



# EMMAUS NEWS

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a busy time for assessment across the federation as the children in Years 1, 3, 4 and 5 complete their end of year tests. The expectations of pupils from the new national curriculum is much greater and the children are expected to know information that would have been expected from children of a much older age. However, we are pleased with the progress that the pupils are making and the teachers this year have been prepared for the changes and we have invested a great deal of intervention support and small group teaching to enable the children to achieve the best that they can.

We are delighted with the expected results from our children in EYFS across the federation. The children have made fantastic progress and have attained well through the high quality learning experiences and support given by our experienced early years teams. Phonics has also seen a huge significant rise and the hard work has paid off. We are also looking at some excellent levels of progress for our pupils at the end of Key Stages 1 and 2, with many of our Year 6 pupils attaining outstanding levels of both progress and attainment. A significant amount of work has gone into raising the achievement at the end of KS2. The new tests, which focused on age-related expectations instead of levels, were very challenging and the method for grading a writing judgement meant that the children had to be very technical in style, arguably losing some of the creative elements to writing. We don't yet have anything to compare against regional and national comparisons, but without doubt, every single child - and the Year 6 team - have given their very all! We will be able to share your child's attainment with you in the end-of-year reports.

Our pupils in Year 6 attended the Lincoln Church Schools Festival near the end of May. It is a school event that we always look forward to as we get to meet and work with other Church schools within Lincolnshire and take part in Collective Worship at the cathedral. Our children also took part in some fantastic activities including drama and a tour of the Cathedral. We all came away from the day feeling united and inspired.

The Year 6 residential was an enormous success and it was a great opportunity for the pupils to meet new friends from the federation. They took part in a wide variety of adventure sports which fostered team-skills, independence, risk-taking and resilience. The children behaved impeccably and everyone gave it their very best. The facilities were excellent and we hope to offer this opportunity to our Year 6 next year.

Class DOJO has now been set-up across the federation. It is in response to comments made at a parents consultation, but we felt it would be beneficial for the whole federation as we know that reception parents often lament the loss of Tapestry when their child moves into Year 1. Information briefs have taken place for parents and you will start to see the new communication and reward system set-up during the end of Term 6 ready for DOJO points to start in September.



Our achievement in sports has seen the biggest rise this year. I am conscious that my own passion for sport can become a little single-minded, but what I can say is that it is important for as many pupils as possible to take part in a variety of new sports. These have included: tri-golf, goalball, orienteering, 'Change 4 Life', tennis, bowling and table tennis, as well as the more traditional sporting competitions.



It is a huge achievement that Swineshead and Sutterton represented the county in tag-rugby and they will also represent the county in cricket after winning the large and small schools league. Sutterton also represented the county in football and will do so in hockey. Our athletes have done a fantastic job representing the schools in netball and cross-country and we were delighted to be awarded the Sainsbury's Silver Sports Award for our contribution and development of school sport.

We are currently busy with rehearsals for our summer productions. A summer musical is a great way to celebrate the end of the school year and a time to showcase our talented, confident and motivated pupils. The amount of lines to learn and the thought of singing to hundreds of people is undoubtedly daunting for the young performers, but they are taking to it exceptionally well. Every child across the federation will have a part in the production and we can't wait to show what your child can do!

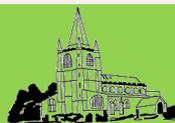
We will all be extremely sad to see our Year 6 pupils leave this year. Every single child has made a huge contribution to their school and has added a great deal by bringing their own unique qualities. We wish them all the very best of luck and they will all be welcome back to visit in the future. We will have our usual end-of-year celebrations, including the PTFA summer fetes, sports days and our Leavers' Service and prize-giving.

Yours sincerely,

Claire Collett

Executive Headteacher

## Swineshead School



### Staffing

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to Mrs Taylor and Mrs Dobbs who are leaving for pastures new. We would like to express our warm welcome to Mr Cook, who will be re-joining the federation and will be teaching in Crowland and to Miss Armstrong, who has worked with Year 2 across the federation since October, and she will teach in Westminster.

