

Swinderby All Saints Primary School

Newsletter

July 2022



Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the end of the school year, I have been reflecting on the things we've done as a school community. Despite some more interruptions from COVID, the team have managed to achieve so much. All three school productions – the Nativity for C1, the Easter story with C2 and 'A Blast from the Past' with C3 have been watched by many. Sports day was a super afternoon and so many school visits and trips have taken place. None of this would have been possible without the hard work, dedication, resilience and determination shown by the teachers, teaching assistants, business manager, support staff, middays, before and after school club and site staff. They work so hard to ensure the children get the opportunities they deserve. Thank you.

Our Governors have also worked incredibly hard; driving the school forward and challenging me to do my best for the school.

The FOSS team have worked tirelessly to provide fun activities for the children with traditional events such as Film night and the Easter egg hunt as well as new ones such as the school disco with a 'real life' DJ! They have raised in excess of £10,000 which we hope can buy some much wanted play equipment in the new academic year.

The Y6 children have delivered fabulous SATS results – which means they leave us in a strong position for secondary school. All 10 children have secured a place at their 1st choice of secondary school.

Other assessments that have taken place in school, including the Phonics screening check, Y2 SATS, Y4 multiplication check etc. have delivered strong performances. We are delighted that the school has also been awarded a Gold Sports Award, thank you to Mrs Lill for her lead on this, and I was lucky enough to be chosen to accept a National Award in London from Pearson Education. This was collected on behalf of the Kyra Teaching School, an organisation of over 70 schools that work together to drive school improvement.

As the year draws to a close, please take a look at the forthcoming dates for this week and please consider joining us.

I would like to wish Miss Colclough and her partner all the very best for their new venture in Cyprus. She has brought so much to our school in a short time and we would have loved her to stay.

I hope, however, we will give a Swinderby welcome to all our new Reception children and mid-year admissions and Miss Jodie Loom (Y5 and Y6), Mr Tom Rees (Y4), Mrs Jessica Harper (C1 1:1). I am sure you will get to meet the new staff members in due course.

Finally, I would like to wish the Y6's and any other families leaving us, the very best for the future. We never close the door, you are always welcome to come back and see us. Thank you for all your support over the years.

Have a super summer everyone and for those returning in September, we will see you on the 6th.

My very best wishes,
Zoe Longstaff

Message from the Governors

On behalf of the Governors, I would like to thank all the children, parents and staff for their contribution to the life of the school this year. I wish everyone a happy summer holiday and look forward to an exciting new school year in September.

Best wishes,
Sue

Dates

Music Concert Wed 20th July – 2:30

Parents of children who have lessons, choir etc. can attend.

Final Celebrations – Thurs 21st July – 1:30pm

Followed by Y6 water fight. Parents can collect after water fight.

Leavers – Fri 22nd July – 08:40am

Y6 Ringing the school bell

Leavers Service – Friday 22nd July – 2pm

ALL welcome to give a 'good send-off'

Start of term – Tues 06th September.

Truth, Compassion, Respect, Forgiveness



Current School Opening Times

Class 4: 8:45am – 3:20pm

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.



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 and Fixed Penalty Notices may be issued.

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.

Attendance for this academic year is as follows:

Class 1 – 94.68%

Class 2 – 94.95%

Class 3 – 95.66%

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.

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



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*****

Lockers

We are pleased to announce that in September every child will be given a metal locker for their belongings (instead of the current wooden pigeon holes). Each locker measures 300 x 450 x 1382mm (WxDxH) so please be mindful with regards to school bag sizes. All personal items will need storing in these lockers during the school day.

Online Safety

E-safety – electronic safety – is all about keeping ourselves safe, maintaining our privacy and protecting our rights in the digital world.

We all need to be aware of potential e-safety issues with all our digital devices and forms of digital communication not just computers and the internet. Computers, laptops, tablets (iPads, Kindles etc.), digital cameras, games consoles (Xbox, Wii, iPod touch, Nintendo DS etc.) smart televisions, mobile phones, texts and email are ALL part of the digital world.

Social networking sites such as Facebook and Twitter, and video sharing sites such as YouTube are valuable in allowing use to maintain communication with family and friends worldwide. However parents and children should abide by the age restrictions on such sites and carefully set their privacy settings.

Just as in the real world we need children to be aware of stranger danger and bullying (cyber-bullying) in the digital world. We need our children to recognise when it is happening and were to seek help.

At school, we educate children about e-Safety in ICT lessons but it's important that parents know some key e-Safety tips too. Below are some links to resources to help support parents and children with all aspects of e-safety.

A Quick Chat About Parent Controls on Games Consoles and Internet Usage.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=s9C7AyX3YGU

A Quick Chat About Game Ratings

www.youtube.com/watch?v=sHLXfn-LTlo

These short films are from Lincolnshire's Safeguarding Team and have sound advice for safer internet use.



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.



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 day.

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.

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.