



EMMAUS NEWS

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we begin our new academic year may I welcome all those families who are new to both Swineshead St Mary's and Sutterton Fourfields. We do hope that you and your children will enjoy being part of our school community and benefit from all that our schools have to offer. Without your help and support, the schools would not be such friendly and welcoming places. Parents are welcome to help out in school at any time and we would encourage all parents to come along to the next PTFA meetings to raise funds for the 'little extras' that the children enjoy so much and to be actively involved in shaping school life.

We are really pleased with our new hot meal provider, The Farm Kitchen, and we would like your feedback on our lunchtime provision. We have a drop-in session at Sutterton on 5 October at 10:30—11:30 and at Swineshead on 8 October at 10:30—11:30. We look forward to hearing your views on how we can make the service even better. To celebrate Lincolnshire Day, we will be having a Lincolnshire themed hot-meal and non-uniform day on 1 October wearing clothing with a Lincolnshire theme.

A few changes to our provision at both schools is the daily delivery of phonics teaching to every child. This is done in a tailored way to the child's learning needs to ensure that we can ensure that children are able to progress within their particular phase and that any gaps in phonics knowledge is addressed.

Standards in school are important to both the school and to our families. We are proud of our uniform and our schools. Please ensure that your child is always wearing the correct uniform and PE kit and remember - no trainers in school! Teachers have also provided pencil boxes for the children so pencil cases won't be necessary.

Democracy was in action this week at both schools with the elections of our new School Council. The children wrote presentations about why they should be elected and what they can do for the school. Ballot papers were drawn for all pupils in Year 2 to Year 6 to vote with children also voting for House Captains alongside class representatives. Details of the results for both schools are below. We will also have new representatives on the Eco Council and on our theology group, 'Little Fishes', which stands for Faith in Small Hearts. A new committee that will be launched this term is the School Nutrition Action Group. We are keen to further promote healthy eating and to ensure that we can hear the views of pupils' lunchtime experience within school.

We are also really excited about our parents' assemblies, which will take place every Wednesday morning at Swineshead and on a Tuesday morning, every fortnight, at Sutterton. This is a great opportunity for the children to showcase all of the exciting learning experiences that they are covering in school.

On a final note, we are really keen for volunteer helpers to come into school. This could be a parent or grandparents with a spare hour or two to listen to children read. Any offers of help are greatly appreciated. We are also grateful for donations of unwanted 'U' rated DVD's for wet-play - thank you.

Best wishes,

Claire Collett

Executive Headteacher

Photograph of a small gift new reception parents in stead and Tintern Classes, courtesy of Miss Cooke and Miss Launchbury.

Photograph of a small gift for our new reception parents in Kirkstead and Tintern Classes, courtesy of Miss Cooke and Miss Launchbury.

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Swineshead School



Parent Survey

The results from our parents' survey at the end of last term indicate some significant improvements within the school. However, we are certainly not complacent and appreciate all of your views in order to ensure that the school can meet the needs of all of our families. Our next parents' consultation will take place in the Autumn Term and we will ask for any feedback during parents' evening.

Syrian Refugee Collection

Thank you to Ms Percival for arranging the clothing collection on Friday 11 September. We had a great response and hope that your donations can offer some relief to the plight of those escaping persecution and suffering from Syria.

Cancer Charity

We would like to draw your attention to the amazing efforts of Maddison Watts who is having her hair cut-off to donate to a children's cancer charity, which provides real hair wigs for children suffering hair loss. If you would like to support the inspirational efforts of Maddison please donate to www.justgiving.com/Maddison-watts

Race for Life

Following on from the theme of fantastic community spirit, I'm delighted to announce that our 'Race for Life' event raised a whopping £1658.25. A huge thank you to all that took part and especially to Mrs White, Mrs Madigan, Mrs Bannister and Mrs Brice.

Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSO)

Our new JRSO were voted in this week and they will be helping with problem solving at break times. The friendship bench has helped pupils this week in school and is a fantastic initiative that is worth reminding children of. We congratulate Adam Nagy, Solomon Sowden, Layla Allgood and Emily Attwood and wish them all of our support

School Photo's

Don't forget that it's school photo's on Monday 21 September. If you have a pre-school child and would like them to have their photo taken, please come to the reception at 9:00 am.

Fourfields School



Fundraising Champs!

The kindness and generosity of parents is heart-warming. The sponsored sports event at the end of last term raised an impressive £532.12. The money will be used to purchase new sports kits.

We would also like to say a huge thank you to Mr and Mrs Allen for purchasing the new gymnastic vaulting box for school.

