



Dear Parents/ Carers,

It has been a busy and successful start to term. The children have continued to show brilliant attitudes towards learning and fabulous behaviour. All Key Stage 1 and 2 pupils have had assessments in maths, reading and writing alongside the phonics screening check and the Year 4 Multiplication Check. The EYFS end-of-year assessments are due to be collated shortly.

We look forward to spending time on the end of year summer activities mapped out in the diary dates.

Mrs Collett

Executive Headteacher

Academy Conversion

The Regional School Commissioner and the Headteacher Advisory Board have approved, on behalf of the DfE, The Emmaus Federation to join The Lincoln Anglican Academy Trust (LAAT).

The Trust Board, the Governors, Mrs Woods and I are working tirelessly to ensure that the transition to an academy is as smooth as possible. With a busy end of term planned for all and the summer looming the Trust, along with the Department for Education and Lincolnshire Local Authority have agreed to a conversion deadline of 1st November 2024. This will ensure that the remaining work that needs to be done to complete the transition and put in the new Trust infrastructure can be completed without haste.

More information will follow about what the conversion process and what it will mean for the school although we envisage there will be minimal change for parents. If you want to find out more about LAAT, please have a look at their website: [Home - LAAT \(thelaat.co.uk\)](http://thelaat.co.uk)

Mixed Year Groups Classes FAQ

Why does the school mix some year groups?

Pupil numbers at Sutterton Fourfields have fluctuated greatly due to a previous PAN of twenty alongside some 'bulge years' due to appeals and over-demand. We also will have two years of low intakes due to low birth numbers which has also been experienced nationally. We have always had to mix year groups due to the PAN of 20 and this will be the same for Sutterton in 2024 – 2025 apart from Year 6 and EYFS who will remain together as a cohort. Similarly, Swineshead has a PAN of 40 so the year groups continue to be mixed.

How are the mixed classes decided?

When putting the new classes together, teachers take into account the number of boys/girls, ability range and age group, additional needs, behaviour and relationship with their peers; classes are a near enough equal mix of these things. The classes are not formed around any tests.

What are the advantages of mixed year group teaching?

There are many advantages socially and emotionally to having a mixed year group class as the older pupils benefit from taking on leadership roles while the younger pupils have role models to be guided by. It can enhance social interaction with a wider group of peers, providing support for their mental health and well-being and strong relationships across multiple year group, allowing pupils to feel more confident in school.

When will I be informed of my child's class for the next academic year?

A lot of planning goes into deciding the classes each year. It starts with SLT and then recommendations are then shared with teaching and support staff in late June/July and parents and children find out from the child's school report on Monday 14th July ready for the various transition days, with children meeting their new teacher and classmates and the teacher providing a Welcome Letter to share with parents in the report pack.

How will you teach the two different year groups in one class?

Teachers already have pupils with a wide range of abilities in their class and this is something that they are used to and trained to plan for. It is not unusual for children within the same year group to sometimes have an academic gap of several years between them. Teachers will plan their lessons in such a way that they will be able to challenge the most able pupils whilst still supporting those who are currently behind to catch up. The Emmaus Federation have devised a curriculum which allows for mixed year groups so that no child repeats the same one, the skills and knowledge that are required will still be planned into lessons and delivered to specific pupils so that no one is held back.

Will my child be held back?

No. As stated above, teachers have experience in teaching children of different abilities within one class. The senior leadership team closely monitor lessons, look at exercise books and monitor assessment data to ensure each child is receiving the correct level of challenge. The older children will also be able to act as role models and mentor the younger children. This will help develop their mastery of certain subjects as well as having the opportunity to further develop their social skills. The younger pupils will receive work pitched to their level and will not be 'over challenged'. They will also benefit from having older pupils around to help explain work in a different way to the teacher.

Staffing Updates

The work on staffing and class allocation takes place in late June/July. We often have recruitments taking place in Summer 2 and we need to go through the recruitment process before staffing can be confirmed.

Unfortunately, after two rounds of interviews at Swineshead, we have been unable to appoint a substantive Head of School. The Governors and I were keen to ensure we appointed correctly for this important long-term decision. Therefore, Mrs Hutchinson has kindly offered to continue for 2.5 days as Head of School and lead on SEND and social care and Miss Cooke will be the acting Head of School for 2.5 and lead on teaching and learning. They will both have a handover afternoon on Wednesday so that nothing is missed and this will also provide support for Miss Cooke in this new and exciting position.

To take-over from Miss Cooke's Head of School position, Miss Lambe will work at Swineshead for two-days to work alongside other part-time teaching staff. I know that she is looking forward to returning to Swineshead. She will continue for one day at Sutterton as PPA cover. Mrs Osborne will take-on Miss Lambe's other PPA commitments at Sutterton.

