



Newsletter



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back and I hope that you had a good Christmas and New Year.

It has been lovely to see so many children back in school today and starting their learning. It seems strange to think that a year ago the children were starting remote learning. Let's hope the school can function normally as possible this term.

Looking ahead, this term takes us through to Easter and there is lots of exciting learning planned. Class teachers will be sending out details of class topics and the dates listed below outlines the up and coming events.

As you may be aware, the school is part of Kyra, the Teaching School's Alliance. This is a network of schools in a community who support and help each other develop. The school will be taking part in a peer review programme this year whereby myself, and the staff will invite other schools in to look at our current practice. There will also be opportunities for myself and the staff to visit other schools and observe good practice.

Please continue to keep to the latest guidance regarding COVID (see further info below) and here's to a good term.

My very best wishes,
Zoe Longstaff



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

Since Wednesday 22 December, the 10 day self-isolation period for people who record a positive PCR test result for COVID-19 has been reduced to 7 days in most circumstances, unless you cannot test for any reason.

Individuals may now take LFD tests on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart. This also applies to children under 5, with LFD testing at parental or guardian discretion. If both these test results are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, you may end your self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to your education or childcare setting from day 7. Health and social care workers, including those working in education settings, should continue to follow guidance for their sector on taking LFD tests on day 8, 9 and 10.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.

You should not take an LFD test before the sixth day of your isolation period, and you should only end your self-isolation after you have had 2 consecutive negative LFD tests which should be taken at least 24 hours apart. You should stop testing after you have had 2 consecutive negative test results.

This guidance also applies to children and young people who usually attend an education or childcare setting.

Anyone who has symptoms of COVID-19 should stay at home, self-isolate immediately and order a PCR test. If you do not have symptoms of COVID-19 and live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, you are legally required to self-isolate unless you meet any of the following conditions:

- You are fully vaccinated. Fully vaccinated means you have had at least 2 doses of an approved vaccine such as Pfizer BioNTech, AstraZeneca or Spikevax (formerly Moderna). You are also fully vaccinated if you have had one dose of the single-dose Janssen vaccine
- You are below 18 years 6 months
- You have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- You are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

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 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, 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

We will look at reintroducing parent visitors to our Celebration assemblies as the term goes on. At the moment, with the cases being so high in our community we are restricting visitors into school.



House Cup Winners

Blue: 438, Green 437, Red 430 and Yellow 355
Non uniform day: Tuesday 11th January



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 05, 12, 19, & 26 Jan, 02 & 09 Feb

MSP Y2-Y3 – Wed 05, 12, 19, & 26 Jan, 02 & 09 Feb

Choir Y2-Y6 – Wed 05, 12, 19, & 26 Jan, 02 & 09 Feb

Booster Club Y6 – Thurs 06, 13, 20 & 27 Jan, 03 & 10



Clothing Bank

The Rag-Bag clothing bank is no 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 bin was emptied just before we broke up for Christmas and we raised £84.00!

Truth, Compassion, Respect, Forgiveness

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.



FOSS Update

Thank you to everyone for supporting FOSS in their fundraising efforts for the new outdoor play equipment. A full update will be sent out soon detailing the amounts raised from each event, and the Grand Total, but in the meantime, last term's Coin Snake Challenge raised £277.40, the Christmas Raffle £150 and although money is still coming in from the Festive Fun Run, the total currently stands at just over £350.

FOSS are currently one of the Community Champions at Witham St Hughs Coop, so until 5 March every time you use your Dividend Card or buy a bag then a donation will be made towards the play equipment fund.

The 100 Club has also been launched with the first draw to take place at the end of January so please return the forms as soon as possible with your chosen numbers.



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

A selection of gardening resources has been ordered. A big thank you to everyone for collecting.



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.



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



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: [or by speaking to the office](https://www.swinderbyallsaints.co.uk/about_us/vacancies/vacancies.html)
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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.

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 day.

Term Dates

January

Tues 04 FIRST DAY OF TERM
 Sat 15 Deadline for Primary School Admission Applications
 Fri 21 FOSS Cake Sale/Non-uniform Day

February

Thurs 10 FOSS Chocolate Bingo – after school
 Fri 11 LAST DAY OF TERM
 Mon 21 FIRST DAY OF TERM

March

Tues 01 Pancake Races PM – Shrove Tuesday
 Sat 12 Spring Clean of School Grounds

Tues 22 Parent's Evening
 Wed 23 Parent's Evening
 Tues 29 FOSS Film Night – after school
 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
 Thurs 28 FOSS Bingo Night – after school

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 FOSS Fashion Shows – dates TBC
 Wed 22 FIRST DAY OF TERM
 Y6 Magistrates Session

July

Mon 04 Sports Day
 Fri 08 Reserve Sports Day
 Fri 15 FOSS Family Camper Over – 6pm
 Sat 16 FOSS Family Camper Over Ends – 9am
 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.