Open the Book

This week's drama worship assembly was all about the theme of looking out for and caring for people that are vulnerable and need our help. The children acted out a very thought provoking story from the bible and were able to make links with the current refugee crisis in Syria.



National Teaching Assistant Day

To celebrate the hard work and dedication of all teaching assistants, we were fortunate to have a special visitor on Wednesday 16 September, who helped all the teaching assistants to feel special and give them an extra pair of hands during their busy day.

School Council

Our new School Councillors are:

Red Arrows Captain - Melena Baxter and Vice-Captains Ruby Bolton & Ryan Firth

Yellow Bellies Captain - Sam Despitch and Vice-Captain - Eleanor Sorrell

Lincolnshire Poachers Captain—Abigail Nichols and Vice-Captain - Adam Steadman

The Witham's Captain - Skye Clark and Vice-Captain - Joshua Chittim

Phoenix Class— James Blackman & Hannah Danylew-Smith

Central Class—Beth Stewart, Elliot Brookes, Lily-May Allen & Maddison Hall

St James' Class—Scarlett Alder & Alex Wardle

School Council

Our new School Councillors are:

Red Arrows Captain - Adam Dodsley and Vice-Captain - Emily Attwood

Yellow Bellies Captain - Finley Mottram and Vice-Captain - Chloe Kemp

Lincolnshire Poachers Captain - Poppy Howarth and Vice-Captain - Freya Parkinson

The Witham's Captain - Jessica North and Vice-Captain - Sophie Mawer

Kelso Class - Isabella King & Jacob Watts

Lindisfarne Class - Lexi Howarth & Kayne Kilmore

Fountains Class - Emily Parnell & Seth Cook

Westminster Class - Maisie Gray & Leighton Curtis

News Around the Classes

Tintern and Kirkstead

The children have enjoyed a busy few weeks and have developed lots of new friends and explored their new environment, especially the Early Years Garden. They have started to explore their new topic 'What is Reflection?' from our Cornerstones Curriculum.

Head teacher's Award



Well done to Max Brown in Westminster for his fantastic home-school learning. The class is learning about creepy-crawlies and Max was able to share his own knowledge and bug collection with the class - great stuff!

DIARY DATES

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21 September – School photos

23 September @ 9:10 am – Fountains Class Assembly

25 September @ 1:15 pm – Macmillan Coffee Afternoon (raffle donations and cakes needed)

30 September @ 9:10 am – Westminster Class Assembly

2 October – Year 6 taster day at Thomas Cowley

6 October – Year 5 and Y6 orienteering challenge at Middlecott

7 October @ 9:10 am – Tintern Class Assembly

8 October @ 10:30–11:30—Parents lunchtime drop-in consultation

7 October - Netball competition at Boston High School

14 October @ 9:10 am – Lindisfarne Class Assembly

19 October @ 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm – Parents' Evening

21 October @ 9:10 am – Crowland Class Assembly

21 October @ 3:30 pm – 7:00 pm – Parents' Evening

22 October – end of term with bacon butties to start the day and school to return on 2 November

Parents, Teachers and Friends Association (PTFA)

Please can and support your PTFA! New members are very welcome and your invaluable work provides all those little extras. The date of the first meeting of the new academic year is Wednesday 30 September at 6:00 pm.

News Around the Classes

We are marvelled by how well the children have settled into school and we are so proud of their first little steps. Here's some pictures of some of the things they have



been getting up to.

St James' Class

Have you got your nets and magnifying glasses

ready? St James's have! Last week we went on a

minibeast hunt around the school grounds to see what minibeasts we could find! We found everything from worms to ants and ladybirds to bees. We even spotted a dragonfly!

In our classroom, beware of what you There are some snails and some caterpillars, keep watching closely to see what happens next...



might find! African erpillars in watching

22 September @ 9:00 am – St James' Class Assembly

25 September @ 9:30 am – Macmillan Coffee Morning (raffle donations and cakes needed)

30 September @ 6:00 pm – PTFA Meeting in school

1 October—Non-uniform day (Sutterton & Swineshead)

2 October – Year 6 taster day at Thomas Cowley

5 October @ 10:30-11:00 —Parents lunchtime drop-in consultation

6 October – Year 5 and Y6 orienteering challenge at Middlecott

7 October - Netball competition at Boston High School

12 October @ 3:10 pm – 7:30 pm – Parents' evening

20 October @ 9:00 am – Phoenix Class Assembly

22 October – end of term and school to return on 2 November