



June 2023

Summer News

Dear Parents/Carers,

I can't believe that the end of term is fast approaching with so many events coming up and lots to look forward to.

I fully appreciate the news of the forthcoming staff changes is unsettling and I am sorry if this has caused some concerns. The Governors and I continue to reassure you that your child's education and wellbeing remains our top priority. A loss of these staff members, who between them have varying lengths in service, including 14 years by Mrs Hul, affects us all and I personally wish to thank them for all they have done for the school.

As you probably know from the news, working in schools currently is a tough, relentless job and all staff continually try to balance the pressures and requirements of Ofsted, the County, parents and leaders. This is all being done under an ever increasing tight budget framework.

I am delighted to report that Mr Rees is joining a large academy school in Nottinghamshire, from September, where he will have wide opportunities. We wish him all the best.

The coming events will allow us time to celebrate what is good about this school. These include the Kyra Music Festival, Sports Day, Class 3 and 4's play, the Leaver's service, Football matches and Class 4's visit to Bomber Command Centre.

We are also looking forward to the new events on offer next year including a Class 4 visit to the Royal Opera House, a weekly football club and welcoming our new Reception and mid-year admission children to the Swinderby school family.

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 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 95.9%, 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. In line with the new Government policy, an even greater emphasis will be placed on attendance.

Class Attendance – up until 26.05.23

Class 1 – 95.66%

Class 2 – 96.50%

Class 3 – 95.47%

Class 4 – 95.94%

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, for any absence over 4.5 days.

Hot Weather

With the weather turning warmer, please could we remind parents that children should come to school wearing sunscreen and with a hat. Please ensure they have a refillable water bottle as regular drinking is important and very much encouraged throughout the school day.

IMPORTANT DATES

Y4 Multiplication Screening Check – w/c 12.06.23

Y1 Phonics Screening – w/c 12.06.23

KS2 SATS results Tues 11th July

Meet the new Teachers – Mon 17th July (3:45pm)

YR-Y6 Flu Vaccinations Sept-Dec 2023 – exact date TBC

ADVANCED NOTICE OF 2024 DATES

KS2 SATS – w/c 13 May 2024

Y5 & Y6 PGL Trip – Friday 17 to Sunday 19 May 2024

Y4 Multiplication Screening Check – w/c 03 June 2024

Y1 Phonics Screening Test – w/c 10 June 2024

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*****

Long hair **MUST** be tied up for PE and NO earrings are to be worn.

Lost Property



We have seen an increased number of jumpers and cardigans being left in school and the majority of them are not named so we cannot return to the correct children. There is a table near the main entrance, please check none of these items belong to your child. Come the end of term, anything remaining unclaimed will be disposed of.

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-bulling) 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-LTio

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

Our ICT Acceptable Use of Internet and Online Safety Policies are available on our school website:
https://www.swinderbyallsaints.co.uk/key_information/policies/policies.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.



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 afternoon.

We are lucky to have additional music teachers from the Lincolnshire Music Service coming into to school to assist with the private lessons as they have proved so popular. Since Mon 09 Jan, guitar lessons are with Mr James Bourne, Piano lessons are with Ruth Lee.

Brass lessons, with Malcolm Duckels (also from the Lincolnshire Music Service) continue to be on offer. 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 Duckels.



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.

Please consider when you send these emails, to support the wellbeing of our staff.

School Communication

Our regular Txtround service is no longer available to us so we're using a temporary service for the time being whilst we try to source an alternative provider.



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/>

Hot Meals

The site will open on Friday 16 June to order meals for the next cycle. This new cycle will run as follows

WK1 – 03.07.23
WK2 – 10.07.23
WK3 – 17.07.23

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

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

If you have missed the cut off, please do not hesitate to contact Anna at Ginga Catering.

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

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.

Secondary School

If your child is currently in Y4 and Y5 and you'd like a conversation regarding secondary schools, please contact Mrs Longstaff.



Letters Home

We send all letters that don't need printing out via email. 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.

Redevelopment Work

The play equipment and the playground is looking fantastic and we're very lucky to have such a generous school community with their time and fundraising to allow these changes to take place.

Truth, Compassion, Respect, Forgiveness



The porta cabin was also removed during the last half term so we'll have even more space once the grass seed has taken.



Term Dates



June

Mon 05	FIRST DAY OF TERM
Tues 06	Swimming starts for Y4 and Y6
Fri 09	Y5 & Y6 Positive Health Session
Thurs 15	Y5/Y6 Football match (Leadenham)
Fri 16	Non-Uniform Day
Fri 23	Y5/Y6 Rounders Tournament
Fri 23	Y6 Substance Awareness Session (PM)
Tues 27	Y5/Y6 Football match (Home)

July

Tues 04	Sports Day – 1pm – All welcome
Thurs 06	LSST Induction Day (New Y7)
Thurs 06	NK Induction Day (New Y7)
Thurs 06	SRPA Induction Day (New Y7)
Thurs 06	SWRA Open Evening 6-8:30pm
Thurs 06	Kyra Music Festival 2pm-7:30pm
Fri 07	LSST Induction Day (New Y7)
Fri 07	RP Induction Day (New Y7)
Fri 07	Reserve Sports Day – 1pm
Mon 10	SRPA – New Parent's Evening – PM
Tues 11	Y6 SATS results
Tues 11	FOSS End of Term Disco
Wed 12	C3/C4 Play
Thurs 13	New to Reception Parent's Evening
Fri 14	C4 Trip to IBCC
Mon 17	Move up afternoon
Mon 17	*Meet the new staff – 3:45pm*
Tues 18	FOSS Non-uniform Day
Tues 18	Reports Issued
Fri 21	Leaver's Assembly – 2pm all welcome
Fri 21	FOSS Ice Creams on the field
Fri 21	LAST DAY OF TERM

Looking ahead to next year...

September

Mon 04	Staff Training Day
Tues 05	Staff Training Day
Wed 06	FIRST DAY OF TERM

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We will be adding more dates for the diary
as time goes on

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.