



Dear Parents/Carers,

The summer term is upon us and the days are longer and the sunshine is coming through. Schools are always a hive of activity during this term as teachers prepare and pupils work hard to achieve their very best in the end of year assessments. It is also a time to enjoy the actual joys of school life such as working on end of year productions and competing in the raft of sports events which take place. I also like this time of year as the transition from primary to secondary becomes more apparent - our Year 6 children show increased confidence to lead events in school and are more independent as they prepare for the next stage of their education. We also get to meet our new children, which is very exciting, and the EYFS teams have planned lots of sessions for both the children and their families to get to know the schools well before we welcome their start in September.

In March, Swineshead CE Primary was visited by OFSTED. The inspection recognised some of the hard work that has taken place and identified areas to improve, which we have started on. Above all this, what is important to us is that we want our schools to be happy and successful. The memories of school stay with us for a lifetime and I want our children to look back with pride, knowing that the school cared about their learning and provided as many opportunities as possible for them to succeed. We endeavour to provide a curriculum that is vibrant and engaging and welcome parents into school to see what the children have been learning through our class assemblies and open days. This term will see our first World at Work Day and we will be running an Arts Week and a Multi Faith Day. We are proud of the wide range of after-school clubs and sporting opportunities at both schools and encourage all children to have a go at the different things that are on offer. We have significantly increased the number of interventions and support programmes at both schools this year and our lunchtime pastoral facility called 'Growing Acorns' gives children a great opportunity to work on arts and crafts with friends in a small structured group setting. As always, our door is always open and staff are there to help.

Our federation is a very special place, living up to our values: Love, Respect, Inclusion, Compassion and Forgiveness.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Claire Collett

Swineshead School

Welcome Mrs Hutchinson

Mrs Hutchinson has settled in extremely well and is already having a positive impact. When she's not looking at progress data or checking on work in the school, she's busy getting to know all of the children. Everyone has commented on how warm and caring she is and her lovely calm and re-assuring manner. Mrs Hutchinson has said that although it's a busy job (yes, I can testify to that!) she's very happy.



Westminster

Rob Hammond and the team from Lincs FM visited the school on Monday to find out more about their topic work 'The Scented Garden'. It was a great opportunity for the children and the school and I would like to thank Mrs Taylor for organising this.

Fourfields School



Woolsthorpe Manor

Phoenix Class had a great time at the birthplace of Sir Isaac Newton. They enjoyed a tour of the house, sat under the famous apple tree, took part in workshops and visited the science and technology room. Mrs Machell felt it was the best visit she has been on and strongly recommends anyone to spend a day there.



Parents' Consultation

Thank you to those that attended. Please express your views (strengths too please!) on the response letter sent home.

Headteacher's Award

Well done to Oliver Pick in Westminster for producing a very detailed homework project on 'The Scented Garden' - terrific stuff!



500 Words



Mrs Fields is delighted with the response from Radio 2's '500 Word' story competition. All entrants received a certificate and we are delighted that Joshua Allitt has been selected to go through to the next round. His story about a dinosaur called Bob was one of 4500 selected from 123,000 to go through to the next stage - fingers crossed Josh!

PTFA Bingo Night

A huge thank you to Swineshead's PTFA for the Bingo Night on Friday. Their commitment and dedication is inspiring. They would like to use their fundraising money to purchase a new library display area to enthuse and engage reading in school. The display is beautiful and will really improve the school—both in standards and aesthetically.

Mini Tennis Tournament

A superb effort from our players who took part in the tennis tournament that followed on from the development day. We played extremely well, getting through to the semi-finals. Theo Snade showed fantastic promise winning eight games straight and his rally's and back-hand was those of an experienced and skilled player. Max Nundy and Lillie Beck were consistently strong throughout and held-off many players from the nine different schools which took part.



Mini Tennis Tournament

Our players thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to compete for the school following on from the development day. A few games in, the nerves settled and the children played their matches well, applying a new range of skills and demonstrating outstanding sportsmanship throughout.



The Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations

Both schools enjoyed the Queen's birthday celebrations on 21st April. Whether it was flag making, singing the national anthem or having a special meal, everyone got involved. The hall at Sutterton was particularly spectacular as the amazing mid-day assistants had decorated it with flags and bunting to mark the special occasion and it will remain in the hall for the events held in the village.

KS1 SATs

Sutterton was selected as a school for early administration of the KS1 spelling, punctuation and grammar test. This is so the Department for Education can benchmark the scores from the pupils who took the test early. You may have heard in the news about the mix-up by the DfE regarding the on-line publication of the papers, but our children seemed to take the experience of sitting the test in their stride and Miss Grooby is still smiling!

New Sports Kit

A huge thanks to Firth Landscapes for sponsoring our new sports kit. We have a new rugby kit, a full track-suits and sports tops - all ready for the county finals.

27 th April	Lindisfarne Class Assembly
28 th April	Non uniform day – wear a hat or cap! King John's Pageant fundraiser
29 th April	Sutterton School Council and Little Fish (Faith in Small Hearts) to Swineshead
29 th April	Class photographs
4 th May	Fountains Class Assembly
5 th May	Change 4 Life Festival – selected pupils
9 th to 12 th May	Year 6 KS2 SATs. Please ensure your child is in school every day.
13 th May	Swineshead's Got Talent auditions
16 th May	Transported Arts Project
16 th May	Year 6 top-up swimming – selected pupils
18 th May	Tintern Class Assembly
18 th May	County Tag Rugby Finals – selected pupils
19 th May	Swineshead PTFA fancy dress disco's
20 th May	Swineshead's Got Talent at 1:30pm – 3:15pm (no celebration assembly)
19 th to 25 th May	Year 2 KS1 SATs. Please ensure your child is in school every day.
25 th May	Kelso Class Assembly
26 th May	Year 6 Church School Festival at Lincoln Cathedral
26 th May	Year 5 Rounders Tournament
27 th May	Year 5 Technology Day at Thomas Cowley
27 th May	End of Term
6 th June	Start of Term

Diary Dates for April and May

28 th April	PTFA Bingo Night
29 th April	School Council and Little Fish (Faith in Small Hearts) to Swineshead
5 th May	Change 4 Life Festival – selected pupils
5 th May	KS2 Table Tennis Competition
9 th to 12 th May	Year 6 KS2 SATs. Please ensure your child is in school every day.
16 th to 20 th May	Year 2 KS1 SATs. Please ensure your child is in school every day.
16 th May	Year top-up swimming
17 th May	Phoenix Class Assembly
18 th May	County Tag Rugby Finals – selected pupils
26 th May	Year 6 Church School Festival
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