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Dear Parents/Carers,

A new year - a new start! What a busy first couple of weeks back in school we have had in our aim to move to top learning gear. The preparations for year 6, end of year assessments have started and myself and other teaching staff have started our boosters to fill in any gaps and push learning so that the children can achieve well. I have seen some good maths going on around the schools and I have been particularly impressed by the Year 1 children learning number bonds and addition and subtraction to 100. The class newsletters, which went out last week, have informed you of the topics the children are learning this term and the teaching staff have planned a whole host of enrichment activities to support our thematic Cornerstones curriculum. The teaching staff will deliver pupil/parent homework workshops this term so that you are up-to-speed with the strategies taught in school. We realise that the teaching of mathematical concepts and the expectations of primary age pupils has changed dramatically over the last few years and this will be a good opportunity for you to support your child with their homework, find out more about what they are learning and to ask any questions.

On the music front, the Young Voices took part in a concert held in Sheffield on 13th January. It was great for both schools to be seated together and they were joined by 5011 other pupils! Everyone had an amazing time and truly sang their hearts out. Some stand-out pieces were 'Stronger Together' and 'You're the Voice'. On behalf of the federation, I would like to say a huge thanks to the Young Voices teams, who go above and beyond. No doubt everyone was exhausted on Saturday morning after the 11:15 pm return, but it was worth it. We welcome the Boston Concert Club to the federation on 18th January. Violinists will be performing in assembly and delivering workshops to key-stage two pupils.

Academisation is underway, following on from the consultations which took place. The process is now in the hands of the Lincoln Anglican Academy Trust and the Department for Education. We will keep you informed and it is planned for completion to take place around the start of Term 5.

You will have received paperwork on how to apply to become a parent governor of the federation. This is an important position within the leadership of the school and we are keen for parents who can offer their time, commitment and experience (not necessarily of schools) to apply. We are keen to develop finance within the Governing Body, although applicants should not feel that this particular skill is the only one pertinent to being a governor.

We look forward to the arrival of spring, but please keep an eye on the Twitter page and listen to Lincs FM if the weather is bad. The school will only close in an emergency, but a decision will be made before the start of school day to avoid disruption and safety issues for families and staff.

Finally, the best place to find out any information is on the school website. The site is updated regularly with newsletters and documents relevant to the school. Policies such as Child Protection, Admissions and Health and Safety can all be found on there.

Yours sincerely,
Claire Collett
Executive Headteacher

Swineshead School



Christingle

The Christingle collection candles raised £135.21 and the Children's Society and the Church would like to pass on their thanks. The money raised will be used particularly for supporting children with mental health problems.

Church Inspection

We are delighted for Swineshead to achieve a 'good with outstanding features' inspection last term. It reflects the caring, supportive and engaged ethos and we are proud that the school is being recognised for its achievements.

Freshline

Freshline are currently working with Transported Arts to design new trailers.



The trailer will be one of ten designs which has been commissioned by Transported and designed by Electric Egg. The designer from Electric Egg will be accompanying Mr Holland (Darcy's Dad) to talk to the children about the design and the project. He will also talk to the children about the haulage industry in general with some specific interesting facts (distances travelled per year, what items are carried on lorries etc.)

They have four model lorries and would like Swineshead to design one of the trailers. The winners will then receive one of the four model lorries with their artwork on!

E-Safety

Well done to the School Council who planned and delivered their own assembly on E-safety to the school. This was followed up by Mr Grove, who is Swineshead's Computing Coordinator. He gave an e-safety information session to families. E-safety tips are on the school website.

Athletics

Mr Slaughter and Mr Mountain accompanied our year 3 and year 4 pupils to the Sportshall Athletics Competition at the Peter Paine Leisure Centre. They were extremely proud of the efforts displayed by the children and the pupils came a respectable third place in a tough field.

Books

To broaden the level of challenge for our year 6 pupils, we have purchased a series of reciprocal guided reading books. The focus is for pupils to interpret the text and to question others about the text by taking on different parts within the story.

Gifted and Talented Sports

Well done to the athletes who took part in a county athletics competition on Saturday 14th January and to Mrs Docherty-Boor for supporting them. A good effort all round.

Fourfields School



Hyde Class

Mrs Fields has made a really good start in year 6, where she works in the afternoons. She is impressed by the standards of year 6 and is so happy to be working at Sutterton again.

Mrs Machell is the senior leader in key stage two and will complement her work as Mathematics Coordinator.

