



Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a very busy, yet productive month. The children and staff, across the schools, have been working tirelessly to be fully prepared for the end of key-stage assessments. We are confident, based on predicted outcomes, that all groups of children will have made good progress and our results will see a significant increase from the previous years data. This has been down to improvements in the curriculum, changes to the monitoring systems that are in place to ensure that children are making good progress and a commitment and focus from **everyone** to see that our schools become the very best.

I have attached a copy of our most recent data for your information. Please see attached.

As well as the significant improvements in the achievement for pupils, we have also changed the way we assess pupils in line with the requirements from the Department for Education (DfE). We will no longer be using levels, but have moved to 'age-related expectations' - apart from current Year 2 and Year 6 pupils, whom will continue to use levels until the end of the academic year. We have spent a significant amount of time, since Easter, refining the methods to ensure that our assessment system allows more breadth and depth to pupils knowledge and to have more opportunity to develop their using and applying skills.

Assessment with focus on: children learning fewer concepts in greater depth; deep learning and a secure understanding; removal of 'level learning' which can result in undue pace, gaps and children labelling themselves and finally, assessment being based on how well key concepts are understood.

Children will be assessed as to whether they have met the required age-related expectation. These are defined as: emerging, expected or exceeding with a mastery strand for very able pupils. Your pupil's class teacher will be able to explain more about this to you at the parents' evening sessions after half-term and how your child is doing in school.

Finally, I would like to say 'thank you' for those that attended the summer term parents' meet and greet consultation session. The outcomes from the meeting have now been published and it was extremely useful as the points raised have influenced our Term 6 staff meetings and will form part of our school development plan. I will host a parents' consultation each full term and your involvement is appreciated. If you were unable to make the meeting, but would like to respond, please get in touch with the office at either school.

Yours sincerely,

Claire Collett

Executive Headteacher

## Swineshead School



### SWINESHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

A staggering £83,000 has been raised by the 'SWING Committee' to build a new play park and an order has now been placed to order new play equipment. The School raised an impressive £1450 during the 'pilgrimage' sponsored walk and we are delighted to be part of the fantastic community projects that are taking place. We thank the committee for all their hard work and to those that have contributed to make this happen.

## Fourfields School



### CHURCH SCHOOL INSPECTION

We will, hopefully, be able to reveal the outcome of our Section 48 Church School Inspection next week and to send the full report out to you. A huge well-done to all of the team, particularly the pupils, who make Sutterton such an amazingly welcoming and supportive school—fabulous!

## GORGEOUS GROUNDS

A real feature of the school is the beautiful outdoor areas, which are extremely beneficial to learning. The pond and reflection area have been dramatically improved due to the hard-work and voluntary contributions from Mr Robinson and Mr Lane-Sansam, both parents of Year 3 children. We look forward to the 'official' opening of the pond during Term 6.

## PARKING

Unfortunately, we have had a few incidents recently of parents using the school car-park and not using the designated areas outside of the school gate. This can cause difficulties in staff being able to get into work, access for disabled pupils and the dangers of pupils crossing the school car-park whilst parents are driving around. The community police officers have been there this week to monitor the situation, but we would appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

## LUNCHES

Pack-ups will be able to be eaten outside in Term 6 and we will also be making better use of the play-park zone. 'Top-table' awards will also be starting again this week.

## SUPER-PUPIL AWARDS

Super effort awards for fantastic



home-work projects and for going that extra mile in class— brilliant!



## DIARY DATES

- 20 May at 9:00 am—Crowland Parents' Assembly
- 21 May - all day - Year 6 Church Schools Festival at Lincoln Cathedral
- 22 May—Year 4 and Year 5 Music Festival
- 21 May—Year 6 'Music for Sophie' charity recording
- 22 May - End of Term 5 and 1 June—Start of Term 6
- 3 June - Quick Sticks Hockey Competition
- 4 June - Reception Intake Information Evening
- 5 June - Methodist Church Creation Celebration
- 5 June- PTFA Bingo Night
- 5 June—Year 5 Kwik Cricket Competition
- 7 June at 10:30am at the Methodist Church—Young Voices Creation Celebration
- 10 June at 9:00am—Tintern Parents' Assembly
- 16 June at 1:30-3:00pm—Parents' Topic Work Open Afternoon
- 22-24 June - Freiston Year 6 Residential
- 24 June at 9:00am—Kirkstead Parents' Assembly
- 29 June until 7:30pm—Parents' evening
- 30 June until 5:00pm—Parents' Evening

## MENINGITIS TRUST

Thanks to everyone for supporting the fundraising non-uniform day. We managed to raise an impressive £120.67. Further donations can be made through: [www.meningitis.org/remembrance-funds/remember-maya](http://www.meningitis.org/remembrance-funds/remember-maya).

