



EMMAUS NEWS

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Dear Families,

Welcome back, I hope you all have had a happy half-term. A very busy term awaits with lots of exciting and engaging learning opportunities.

Please note that if you have any worries or concerns, no matter how trivial you may think they are, please do not hesitate to send us a Dojo or you can contact myself through the school office.

Kind regards,

Mrs Collett

Executive Headteacher

Events Coming Up

Shrove Tuesday/Pancake Day is on 5th March. Lots of classes will be making or tasting pancakes to mark the last day of feasting before Lent starts on Ash Wednesday and to learn about the importance of Lent for many Christians.

World Book Day is on 7th March. Children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character, ready to enjoy a day of book themed activities. Parents are invited to spend the start of the day listening to a story with their child or to take part in a guided reading, reciprocal reading or Accelerated Reading session.

Science week is 11-15th March. Lots of exciting activities will take place across federation and a parent/child challenge will be held at Swineshead on 14th March.

Comic Relief is on 15th March. We will be selling red noses across federation with any money raised going to the charity. It is also a non-uniform day with the theme being PJs, onesies or dressing gowns. At Sutterton, Mrs Gould will be organising a cake-sale to raise money for Boston Community Transport who support all of the elderly and are dementia trained.

Kelso Year 5 Human Rights Day will take place at the end of term. The children will experience what it's like to have their rights taken away and see what it might be like to be in situations where they are not treated fairly. This will be a fun, light-hearted approach to the subject that they are studying.

Sporting News

It is with great pride and honour that we can celebrate both Swineshead and Sutterton achieving the Gold Sports Mark for the previous academic year 2017 – 2018. We were notified at the start of last term and Mr Haslam, Boston and District Sports Organiser, presented Swineshead's award on 8th

February and Sutterton's will be presented on 1st March. I would like to thank the children for their positive sporting attitudes and to families for supporting activities outside of school. I would like to thank staff who give up their time to run clubs and also the staff who are passionate about school sport and how it can be life-changing in terms of the many positives it brings and facilitate the many sporting opportunities which take place across federation. Only the top 5% of schools achieve the gold mark and it is a difficult award to achieve. It is the second consecutive year for Sutterton and it is Swineshead's first, so we are very pleased.

A huge congratulations goes to Sutterton's dance team coached by Mrs Cooper. They have won the primary Boston and district dance competition.

Their piece was extremely well choreographed and involved drama, gymnastics and dance. We are also very proud of Sutterton's netball team who have won the Boston and district netball championships and are through to the county finals. They were against some of the largest schools in the Boston area and won every game with ease. Terrific play from all of the competitors.

Sutterton Drop-Offs

Please can parents ensure that they leave the school grounds once the bell has rung and the children have gone into class? We have had a number of occasions where staff can't get into lessons because they are waiting at the gate for parents to leave before it can be locked. Thank you for your cooperation.

Year 6 SATs Easter School

Your child's class teacher will be sending out invites for our Easter School in the next couple of weeks. SATs Easter School will take place on Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th of April. It is designed to be fun yet focused and will help your child achieve age-related expectations at the end of their primary education.

Attendance

Our target for the federation is 96%+ We are getting there, but absences due to illnesses in Term 3 has impacted upon our figures. However, we are keen to reward and celebrate good attendance and all children with 100% in the spring term will receive a certificate.
Swineshead: 94.74%
Sutterton: 95.6%



Towers, Tunnels and Turrets

The children in Regent and St James' Class at Sutterton had an amazing Wow Day on the first day back of term. They visited Tattershall Castle and learnt Tudor dancing and made stained glass windows. The children also enjoyed an outdoor picnic in the castle grounds, taking advantage of the lovely weather.

The Enchanted Woodland

The children in Crowland and Westminster Class finished their topic 'The Enchanted Woodland' with a fabulous woodland tea party! The children made woodland crowns and wore them to the party. Thank you to the parents who came and made bird feeders with the children and enjoyed the tea party afterwards. Congratulations to the winners of the amazing topic homework in both classes.