Parking

Please be respectful to local residents and not park on drives or block access routes to houses around the school. Also, please **do not** park in the staff carpark – thank you.

Football Festival

To build upon Sutterton's extraordinary sporting efforts, we will be hosting a primary football festival on 24th January for other Boston and district schools. This is a first for the federation, and it is great to be able to facilitate healthy competitive sports in the local area. The PTFA have kindly offered to sell bacon rolls and other refreshments and we hope, weather dependent, that it is going to be a fantastic sporting event.

County Competition

Sutterton will again be competing in the county football championships. It's held in Skegness on Saturday 28th January, and Mr Shaw, Kat (Tyler's family) and I will be fully behind the team.

Artist in School

We are commissioning a clay artist to work in school with each class on our five different school values. The work is kindly being supported by the PTFA and will be based around our nature area.

Change 4 Life

Mrs Webster is very excited about Change 4 Life club this term and has planned her work around Harry Potter. She has designed a game of 'Quidditch' for the children to play.

Daffodils

Isabelle Durrant's grandma has brought in daffodil bulbs as part of a Springfields competition. We have planted some outside school and the children then have the chance to pick the best ones and enter them into a competition later in 2017!

Swineshead Diary Dates

18th Jan – Boston Concert Assembly and Workshop
20th Jan – Boston Athletics Final Competition
23rd Jan – Governor Parent Election Closing Date – 12-Noon
24th Jan – Football 'Friendly' at Sutterton
25th Jan – Kelso Class Assembly at 9:00 am
26th Jan – Goalball Competition at Tower Road
31st Jan – Year 3/4 Sports led by Mr Haslam
1st Feb – Lindisfarne Class Assembly at 9:00 am
6th Feb – Cross Country at William Lovell
8th Feb – Crowland Class Assembly at 9:00 am
8th Feb – PTFA Valentine Disco. KS1 at 5:30 pm until 6:30 pm and KS2 at 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
10th Feb – Celebration Assembly with Freshline at 2:45 pm
End of Term on Fri 10th Feb and return on Mon 20th Feb
20th Feb – Assessment Week
24th Feb – Year 5/6 Visit to the National Space Centre. To return at 5:00 pm
28th Feb – Little Fish: Pancake Day for Shrove Tuesday
1st March – Kirkstead Class Assembly at 9:00 am
2nd March – NSPCC Assemblies for KS1 and KS2
3rd March – World Book Day (non-uniform and literacy themed activities)
7th March – Parents' Evening at 3:30 pm until 7:30 pm
8th March – Whitby Class Assembly at 9:00 am
8th March – Parents' Evening at 3:30 pm until 5:00 pm
9th March – NSPCC 'Big Workout' and to wear green
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 am
22nd March – Tintern Class Assembly
23rd March – NSPCC 'Thank You' Assembly for fundraising activities
24th March – Red Nose Day
29th March – Fountains Class Assembly
End of Term on Fri 31st March and return on Tue 18th April

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18th Jan – Boston Concert Assembly and Workshop
19th Jan – Table Tennis Competition at Thomas Middlecott
20th Jan – Boston Athletics Final Competition
23rd Jan – Assessment Week
24th Jan – Football 'Friendly' at Sutterton
26th Jan – Goalball Competition at Tower Road
28th Jan – Small School County Football Championships
30th Jan – PTFA Meeting at 6:30 pm
31st Jan – Central Class Assembly at 9:00 am
6th Feb – X-Country at William Lovell
6th Feb – Planetarium Visit for KS1
7th Feb – Richmond Class Assembly at 9:00 am
7th Feb – Parents' Evening at 3:15 pm onwards
9th Feb – Dance Festival at Boston College
9th Feb – PTFA Valentine Disco at 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm
10th Feb – Year 3/4 Sports led by Mr Haslam
End of Term on Fri 10th Feb and return on Mon 20th Feb
28th Feb – Phoenix Class Assembly at 9:00 am
28th Feb – Little Fish: Pancake Day for Shrove Tuesday
3rd March – World Book Day (non-uniform and literacy themed activities)
7th March – St James' Class Assembly at 9:00 am
14th March – Hyde Class Assembly at 9:00 am
14th March – Year 5/6 Tag Rugby at Thomas Middlecott
24th March – Red Nose Day
30th March – Easter Bonnet Parade
End of Term on Fri 31st March and return on Tue 18th April