## SPORTING NEWS...

Alongside the anticipation and excitement of next week's primary school rugby county finals, I'm delighted to share the achievements of some of our pupils who have been fantastic players for Boston Rugby Club. Well done to Sam Despicht in Class 4, Elliot Brooks in Class 2 and Charlie Willis in Class 5. They have all won trophies for their outstanding achievements.



Congratulations also to Harry Blackman in Class 4 for playing in the Under 8's Hockey Tournament in Norwich—they won!

**TAPESTRY** Our Tapestry open-morning for children in the Reception Class was a great success and we are delighted that



most of our parents are now using the on-line learning journal to share home-school links. Keep up with the postings!

## AROUND THE CLASSES

This week saw the Reception and Key Stage 1 children taking part in circuit training as part of their 'Bounce' topic. I'm sure that these skills will be put to great use at Sports Day!



## GYMNASTICS

Volunteers needed to help out on a Friday—please speak to the office.

## DIARY DATES

- 21 May - all day - Tag Rugby Finals at Lincoln Rugby Club
- 21 May - all day - Year 6 Church Schools Festival at Lincoln Cathedral
- 22 May—PTFA Cake Sale after Celebration Assembly
- 22 May - End of Term 5 and 1 June—Start of Term 6
- 2 June at 3:15 pm until 8:00 pm—Parents' Evening
- 3 June at 9:30 am—Standards Governors Work Scrutiny
- 4 June - Year 6 Technology Day at Thomas Cowley
- 4 June at 2:15pm - School Council Meeting
- 11 June at 10:30am - Class 4 Musical Showcase Parents' Assembly
- 11 June at 7:00pm - Reception Intake Information Evening
- 12 June at 10:00am—School Council Cake-Bake Sale
- 19 June at 1:15-2:45pm —Parents' Topic Work Open Afternoon
- 1 July - Boston Grammar Induction Day

## Emmaus Federation School Results

<u>Swineshead</u> <u>St Mary's</u>	Early Years 2014 Data	Early Years Predicted 2015	Early Years 2014 National Average	KS1 2014 Points Progress Data	KS1 2015 Predicted Points Progress Data	KS1 National Average	KS2 2014 Points Progress Data	KS2 2015 Predicted Points Progress	KS2 2014 % Achiev- ing Level 4 or above	KS2 2015 Predicted % Achiev- ing Level 4 or above	KS2 2014 National Average % Achiev- ing Level 4 or	KS2 2014 % 2+ Levels Progress	KS2 2015 Predicted % 2+ Levels Progress
Early Years Early Learn- ing Goals	51	60	60										
Reading				15.6	16.2	16.3	26.07	29.9	60	91	89	67	100
Writing				14.7	16	14.9	25.5	28.8	60	88	85	80	94
Math's				15.7	16.7	16.1	24.9	29	50	91	86	70	91
Average Point Score				15.3	16.3	15.8	24.5	29 4a			27 4b		

<u>Sutton</u> <u>Fourfields</u>	Early Years 2014 Data	Early Years Predicted 2015	Early Years 2014 National Average	KS1 2014 Points Progress Data	KS1 2015 Predicted Points Progress	KS1 National Average	KS2 2014 Points Progress Data	KS2 2015 Predicted Points Progress	KS2 2014 % Achiev- ing Level 4 or above	KS2 2015 Predicted % Achiev- ing Level 4 or above	KS2 National Average	KS2 2014 % 2+ Levels Progress	KS2 2015 Predicted % 2+ Levels Progress
Early Years Early Learning Goals	63.2	75	60										
Reading				16.7	17	16.3	29.2	31.9	95	81	28.5	95	90
Writing				16.3	16.4	14.9	31.1	30.3	100	86	27.5	100	100
Math's				17.5	16.9	16.1	29.2	31	95	86	28.7	95	90
Average Point Score				16.8	16.8	15.8	29.8	31 5c			28 4b+		

As I am sure you are aware, children in Year 2 have begun working towards their SATs to assist teachers in determining their levels for the end of Key Stage 1. Children who did not pass the Year 1 Phonics Test last year will be given the opportunity to re-sit this test later in the term. The achievement of the pupils demonstrates very good progress and is now in-line or above the national average in all areas across the federation.

The children have worked extremely hard in preparation for SATs week and I would like to thank the SATs 'breakfast squads' for helping to get our Year 6's ready for the challenges they faced. I would also like to thank the teaching staff for ensuring the importance of a lively and engaging curriculum during this time and to parents' for their support in reminding children that this is a very small period of time and is one that only captures a very small part of a child's whole development.



Sutton Year 6's - excited about SATs!