



Newsletter



Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we are fast approaching the end of the spring term, I wanted to write to you to update you on a few things before we break up on Thursday.

I am delighted to say that despite COVID striking a number of staff and children down this term, many more normal events have been able to go ahead. It has been lovely to see the children enjoying events such as the Tractor Day, Science Day, Book Day, Pancake Races and Comic Relief to name but a few.

I am very sad to report that Miss Colclough will not be returning to us in September. She will be taking up a new teaching position in Cyprus where she will begin a new chapter of her life. I am sure you will be sorry to hear this, as although she has only been with us for a year her contribution to school has been immense. I am currently recruiting a new teacher for September and details of this will be communicated once I know more.

On Thursday, we also bid farewell to Ms Nicola Jones, who taught Y4 for a number of weeks. I'd like to thank her for her work and wish her well for the future. Year 4 will return to the full care of Miss Colclough when we return after Easter.

Miss Fox will be returning to school as Mrs Fox-Morrish after Easter and I'm sure you'll all join me in wishing her and John the happiest of wedding days on April 7th.

Next term will be an extremely busy one and our Y2 and Y6 children will be undertaking national assessments during May. Please ensure your child is in school as much as possible (illness permitting) so that they get the best education opportunity they can.

I'd like to draw your attention to the online session on May 18th. Online safety can be a bit of a minefield and many of us have lots of questions on how we can not only keep our children and young people safe but also let them enjoy the benefits the online world brings. After the last Q and A event earlier this year, many

parents and carers asked for another opportunity to ask us some questions.

Join our resident Online Safety Officer, Dan Hawbrook, on the 18th May 2022 for a special Question and Answer session for parents and carers which will cover whatever YOU want to know – whether it's game ratings, parental controls, bullying or strangers – we will let you ask us those burning questions.

Sign up will be required to access this session.
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-date-with-dan-tickets-287806616337>

Finally, I do hope that you will join us on Thursday 31st for the Easter service at 2pm.

Have a lovely Easter wherever you are and we look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 20th April.

My very best wishes,
Zoe Longstaff



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,**

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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 to 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.

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. School assessments will be taking place shortly and we need to be made aware.

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.

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

As the weather warms up we're happy for children to wear their summer uniform – grey shorts, white/pale blue polo t-shirt or blue and white gingham dresses.



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

Head Lice

Please ensure long hair is tied up at all times. We have had a reported case on head lice in school so we ask all to be vigilant. We have an in depth guide on our website for checking and treating head lice if anyone is unsure:

https://www.swinderbyallsaints.co.uk/parents/head_lice_information/head_lice_information.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.



After School Clubs

Netball Y3-Y6 – Mon 25 April, 09 & 23 May

Dance YR-Y6 – Tues 26 April, 03, 10, 17 & 24 May

MSP YR-Y1 (Lunch time) – Wed 20 & 27 April, 04, 11, 18 & 25 May

MSP Y2-Y4 – Wed 20 & 27 April, 04, 11, 18 & 25 May

Choir Y2-Y6 – Wed 20 & 27 April, 04, 11, 18 & 25 May

Booster Club Y6 – Thurs 21 & 28 April & 05 May



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

KS2 will have music delivered by Ms Karen Jones from the Lincolnshire Music Service every Wednesday. Private music lessons are now fully booked and Karen Jones has a waiting list for anyone else wanting to sign up. (Karen.Jones@lincolnshire.gov.uk)

Brass lessons, with Malcolm Duckett (also from the Lincolnshire Music Service) are on offer with school. If your child is interested in private brass lessons, please contact enquiries@swinderby.lincs.sch.uk and we can put you in touch directly with Mr Duckett.



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.

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

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

Thurs 31 Mountain Workshop – Class 3
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

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
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.