



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to the second half of the spring term and what looks to be another busy few weeks packed full of learning.

The school is looking forward to the forthcoming Tractor and Science Days as well as a trip to the Lincoln Music Festival for the Choir later in March. Last night we were delighted to see the start of the Street Dance club.

Please do join us for Pancake races on Tuesday 01 March at 2:30pm.

Our thanks must also go to the FOSS Committee who with the support of parents, are well on the way to reaching their £10k target for the purchase of new play equipment. We have met with suppliers and are hoping that some orders will be placed very soon.

Please do consider joining us on the morning of Saturday 12 March for a spring clean of the school grounds. It will be a chance to tidy up the outside area.

As ever, please contact the school if you have any issues or concerns.

My very best wishes,
Zoe Longstaff



We would like to welcome back Mrs Jones to school. We are happy to report she is fit and well and will be back with our Y4 children every morning until Easter.



Wedding Celebrations

Miss Fox will be getting married during the Easter half term break – we're all very much looking forward to celebrating with her. When she returns to school she will be known as Mrs Fox-Morrish.



Current School Opening Times

Class 3: 8:45am – 3:20pm

Class 2: 8:50am – 3:25pm

Class 1: 8:50am – 3:25pm

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



Following announcements by the Prime Minister and an update to schools last night, the Government is going to remove the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test. This comes into effect from Thursday 24th February.

Anyone with symptoms is strongly urged to take a test and follow the advice as outlined below.

We will still be following the guidance which states that **adults and children who test positive will continue to be strongly advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days**, and then continue to follow this guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days. Clearly, this is about asking everyone to take some responsibility for themselves and their actions in trying to avoid passing on illness to others.

If a family member tests positive, and is following the above advice, others in the household do not need to stay away and close contacts no longer need to test so we would expect children to be in school as normal. The only authorised absence for being away from school in these circumstances would be if someone has taken a PCR test (because they have symptoms) and is waiting for the result to come through. Children who

test positive will have the standard ILLNESS code used in the register; those choosing to keep children at home because another family member is positive will have an UNAUTHORISED absence code.

As there is no requirement for close contacts test, we will not be informing parents of any COVID cases within a class - just as we wouldn't let you know if someone had an upset tummy or a sore throat.

As we move further into the Spring and Summer, the guidance may change again but we will keep you informed of this. Thank you, once again, for your on-going support in helping everyone to stay as healthy as possible without the need to miss too much school. It is good to think that this is all another step towards the normality of a new way of living with COVID and continuing to be considerate towards others.



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.



House Cup Winners

Green House were our winners last term. Well done to everyone.

Non uniform day: Thursday 24th February



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.

Miss Jones is stepping down from the Breakfast club in March but we're looking forward to welcoming Mrs Goodwin who will be taking in the role 3 mornings per

week. Mrs Goodwin will work alongside Miss Hubery, Mrs Ellison, Miss Jones and Mrs Pearson.

Mrs Jenkinson is also leaving her After school club position in March and Thursday afternoons will be covered by Mrs Ellison. We thank Mrs Jenkinson for stepping into the role as without her we would have struggled to keep the After school club running.

After School Clubs

Netball Y4-Y6 – Mon 21 & 28 Feb, 07, 14, 21 & 28 March

Dance YR-Y6 – Tues 22 Feb, 01, 08, 15, 22 & 29 March

MSP YR-Y1 (Lunchtimes) – Wed 23 Feb, 02, 09, 16, 23 & 30 March

MSP Y2-Y3 – Wed 23 Feb, 02, 09, 16, 23 & 30 March

Choir Y2-Y6 – Wed 23 Feb, 02, 09, 16, 23 & 30 March

Booster Club Y6 – Thurs 24 Feb, 03, 10, 17, 24 & 31 March



Tractor Day

We are very much looking forward to our upcoming Tractor day on **Monday 28 February**. This is a fabulous opportunity for the whole school to learn about farming. The children will be partaking in a number of different carousel activities such as exploring inside a tractor, learning all about what it is like to be a farmer, investigating different bales, grains and vegetables as well as getting up close and personal with different farmyard animals.



Science Day

Another super experience for the whole school is our Science Day on **Thursday 03 March**. We will be joined in school by *Wild Science* and having a whole school science day.

Throughout the normal school day, the children will be partaking in 2 workshops which involve exciting experiments. Workshops will be exploring the science of slime and bubbles.



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 '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. We are excited to announce that we've held meetings with play equipment specialists and we're hoping to have quotes and designs coming through shortly. We're hoping to get a design and vendor agreed and works to start on phase 1 in the May half term.



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)

Brass lessons will also be introduced in school from Tuesday 01 March. Another teacher from the Lincolnshire Music Service will be coming into school to provide private brass lessons, these will be available to children in Y4-Y6. If you would like a letter with further information, please contact the school office on enquiries@swinderby.lincs.sch.uk



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

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

Term Dates

February

Mon 28 Tractor Day – whole school

March

Tues 01 Pancake Races 2:30pm – Shrove Tuesday
Tues 01 Secondary School place offer to parents
Thurs 03 Science Day – whole school
Mon 07 Y5 Bikeability
Tues 08 Y5 Bikeability
Sat 12 Spring Clean of School Grounds
Tues 22 Parent's Evening
Wed 23 Parent's Evening
Tues 29 Chocolate Bingo - FOSS
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
Tues 19 Reception 2022 Offer Date to parents
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

Truth, Compassion, Respect, Forgiveness

Wed 11	KS2 SATS
Thurs 12	KS2 SATS
Fri 13	Y5/6 Leave for PGL
Sun 15	Y5/6 Return from PGL
Tues 24	Film Night – after school (FOSS)
Thurs 26	Y5/6 Positive Health – time TBC
Fri 27	LAST DAY OF TERM

June

Mon 06	FIRST DAY OF TERM
Fri 10	Jubilee Party in school – FOSS to help
Fri 17	FOSS Fashion Show
Wed 22	Y6 Magistrates Session

July

Mon 04	Sports Day
Fri 08	Reserve Sports Day
Fri 15	FOSS Family Camp Over – 6pm
Sat 16	FOSS Family Camp 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.