### Class DOJO

Our new parent-communication tool is ready for take-off and our parent information evening was very well attended. As well as a great way to share information about your child in school, Class DOJO will also become our reward system from September. Children will be able to earn DOJO points which they will be able to exchange for gifts at the DOJO shop.

## Fourfields School



### Sutterton's Got Talent!

Rehearsals take place this week for a musical extravaganza. With so many talented children within the school, it's going to be a very tricky job for the judges. It will replace celebration assembly on 1st July and the PTFA are serving refreshments.

### Thomas Cowley Technology Day

The children had a great time designing and making a tall-tower, a clock and a boat that can float on water. The school puts a great deal of effort into running the days for the children for which we are very grateful.

*Q: Why are pirates called pirates? A: Because they argh!*

*Courtesy of Mr Gilbert*

## KS2 Classes

Our new system of smaller class sizes based on splitting the children into groups, similar to their literacy group, is working well. Class teachers report that they can provide greater challenge and offer more support to their pupils. This new way of working will continue in September and we will send out information of whom will be your child's new teacher near the end of term.

## Sports Stars

Congratulations to Miss Ratcliff and her cricket team. It is always rewarding for a team to win a league competition and it's a marvellous achievement for the school.



## King John Pageant

We are keen for as many families as possible to attend the pageant on 25/26 June. The children have worked with Curiosity Arts and Transported to make costumes and props linked to King John's journey through Swineshead. We will meet at 10:30 am at the Market Place on Saturday and children will need to be accompanied by an adult. The weekend will feature a host of carnival type events, all held on the football field. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Sport Stars

Congratulations to our hockey and cricket trophy



winners who will represent the county in July. The level of play against schools significantly

larger, and in the absence of Year 6 was particularly impressive!

## PTFA Non Uniform Day

Children were stars from sound and screen to raise funds for the PTFA summer fair on Thursday 14th July.



## New things!

Everyone is pleased with the class refurbishments and the new interactive whiteboards, which are touch sensitive! The new trim trail is a welcome addition to playtime and for our children's gross motor skills.

### Diary Dates

20 - 23 June—Year 5 Bikeability	5 July—County cricket finals
22 June—Kirkstead Class Assembly	6 July—Crowland Class Assembly
25 June - King John Pageant parade at 10:30 at Market Palace	6 July—EYFS/KS1 Sports Day
25/26 June -King John pageant festivities at football field	7 July —September EYFS open afternoon
26 June - Year 6 and Young Voices perform at King John pageant at 11:00-11:30	9/10 July—Swineshead Camp Out
29 June - September EYFS open morning	11 July—KS2 production at 6:00
1 July—PTFA non-uniform day—bring a bottle	12 July—EYFS/KS1 production at 6:00
2 July—PTFA Summer Fayre at 12:00-3:00	13 July - Young Voices performance at 9:00
3 July - Boston Cyclists Year 6 event	13 July - EYFS/KS1 production at 1:30
4 July - KS2 Sports Day	13 July—KS2 production at 6:00
5 July - Multi Faith Festival	14 July - KS2 production at 1:30 (afternoon date change from 12 July)
	14 July—EYFS/KS1 production at 6:00
	15 July—EYFS picnic
	18 July—School Transition Day
	19 July - Rounders: Y6 v parents

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21 June - September EYFS open afternoon	8 July—Sports Day at 9:30 (note change of date due to county cricket)
21 June - School Council meeting at 9:30	11 July - PTFA Leavers' Disco
21 June - DOJO parent meeting at 3:10	14 July - PTFA Summer Fayre at 5:00—7:00
23 June —Sutterton's Got Talent auditions	15 July—school reports out
28 June—Richmond Class Assembly	18 July—School Transition Day
30 June—September EYFS Open Morning	19 July - Leavers' Service at 2:00
30 June—Mr M's Musical Extravaganza for Phoenix at 1:45	
1 July—Sutterton's Got Talent (no celebration assembly) at 9:00	
4 July—Summer Production at 1.30pm	<b>End of Term - 21 July</b>
4 July—Summer production at 6:00	<b>Return - 5 September</b>
5 July—Hyde Class Assembly	
5 July—County cricket finals	
5 July - Mr Morrell's bingo night at 6:30	
6 July—Multi Faith Festival	
7 July—Summer production at 1:30	