Superheroes

The children in Kirkstead, Tintern and Priory have enjoyed their topic Superheroes last term. They celebrated the end of the topic by meeting some real life superheroes! Donington Fire Brigade visited us with their fire engine and the children loved hearing the sirens, climbing on board and testing the hoses.



Science News

Across federation, all Year 5 girls took part in an amazing science day at Boston High School that was organised through the Science and Engineering Council. The children learnt about using pneumatics to propel a beach buggy, they designed a space capsule that could insulate a chocolate bar to prevent it from melting at extreme heats and they looked at the protective materials and design structures needed to protect an egg that was dropped from a parachute. Quotes from the girls: 'It was really educational and fun!' (Nina); 'It was an amazing experience' (Lilly); 'It was an amazing day out' (Millie); 'I really liked doing all the challenges' (Hannah); 'We got to do lots of different activities that we wouldn't normally do in school and that was brilliant'. (Freya); 'It was a great way to build on our teamwork' (Maisie); 'The STEM day was an awesome experience for girls and we really enjoyed the fun educational activities' (Bethany).

Swineshead Diary Dates

28 th Feb	Cross Country at William Lovell
5 th March	KS2 Dance Development Day
6 th March	Ramsey Class Assembly at 9:00 am
7 th March	World Book Day – non uniform and doors open at 9:00 am for a book-themed activity for families
11 th -13 th March	Year 6 residential to PGL Caythorpe
13 th March	Kelso Class Assembly at 9:00 am
14 th March	Kirkstead Class Assembly at 9:00 am
15 th March	Comic Relief/Red Nose Day – red noses on sale in school and PJ's/whacky clothes non-uniform
19 th March	Gravity percussion duo performing to the school
20 th March	Tintern Class Assembly at 9:00 am
21 st March	Odd-Sock Day for Down's syndrome awareness
27 th March	Lindisfarne Class Assembly at 9:00 am
3 rd April	Priory Class Assembly at 9:00 am
4 th April	School Council Easter Egg Hunt
5 th April	Easter Service at 1:30 pm
5 th April	End of Term 4
9 th – 10 th April	SATs Easter School
22 nd April	Start of Term 5

Sutterton Diary Dates

28 th Feb	Cross Country at William Lovell
1 st March	Gold Sports Mark presentation at 9:00 am
4 th March	Parents' Evening until 8:00 pm
5 th March	Central Class Assembly at 9:00 am
5 th March	KS2 Dance Development Day
7 th March	World Book Day – non uniform and doors open at 9:00 am for a book-themed activity for families
11 th to 13 th March	Year 6 residential to PGL Caythorpe
12 th March	Regent Class Assembly at 9:00 am
15 th March	Comic Relief/Red Nose Day – red noses on sale in school and PJ's/whacky clothes non-uniform
19 th March	Hyde Class Assembly at 9:00 am
21 st March	PTFA non-uniform day and Odd-Sock Day for Down's syndrome awareness
29 th March	Sutterton PTFA Mother's Day gift sale
4 th April	School Council Easter Egg Hunt
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SATS

Year 6

Monday 13th May 2019 - KS2 English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling tests

Paper 1: questions

Paper 2: spelling

Tuesday 14th May 2019 - KS2 English Reading test

Wednesday 15th May 2019 - KS2 Mathematics tests

Paper 1: arithmetic

Paper 2: reasoning

Thursday 16th May 2019 - KS2 Mathematics test

Paper 3: reasoning

Year 2

Our Year 2 children will be tested over a period of days from Thursday 16th May 2019 to Friday 24th May 2019 in as informal a manner as we can so as to mirror normal classroom practice. These assessments will be used to support teacher assessment judgements for Reading and Maths. Writing evidence will be gathered throughout May and in to June to support teacher assessment judgements.

Our Year 1 children will be screened for the National Phonics Screening Check in school by a member of staff they know during week commencing Monday 10th June 2019.

Please note that absences WILL NOT be authorised during the key assessment periods