

September 2022



# Autumn News

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the start of the new school year! We are very lucky to have 12 Reception children have joined us alongside 5 other children across the school. I hope that the children and their families will settle quickly into our new school community. I'd also like to extend a warm welcome to our new staff members – Miss Jodie Loom (C4), Mr Tom Rees (C3) and Mrs Jessica Harper (C1) and hope that they too enjoy working here.

I do hope that the summer was good for you and that you managed some precious family time. I was especially proud to hear from some former pupils over the summer and to share their GCSE and A Level successes.

I am looking forward to all that is planned for the new term, including Harvest Festival, Remembrance Service and Christmas celebrations and welcoming you to these events.

The school has already been a hive of activity with new learning taking place.

As we settle into the new routines of this term, please come and see myself or the teachers if you have any concerns at all.

My very best wishes,  
Zoe Longstaff



### 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](mailto: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 Every student. Every day.

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.

### 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.

Please note, if holidays are still taken during term time this will be reported to Lincolnshire County Council and a fine may be issued.

### **\*\*\*IMPORTANT DATES\*\*\***

Practice SATS week for Y6 – 24.04.23 to 27.4.23

KS2 Y6 SATS week – 08.05.23 to 11.05.23

Whole of May – Y2 SATS Assessments

Y4 Multiplication Screening Check – w/c 05.6.23

Y1 Phonics Screening – w/c 12.6.23

There will be assessments during the rest of the year.

### **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 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\*\*\***

### **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](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s9C7AyX3YGU)

A Quick Chat About Game Ratings  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=sHLXfn-LTl0](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sHLXfn-LTl0)

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

There will be an acceptable IT use Policy coming out to parents shortly.



### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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

### Hot Meals

The site will be open again on **Friday 16 September** until **Friday 23 September** to order meals for the next cycle:

WK1 – 03.10.22  
WK2 – 10.10.22  
WK 3 – 17.10.22  
WK 4 – 31.10.22

Please ensure that you 'check out' your selections, without doing this the order doesn't go through.

<https://schoolmeals.ginga.catering/parentLogin.asp>  
**FOSS**

The next FOSS AGM meeting is Tuesday 20 September at 7:30pm in the school hall. All are welcome. If you'd like to join FOSS, please speak to Alex Meade.

### HELP!

Do we have any sewers in our school community? Our stage curtains are in need of repair.



### 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](mailto: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

#### September

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| Fri 09 | 'Hello Yellow' Non-uniform day |
| Mon 19 | SWRA Open Morning 9am-12pm     |
| Mon 19 | Church Harvest Festival 6:30pm |

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| Tues 20 | SWRA Open Morning 9am-12pm          |
| Tues 20 | FOSS AGM 7:30pm                     |
| Wed 21  | SWRA Open Morning 9am-12pm          |
| Wed 21  | SWRA Open Evening 6pm-8:30pm        |
| Fri 23  | Harvest Festival in church 2pm      |
| Mon 26  | Stay & Play Open Morning 9:45-10:25 |
| Tues 27 | Y6 Construction Day visit           |

#### October

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| Thurs 06 | Flu Vaccinations in school YR-Y6     |
| Tues 18  | Stay & Play Open Morning 09:45-10:25 |
| Fri 21   | LAST DAY OF TERM                     |
| Mon 31   | FIRST DAY OF TERM                    |

#### November

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| Tues 08  | Parent's Evening                     |
| Wed 09   | Parent's Evening                     |
| Fri 11   | Remembrance Service 10:55am          |
| Thurs 17 | Stay & Play Open Morning 09:45-10:25 |
| Fri 18   | Children in Need Day                 |
| Fri 25   | FOSS Christmas Craft Session – TBC   |
| Mon 28   | Stay & Play Open Morning 09:45-10:25 |

#### December

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| Fri 09   | Christmas Jumper Day            |
| Mon 12   | Lunch for elderly villagers     |
| Mon 12   | C1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal 1pm |
| Tues 13  | C1 Nativity 1pm and 6pm         |
| Wed 14   | Whole School Panto Trip         |
| Thurs 15 | Christmas Party Day             |
| Fri 16   | Christmas Lunch                 |
| Fri 16   | Christingle in Church – 2pm     |
| Fri 16   | LAST DAY OF TERM                |

#### January

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| Tues 03 | INSET DAY         |
| Wed 04  | FIRST DAY OF TERM |

#### February

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| Fri 10  | LAST DAY OF TERM       |
| Mon 20  | FIRST DAY OF TERM      |
| Tues 21 | Pancake Races – 2:30pm |

#### March

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| Thurs 02 | World Book Day            |
| Mon 13   | Y5 Bikeability            |
| Tues 14  | Y5 Bikeability            |
| Wed 15   | Y5 Bikeability            |
| Thurs 16 | Y5 Bikeability            |
| Wed 22   | Parent's Evening          |
| Thurs 23 | Parent's Evening          |
| Fri 31   | Easter Service – C2 Focus |
| Fri 31   | LAST DAY OF TERM          |

#### April

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| Mon 03   | Y6 Easter School 9am-12pm            |
| Tues 04  | Y6 Easter School 9am-12pm            |
| Mon 17   | INSET DAY                            |
| Tues 18  | FIRST DAY OF TERM                    |
| Thurs 20 | Stay & Play Open Morning 09:45-10:25 |

### May

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| Mon 01 | BANK HOLIDAY            |
| Mon 08 | Y6 KS2 SATS WEEK        |
| Fri 12 | Y5 & Y6 Leave for PGL   |
| Sun 14 | Y5 & Y6 Return from PGL |
| Fri 26 | LAST DAY OF TERM        |

### June

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| Mon 05 | FIRST DAY OF TERM |
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### July

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| Tues 04 | Sports Day – 1pm         |
| Fri 07  | Reserve Sports Day – 1pm |
| Wed 12  | C4 Play                  |
| Mon 17  | Move up afternoon        |
| Tues 18 | Reports Issued           |
| Fri 21  | Leaver's Assembly – 2pm  |
| Fri 21  | 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.

### 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](http://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.