all of its stores that will donate gardening equipment to schoolchildren across the UK in the hope of educating kids about where their food comes from.

We have signed up to this scheme. The scheme will see customers gain one 'It's Good to Grow' token in their My Morrisons account via the app and website for every £10 that is spent in store or online, which can then be donated to any school to redeem equipment such as gardening tools, composting bins and seeds to get growing.



Communication with Staff

Following discussions at a Governor meeting last November, it has been decided that any emails sent to staff outside of the hours 8am-4:30pm will be looked at and responded to the next working day – unless the

recipient chooses otherwise. This is entirely at their own discretion.

Part-time workers will respond between these hours on their working days unless they choose to work outside of those hours.

Emails sent at weekends will not be read/replied to unless the recipient chooses to do so.



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.

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.

There is currently an on-going consultation with regards to restricted parking outside of school with Lincolnshire County Council and the Parish Council. There is a notice on the post outside of school, giving further information.



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 - Txtround. 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.



Lincoln Lottery

We have launched our community lottery page. To start supporting us please visit:
www.LincolnLottery.co.uk and search for 'Swinderby'.

Help us to raise funds for the school.

Communication

All emails regarding illness/appointments/general enquiries are to be sent to

enquiries@swinderby.lincs.sch.uk

Specific emails can be sent to class teachers.

However, please note, class teachers are unable to check emails during the day. They will reply as soon as they can but it may not be until the next

Term Dates

September

Mon 06

Wed 08

Wed 08

Thurs 09

Wed 15

Fri 17

Thurs 23

Fri 24

Mon 27

Thurs 30

FIRST DAY OF TERM

Class Worship with Rev. Vaughan
Secondary School Admissions

Applications Open

DARE Programme starts for Y5 & Y6

E-Safety Training Y6 – time TBC

DARE Programme – Y5 & Y6 2-3pm

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Harvest Festival – in Church – 2pm

Stay & Play Open Morning 09:45-10:45

DARE Programme – Y5 & Y6 2-3pm

October

Thurs 07

Thurs 07

Thurs 14

Mon 18

Thurs 21

Thurs 21

Fri 22

Sun 31

Flu Vaccinations YR-Y6

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Stay & Play Open Morning 09:45-10:45

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LAST DAY OF TERM

INSET DAY

Deadline for Secondary School
Admission Applications

November

Mon 01

Tues 02

Thurs 04

Tues 09

Wed 10

Thurs 11

Thurs 11

Mon 15

Thurs 18

Thurs 25

Thurs 25

Tues 30

FIRST DAY OF TERM

School Photographs

DARE Programme – Y5 & Y6 2-3pm

Parent's Evening

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Remembrance Service with Rev.
Vaughan

DARE Programme – Y5 & Y6 2-3pm

Primary School Admission Applications
Opens

Stay & Play Open Morning 09:45-10:45

FOSS Christmas Craft Day

DARE Graduation Y5/6

Stay & Play Open Morning 09:45-10:45

December

Fri 10

Mon 13

Mon 13

Tues 14

Wed 15

Thurs 16

Fri 17

Christmas Jumper Day

Lunch for elderly people in village

C1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal

Christmas Play C1 Performances 1pm &
6pm

Christmas Party Day – Details TBC

Whole School Pantomime Trip

Christmas Lunch

Truth, Compassion, Respect, Forgiveness

Fri 17 Christingle in Church – 2pm
Fri 17 LAST DAY OF TERM

January

Tues 04 FIRST DAY OF TERM

February

Fri 11 LAST DAY OF TERM
Sat 15 Deadline for Primary School Admission Applications
Mon 21 FIRST DAY OF TERM

March

Sat 12 Spring Clean of School Grounds
Tues 22 Parent's Evening
Wed 23 Parent's Evening
Thurs 31 Easter Service in Church – 2pm
Thurs 31 LAST DAY OF TERM

April

Fri 01 INSET DAY
Tues 19 BANK HOLIDAY – QUEEN'S JUBILEE
Wed 20 FIRST DAY OF TERM
Thurs 21 Stay & Play Open Morning 09:45-10:45

May

Mon 09 KS2 SATS Begin
Tues 10 KS2 SATS
Wed 11 KS2 SATS
Thurs 12 KS2 SATS
Fri 13 Y5/6 Leave for PGL
Sun 15 Y5/6 Return from PGL
Thurs 26 Y5/6 Positive Health – time TBC
Fri 27 LAST DAY OF TERM

June

Mon 06 FIRST DAY OF TERM
Wed 22 Y6 Magistrates Session

July

Mon 04 Sports Day
Fri 08 Reserve Sports Day
Mon 18 Move up to new class afternoon
Tues 19 Reports Issued
Fri 22 Leaver's Assembly – 2pm
Fri 22 LAST DAY OF TERM

We will be adding more dates for the diary as time goes on and will be looking at resuming whole school events as much as possible.

A copy of the term dates can be found on our school website.

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 and via Txtround.

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