

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a very busy time for the children and staff as the end-of-year assessments and screening checks come to a close in Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 6. Everyone has worked tirelessly and I'm delighted that we expect both schools to have improved in terms of the progress and attainment for all of these groups compared to last year's results. We will be able to share your child's progress with you in the end-of-year reports.

We are also confident that the progress of pupils in all year groups is moving in the right direction and this is closely monitored and any gaps are acted upon to try to ensure good or better progress for all of our pupils.

The outcome of your child's learning over the year will be used to influence your child's class teacher or grouping from September and the staff are meeting next week to discuss this. We will share this information with parents at Swineshead's parents' evening and with parents at Sutterton Fourfields.

Pupils from both Sutterton and Swineshead took part in a Year 6 Engineering Challenge Day at Thomas Cowley High School. We competed against other schools to complete four different challenges that were innovative and had design features that created the most aero-dynamic structure as well as being strong and able to withstand different forces placed upon it. It was a fun day and we were treated to refreshments and our lunch with secondary pupils. The outcome of the day was a fantastic experience for those that took part and Mr Marshall, Head of Design, said that it was the best group that he had worked with in the last 12 years! Following on from that, it is worth noting that Swineshead achieved a notable second place overall and Sutterton came second in a clock making competition.



Thank you to those that joined us for our Summer Term 'topic afternoons' this week. The children were able to share their learning with parents and the staff were able to use a few extra pairs of hands to help with the projects that are taking place. We realise that some parents do struggle to come into school during the school day due to other commitments, but please do not let this stop you from popping in after school to see all the things that your child has been doing.



Left picture - Fountain's Class - 'Heroes and Villains' topic, centre and right - Kirkstead open topic afternoon.

At the parents' evening at Swineshead on 29 and 30 June, I will be kindly asking for parents to complete a short questionnaire on their views of the school. I am mindful that a great deal of change has happened over the last 12 months and, I hope, that most of it has been positive. However, I do want to take parents' views into account when forming our school development plan for the next academic year.

I would also like to draw your attention to Parent View, which some of you may have used before in the past. It is an on-line questionnaire and the main source for gathering parents' and carers' views during an Ofsted inspection.

Inspectors weigh the views of parents and carers alongside first-hand evidence gathered during an inspection when coming to a view about the overall effectiveness of the school.

The link to setting up a login can be found at:

www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk

All entries to Parent View are anonymous and the school will not have access to any information that can be used to identify a respondent. If there are parents/carers who hold different views about the school, each person is able to complete the questionnaire but must use a different email address.

The results of questionnaires that have been completed are published in real time and are available to the general public. At the end of the academic year, the results from the survey will be frozen and a new set of results will begin. This allows us to make comparisons between the results from one year to another.

I very much appreciate and value the time that you give up to feedback your views about both Sutterton Fourfields and Swineshead St Mary's. If you have any further questions or concerns about the process, please do not hesitate to contact me through either school.

Claire Collett

Executive Headteacher

Swineshead School



Car Parking

It is important that we keep the children safe and we have had some complaints regarding the parking situation on Abbey Road and from parents trying to use the school car park. Some incidents of careless parking and manoeuvring of cars are taking place, putting the pupils in danger and preventing staff from accessing the school.

I did suggest a 'walking bus' and have already had some positive responses from this. For this to be viable, we need to show a definite response so that we can start to formulate routes and expressions of interest. If you would like to form a 'walking bus' or for your child to use one, please fill in the letter sent out or come into the office for a new one.

Staffing

Both Mr Grove and Mrs Taylor are very excited about their new class responsibilities and have already been seen scouring the resource catalogues in school to be ready for the 'get-go' in September.

Our leadership structure remains the same within school with both Miss Ratcliff and Mr Grove forming part of our senior leadership team. This will take the form of curriculum leadership, but across the whole school and not the overview of a particular key-stage.

Fourfields School



Open the Book

We are extremely fortunate to have the pleasure of the 'Open the Book' ladies (correction: now includes a gentleman) leading collective worship in school each week. Their ability to bring bible stories to life is really impressive. A great deal of time goes into the props that they make and how they act-out a parable or scripture from the bible. The assemblies are also highly interactive and the children always play a key-part in leading the service.



School Council

The School Council have had a busy term: interviewing prospective staff and taking part in school inspections! They have now rolled their sleeves up and started on fundraising tasks. The cake sale was really positive and raised over £37.00. This will go into School Council funds and will be used towards projects and ideas that the children would like to see in school.

Parents' Assembly

The 'Tintern' team did a marvellous job during their class assembly last week. The children were confident, articulate and were really engaged with their learning. The costumes brought in by parents really added to the occasion – not forgetting Mrs White's even more fantastic super-hero pants of course!



PTFA Bingo

Thank you to all who supported the bingo night. It was a good evening and raised important funds for those little extras for the children in school.

Kwik Cricket

I'm delighted to inform you that we are the champions! From the words of 'Queen', it wasn't quite 'the World', but a first place in the Boston schools for the girls junior kwik cricket. I write this before the boys event on Friday, but I know they're now up for the challenge and we're making space for a silverware cabinet!

Headteacher's Award

Well done to our terrific 'superstars' who have gone



their achievements this term – fabulous stuff!

Diary Dates

22 - 24 June -Year 6 Freiston residential

23 June - Year 5 Bikewise

24 June - Year 5 Bikewise &

Kirkstead Parents' Assembly

25 June - new reception taster morning

29 and 30 June - Parents' Evening

1 July - new reception afternoon

3 July - 'Bring a bottle' non-uniform day

4 July - School fete (12:00 —3:00)

4 July - Belvoir Wassailers at St Mary's Church

6 July - KS2 Sports Day

8 July - KS1 Sports Day

10 July - Race for Life

15 July - Year 6 production of Oliver

17 July - EYFS picnic with Skinners ice cream van and CAMP-OUT!

19 July - opening of new play park

20 July - Parent Vs Y6 Rounders2

21 July - Leavers' disco

22 July—Leavers' service @ 2.00pm

Technology Day

Our Year 5 pupils attended Thomas Cowley for a Technology Day along with Swineshead Year 5 pupils. We had four workshops, first was an IT stop motion animation with plasticine models, the second was a drama/music workshop where we practiced and performed the video from Michael Jackson's Thriller. The third workshop was baking summer fruit muffins, which they were able to take home and finally an art workshop using printing techniques, of which, some of these were used in the Wigtoft Art Festival.

Impressionists

The children in Year 6 have been looking at impressionist paintings and creating their



own designs.

We are really excited about our trip to London to visit the National Gallery and see the actual paintings that the children have studied. It wouldn't be a visit to London without seeing the

sights with a stopover at Covent Garden and a relaxing lunch at Pizza Express...the excitement mounts!

Tag Rugby

Well done to our team for getting through to the county finals. They played against some very strong sides and were on form throughout. It would be fair to say that elements of their playing ability

was on a par with the winning team – a great day in all.

Read All About It!

Keep your eyes peeled for an article in the Boston Target about our school – we thought it only right to celebrate the achievement of an outstanding church school!

Diary Dates

26 June - New teacher transition day—meet class teacher from 2:00 pm

1 July - new reception afternoon

3 July—Non-uniform day

7 July - Sports Day

9 July - PTFA Summer BBQ and games

14 July—Year 6 London Visit

22 July - Leavers' service @ 11:00 am