



November 2021

Autumn News

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back!

I hope you have had a restful half term and you managed to recharge the batteries & spend some time as a family. During the half term, we turned the clocks back an hour and I'm sure you will have all been thankful for the extra hour in bed.

We expect there will be times of challenge throughout the winter months as we manage the increasing number of COVID cases in our school communities. As you are aware, we did have a number of COVID cases at the beginning of the half term break. Please can we ask that you continue to be extra vigilant with any symptoms within your household and if in doubt seek a PCR promptly. If we do this, we hope we can prevent having to bubble the classrooms again and be able to hold as many normal events as possible in the run up to Christmas.

Together we are strong and we have faith, hope and love to help us navigate the most challenging of times. We look to God and to each other for inspiration and strength.

Oscar Wilde wrote: *'When it rains, look for rainbows. When it's dark, look for stars'.*

My very best wishes,
Zoe Longstaff



We have a student teacher with us for the first 2 weeks of term – Miss Jade Greaves – she will be working with

Mrs Lill in Class 1 for the duration of her placement. Whilst Miss Greaves is with us, Mrs Harrison is completing a Teacher placement at Fosse Way School in Hykeham.



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.



Celebrations Assemblies

From Friday 05 November parents are invited to join us at our celebrations assemblies each week. Please do NOT attend if you have any COVID symptoms.



House Cup Winners

The overall winners of the House Cup for last term was the **Red team**. Their treat is non-uniform day on **Thurs 04th November**.



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

MSP YR-Y1 (Lunchtimes) – Wed 03, 10, 17, & 24 Nov, 01, 08 & 15th December

MSP Y2-Y3 – Wed 03, 10, 17, & 24 Nov, 01, 08 & 15th Dec

Choir Y3-Y6 – Wed 03, 10, 17, & 24 Nov, 01, 08 & 15th December

Booster Club Y6 – Thurs 04, 11, 18 & 25 Nov, 02, 09 & 16 December



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.

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)



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.



Relief Midday Position

We currently have a relief Midday position available. This is suitable for someone who is willing to work on an ad-hoc basis to cover staff absences. Further information and an application form can be found on our school website:

https://www.swinderbyallsaints.co.uk/about_us/vacancies/vacancies.html



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

November

Mon 01	FIRST DAY OF TERM
Thurs 04	DARE Programme – Y5 & Y6 2-3pm
Thurs 04	Non-uniform Day - Red House ONLY
Fri 05	Sensory Bus
Mon 08	Parent's Evening – C1
Tues 09	Parent's Evening – C2 & C3
Wed 10	Parent's Evening – C1, C2 & C3
Thurs 11	Remembrance Service with Rev. Vaughan 10:45am
Thurs 11	DARE Programme – Y5 & Y6 2-3pm
Fri 12	Sensory Bus
Mon 15	Primary School Admission Applications Opens
Thurs 18	Stay & Play Open Morning 09:45-10:45
Fri 19	Sensory Bus
Thurs 25	FOSS Christmas Craft Day
Thurs 25	DARE Graduation Y5/6
Fri 26	Sensory Bus
Mon 29	School Photos
Tues 30	Stay & Play Open Morning 09:45-10:45

December

Fri 03	Sensory Bus
Fri 10	Christmas Jumper Day
Mon 13	C1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal
Tues 14	Christmas Play C1 Performances 1pm & 6pm
Wed 15	Christmas Party Day – Details TBC
Thurs 16	Whole School Pantomime Trip
Fri 17	Christmas Lunch
Fri 17	Christingle in Church – 2pm
Fri 17	LAST DAY OF TERM

January

Tues 04	FIRST DAY OF TERM
Sat 15	Deadline for Primary School Admission Applications

February

Fri 11	LAST DAY OF TERM
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.

Truth, Compassion, Respect, Forgiveness