In other news, Miss Haines at Swineshead will go on maternity leave at the end of the academic year and we look forward to hearing about her exciting news. Furthermore, it is with sadness that we will say goodbye to Mrs Houseago at Sutterton. She leaves with her family for the sunnier weather of Cyprus as her husband has an overseas detachment with the Royal Air Force.

Swineshead Diary Dates

21st June – Year 6 kwik cricket competition
24th June – Year 6 RoadHoG (Christian pastoral outreach)
24th June - PGL information evening at 3:30 pm held at Sutterton (Swineshead parents are welcome to join)
24th June – 28th June – ‘Daily Mile’ in school
24th June – Year 6 Roadhog (Christian pastoral outreach)
25th June – Fountains Commonwealth Games and celebration
27th June - Sept EYFS ‘stay and play’ for children only at 1:00 – 2:45 pm
27th June – Music Zoo with Mrs Ager
28th June – Kelso class assembly at 2:20 pm
1st July - Sports Day. EYFS/KS1 AM and KS2 PM with a family picnic for all children at lunchtime
3rd – 5th July – Year 6 PGL
5th July – Year 4/5 ultimate frisbee development day and competition
9th July – Year 6 production of ‘What’s The Crime, Mr Wolf?’ at 1:30 pm
10th July - Year 6 production of ‘What’s The Crime, Mr Wolf?’ at 5:30 pm
11th July – Year 3/4 capture the castle competition
11th July - Year 6 production of ‘What’s The Crime, Mr Wolf?’ at 5:30 pm
12th July – Year 3/4 tri golf development day and competition
12th July - School Talent Show at 1:30 pm
15th July – School reports out
15th July - Year 6 v staff rounders
16th July – PTFA leavers’ disco
17th July - School Council water games & bouncy castle
17th July – Kirkstead teddy bear’s picnic at 1:30 pm
18th July – All Change morning
18th July – Year 6 leavers service in church at 1:30 pm
19th July – Ramsey & Kelso Year 6 v parents rounders
19th July - Ramsey & Kelso Year 6 leavers class assembly at 2:20
19th July – End of Term 6
4th September – Start of Term 1 2024-2025

Sutterton Diary Dates

21st June – Year 6 kwik cricket competition
24th June - PGL information evening at 3:30 pm held at Sutterton (Swineshead parents are welcome to join)
24th June – 28th June – ‘Daily Mile’ in school
25th June - Sept EYFS ‘stay and play’ for keyworker and children at 1:15 – 2:30 pm
26th June – St James and Central Commonwealth Games and celebration
27th June – EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 Sports Day at 10:00 – 11:30 followed by a family picnic from 11:45 – 12:45 pm
27th June – KS2 Sports Day at 1:00 – 3:00 preceded by a family picnic from 11:45 – 12:45 pm
28th June – KS2 tri golf development and competition
28th June – PTFA non uniform day (raffle/tombola donations)
3rd – 5th July – Year 6 PGL
5th July – Year 4/5 ultimate frisbee development day and competition
8th July – Year 6 production of ‘What’s The Crime, Mr Wolf?’ at 5:30 pm
8th – 18th July – St James’ ice-lolly fundraiser for IBD/Crohn’s/Colitis
9th July – School Council water games
10th July – Year 6 production of ‘What’s The Crime, Mr Wolf?’ at 1:30 pm
11th July – Year 3/4 capture the castle competition
11th July - Sept EYFS ‘stay and play’ for children only at 9:30 – 11:30 am
12th July – School Talent Show at 9:00 am
12th July – PTFA School Fete from 3:00 pm
15th July – PTFA leavers’ disco
15th July – School reports out
16th July – All Change afternoon
18th July – Year 6 leavers service in church at 9:30 am
18th July - Year 6 v parents rounders from 10:30 am
18th July - Richmond teddy bear’s picnic at 11:30 am
19th July – Hyde Year 6 leavers class assembly at 9:30 am
19th July – End of Term 6
4th September – Start of Term 1 2024-2025

Safeguarding

Should you have any concerns regarding the safety or wellbeing of a child then you should report this immediately.

You can report this to the school or directly to Children and Young People’s Services (Social Services).

During Office hours contact the Children Services on 01522 782111 or email: lscb@lincolnshire.gov.uk.

Out of Office Hours (24-hours) contact the Emergency Duty Team (EDT) on 01522 782333.

The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) for Sutterton is Mrs Baker and Mrs Hutchinson is the DSL for Swineshead.

Safeguarding concerns can also be reported to Mrs Collett for both Sutterton and Swineshead as a Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead.

