



Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted that everyone has settled back into school and we welcome our new children and families. Our new staff are already making a positive impact on standards and we are all working hard to achieve our goals of giving our children the very best by offering an education that is caring, supportive and ambitious in our aspirations. We are very proud of our 'Young Voices' and the staff that have worked tirelessly towards the performance at Sheffield arena.

The door is always open to discuss any matters of concern or to simply share something that you are proud of your child achieving. Our Parents' Evenings are coming up soon and this is the perfect opportunity to have a look at your child's work and find out more about their progress from our spring term assessments.

We are very keen to have more parent volunteers in school and this can simply be as little as an hour per week to listen to children read or be a pair of 'helping hands' in class. Please speak to the office staff and they can arrange this for you. It is also worth mentioning about the importance of children being equipped with everything they need for school. Winter coats are a must and please ensure that your child has a named P.E. kit in school at all times and for them to remember to bring in a water bottle.

Mrs Claire Collett

Executive Headteacher

Swineshead School



Opening Up Time

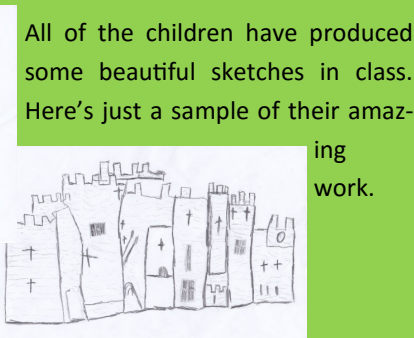
The key stage gates open at 8:45 am and close at 9:00 am. In the afternoon, school finishes at 3:15 pm and this is when the gates are opened and they close at 3:25 pm. It makes it difficult for staff to attend appointments with parents, run clubs or be available for meetings if parents are continually running late. We appreciate your help in this matter.

Westminster



Toby's

Drew's



All of the children have produced some beautiful sketches in class. Here's just a sample of their amazing work.

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Chris / Maisies



Fourfields School



Welcome

Our new Head of School, Mrs Pimlott, has settled in straight away and already knows the children and is making an impact on standards. She is enjoying using her key stage one experience to lead a phonics group and is leading teaching across the school. Mrs Pimlott enjoys meeting parents in the morning and we are delighted to have such a successful appointment for the Federation.

County Finals

It was a bitterly cold afternoon on the 3G sports field at Carre's Grammar School who were the host to the county football finals on Saturday. The players knew it would be a challenge and the level of play from all teams was exceptionally high. The team effort was outstanding and it would be unfair to single out any player. The whole team showed skill and flair throughout and their sportsmanship was impeccable. Both Mr Shaw and I (and parents too) were so proud of them and the children battled on, regardless of injury or challenge. The first game is always tricky and despite some gallant efforts from the strikers, the result was a 2-0 loss to Thurby. The second game saw their mettle come through and some stirring defence work resulted in a 0-0 draw against South Hykeham. By the third game, we were in our stride and a fantastic goal created a well-deserved win against Osgogby. The result put us into the third place play-off against the teams in the other leagues. We played hard throughout, and arguably, Sutterton had the upper hand. The game against Chapel Hykeham went to extra time, resulting in a 2-1 loss. Regardless of the outcome, Sutterton can be proud of representing Boston and District and they played like a dream!

Sporting News

We are excited about competing in a number of sporting events and holding our own against schools that are significantly larger in size. Our Year 3 and Year 4 children put in a great performance at the Athletics Festival at the Peter Paine Sports Hall and this was a great opportunity to develop athletes in junior athletics.

Headteacher's Award

Well-done to Drew Darwood In Kirkstead for



writing a wonderful piece of work in a booklet about the weather. Drew produced beautiful sentence work with fabulous handwriting and he was delighted to share his efforts with us.

Creative Writing

The Year 3/4 children in Mrs Field's literacy classes are enjoying their Myths and Legends topic whilst the Year 5/6 are getting to grips with journalistic writing. The children are taking a break from this to concentrate on our entries for Radio 2's 500 word story competition. The prize of a trip to the Globe Theatre and to meet Chris Evan's is really focusing the classes attention and some amazing work is being produced. All the children agree that it would be brilliant to be among the finalists but just having their work read by people outside of school is a great feeling - fabulous!

PTFA Bingo and Jumble Sale

Come and join us on Friday 29th January for bingo and Saturday 30th January from noon until 3:00 pm. Flyers will be sent out.

Diary Dates

22 Jan - Young Voices
22 Jan - Year 5/6 Athletics Festival
25 - 29 Jan - Assessment Week
27 Jan - Westminster Class Assembly
28 Jan - Goalball for visually impaired pupils
29 Jan - PTFA Bingo Night
29 Jan—Gymnastics Development Day Y3/4 (Details to follow)
30 Jan - Jumble sale from noon until 3:00 pm
1 February - Year 5/6 Cross Country
3 February - Tintern Class Assembly
5 February - Swineshead families basic skills course (details to follow)
9 February - Parents' Evening from 3:35 pm until 5:00 pm
10 February - Crowland Class Assembly
10 February - Parents' Evening from 3:35 pm until 7:00 pm
12 February—Non Uniform Day—School Council fundraiser (£1 contribution)
12 February - Sports Award presentation

Sporting News

Sutterton also competed in the Year 3 and Year 4 Athletics Festival and this was a great opportunity for our up and



coming athletes. The enthusiasm from the children was infectious and they thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity.

PTFA Jumble Sale

The next PTFA meeting is on Wednesday 24th February and everyone is welcome. The committee are busy in their preparations for the Valentine's Disco on 11th February and this promises to be a great evening for the children. The PTFA were keen to have a social networking link to advertise events and the federation will have a Twitter account to post any Emmaus news—watch this space!

Food in School

Our food provider 'Farm Food Kitchen' will be providing some cookery workshops to our children in school on 10th February. Details on this to follow.

Website

Keep your eyes peeled for any missed letters or curriculum information on the school website. We aim to publish most school letters on there. Thank you to parents that have responded to the opportunity for children to perform at the start of Celebration Assembly. We have lots of very talented children and it is wonderful that they have the skill and the confidence to showcase their abilities.

Diary Dates

22 Jan - Year 5/6 Athletics Festival
25 - 29 Jan - Assessment Week
28 Jan - Goalball for visually impaired pupils
1 February - Year 5/6 Cross Country
8 February - Parents' Evening from 3:00 pm until 7:00 pm
9 February - Central Class Assembly
10 February - Farm Food Kitchen Cookery Workshops

End of Term on Friday 12 February and school returns on Monday 22 February.