

# EMMAUS NEWS

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I feel that it is now officially spring-time or thereabouts! The weather is definitely improving and the gardens and hedgerows are brimming with snowdrops and daffodils.

The Governors are pleased to announce that our application to become an academy has been approved by the Regional Schools Commissioner for the East Midlands and that we have received our Academy Order. We have undertaken three consultation meetings and are arranging a further meeting for staff to meet with governors of the Federation, trades union representatives and the Lincoln Anglican Academy Trust (LAAT). This means that we can now complete the process of joining LAAT, and the planned conversion date is 1st July 2017.

It is always sad to say farewell to members of staff and at the start of the summer term, we have a couple of members of staff who are venturing to pastures new. Mrs Pimlott, Head of School at Sutterton Fourfields, will leave us to become the Special Educational Needs Coordinator for the Teaching and Learning Centres of Lincolnshire. Mrs Pimlott has served our school community well and we wish her the very best in her new position. A special Celebration Assembly will be held at Sutterton Fourfields on 31st March at 9:00 am. To provide continuity and build upon the excellent standards at Sutterton, Mrs Gray has been appointed as the Acting Head of School.

I also wish to inform you that Mr Case has decided to retire from his role as caretaker of Swineshead St Mary's. Mr Case joined the school many years ago and cares deeply for the school and its community. On behalf of pupils and staff, past and present, I wish him and Mrs Case the very best together in their retirement. A special Celebration Assembly will be held at school on Friday 28th April at 2:30 pm.

The popularity of first choice places at both Swineshead and Sutterton has seen a huge increase over the last couple of years and appeals are often held for families who wish their child to start their school journey with us. It can be particularly frustrating for Fourfields families as the intake is from the villages of Sutterton, Fosdyke, Algarkirk and Wigtoft. The school currently has an agreed PAN of 20 children for entry to Year R. For September 2017, this will increase to 30 for one year only. This will hopefully ease pressures on families wishing to come to the school and will mean that we will have a single-form entry class in Year R, Year 1 and Year 2. A temporary mobile classroom will be fitted over the summer term. We will keep you informed of any updates when they arise.

Yours sincerely,

Claire Collett Executive Headteacher

## Swineshead School



### NSPCC - Big Buddy Workout Challenge

Please remember that your child needs to come into school on Thursday 9th March wearing sports clothing with, ideally, something green in colour. We are fundraising for the NSPCC and the children will take part in workout exercis-

### **Smoking in Cars**

Boston Borough Council is about to launch a year-long campaign to spread the word that second-hand smoke harms children. In October 2015 it became illegal to smoke in a private car with a child under the age of 18 present. We will be getting car stickers to hand out to families and any car displaying the sticker can be put in a £10 prize draw each week for the ones that are spotted. The school will also be entered into a monthly draw for a £50 book token.

### Space Trip

Pupils in year 5 and year 6 had a fantastic time at the Leicester Space Centre on Friday 24th February. The visit was linked to their current topic 'Stargazers'. This involves learning about our solar system: writing mnemonics for the order of the planets; finding information about the individual planets and designing a Mars rover and rockets.

### Mid-Day Assistant Vacancy

A position has become available for a MSA at Swineshead. Applicants need to be caring, hard-working and reliable. Applications are available from the school office and the

### **Swineshead Diary Dates**

7th March – Parents' Evening at 3:30 pm - 7:30 pm 7th March – St James' Class

8th March - Whitby Class Assembly at 9:00 am

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9th March-NSPCC 'Big Workout' and to wear sports clothing/green items

13th March-Science Week

14th March – Year 5/6 Tag Rugby at Thomas Middlecott

15th March - Ramsey Class Assembly at 9:00 am

15th March - NSPCC Workshops for Year 5/6

21st March – Westminster Class Assembly at 9:00

22nd March - Tintern Class Assembly

23rd March - NSPCC 'Thank You' Assembly for fundraising activities

24th March - Red Nose Day

29th March - Fountains Class Assembly

30th March - Easter Bonnet Parade

30th March - Easter Service at St Mary's Church at 2:00 pm

### **Sutterton Diary Dates**

Assembly at 9:00 am

14th March - Hyde Class Assembly at 9:00 am

14th March - Year 5/6 Tag Rugby at Thomas Middlecott

23rd March - Mother's Day Assembly at 9:00 am

24th March-Red Nose Day

30th March - Easter Bonnet Parade

30th March - Easter Service at St Mary's Church at 9:15 am

31st March-Celebration Assembly and Mrs Pimlott's 'leaving' Assembly

End of Term on Friday 31st March and return on Tuesday 18th April

### World Book Day

Families came into school on Thursday 2nd March to



### **High Fliers**

It is with huge pride that Mrs Field celebrates her daughters selection by Bowls England to compete in the Australia Test Series in preparation for the Commonwealth Games - what an achievement!

### **Sutterton Food Bank**

A satellite of the Boston Food Bank is open every Friday from 10:00 am to 12 noon at St Mary's Church. Vouchers are available in school and the aim is to supply people who are in need with enough (non perishable) food for three days. The Sutterton Food Bank is staffed by volunteers who are friendly and nonjudgemental. They can provide a food parcel, a hot drink and toast and a helping hand to point people towards other organisations that may be able to help.

### **Shrove Tuesday**

Mrs Machell and the Little FISH did a great job selling pancakes to mark Shrove

Tuesday and the start of Lent.

### **Artist in School**

We have commisclay artist to work

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ry child on our five different school values. The work will be based on a Tree of Life and will be created around the entrance area inside school. The project will start in the summer term.

### Arts Award

We are delighted for the children in Phoenix Class to have received Arts Award Discover. Delivering the award was a joint effort between the school, the Lincolnshire Music Service and Mr Muscillo, our violin tutor. A feature of the school is in the Lincolnshire Music Hub magazine.