



Welcome to Spring Term 1

The days have been getting steadily longer since the winter solstice on Wednesday 21 December. Today, on 5th January, is the first time we get eight hours of daylight and by the end of January, an extra hour of daylight will come, and every four weeks thereafter, an hour or so of extra sunshine which will lighten the day up. I always look forward to this. Putting up the Christmas decorations in early December is always exciting as we look forward to celebrating the festive period, but I personally prefer taking them down even more as it's a sign for me that Spring is on its way and it's a time of fresh changes and new starts.

The children in EYFS and KS1 will be learning all about Space this term in the topic: To Infinity and Beyond. Some children, across the federation, hooked into their learning by having a WoW day which involved making space rockets, launching rockets with eggs inside which used different protective layers of materials to look at the different properties of each material sampled. The children used the book 'Aliens Love Underpants' as a text to inspire fictional writing and the children will dig deeper into their scientific learning through a planetarium visit for both schools. We look forward to sharing the children's learning at the start of celebration assemblies and the timings for Swineshead have been brought forward to 2:15 pm on class assembly weeks (2:30pm when class assemblies are not on) so there's ample opportunity for the children to celebrate their knowledge and the learning that has taken place.

Looking at fresh changes, we welcome Mrs Teri Brown as the new Head of School for Sutterton Fourfields. Mrs Brown comes with a wealth of experience and has achieved highly in her career to date. She is so pleased to be working at the federation and has a vested interest in the school as she lives locally, her son attended Swineshead and she was a governor for the federation. We also welcome Mrs Kylie Griffin who is the new Year 6 teacher at Sutterton. Mrs Griffin has worked for the federation for many years and was previously in Kelso, a Year 5/6 class at Swineshead. We also welcome some new children to the federation. It is lovely to welcome new children to the school.

Kind regards,
Claire Collett
Executive Headteacher

Aged UK Fundraising

A huge thank-you to Zak in Hyde for organising the Aged UK fundraiser. The response from the school community was amazing and Zak's commitment to such a worthy cause is inspirational. Please find the comments from the recipricants of the gifts below:

Regarding the Holbeach Christmas Party:

Everyone had a wonderful time at the Holbeach Christmas party this morning and the gifts and cards were just the icing on the cake! It really made a huge difference and there were many happy faces. Some of the group also took them to the others that couldn't join us today and I have had very happy reports back from them receiving them.

Regarding the Boston Christmas Party:

Everyone had a wonderful time today. We had mocktail making, a choir from Kirton Middlecott School, pass the parcel, an afternoon tea and then the fabulous gifts and cards from you all. Oh, I can't tell you how much they loved the cards! One lady kept kissing her card and saying how thoughtful it was and that it was going on her mantelpiece when she got home.



Whole Class Music Tuition

We want to ensure our pupils have the opportunity to play a musical instrument. This term, we will be offering free musical tuition to a couple of classes across the federation in LKS2. The children will have weekly music lessons playing a brass instrument with the opportunity to follow up through separate individual music lessons. Alongside this, Mr Gilbert will be running a music club with Lincolnshire Music Service this term at Swineshead.

Sutterton's End of Term Maths Quiz

Mr Terjung hosted the KS2 maths quiz. Fifteen teams went head-to-head to test their wits and numeracy and be crowned champions. 'The Nerds' (Jenson, Alex, Rosie, Sonny and Zack in Y6) placed first closely followed by 'Boston Utd' (Alfie, Riley, Zack and Tianna in Y4).



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).

Children and Young People's Services Emergency Contact Information Lincolnshire:

During Office hours contact the Children Services Customer Service Centre (CSC) on 01522 782111. 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 Brown and Mrs Hutchinson is the DSL for Swineshead.

Safeguarding concerns can also be reported to Mrs Gray at Sutterton or Mrs Collett for both Sutterton and Swineshead as they are the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads.

Safer Internet Day



Safer Internet Day is celebrated globally in February each year to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people, and to inspire a national conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically, and creatively. Follow the link to find out more:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2023>

Sutterton Diary Dates

11 th January	PTFA Meeting at 7:30 pm via Teams
16 th January	Inclusive sports afternoon with Matt Haslam
20 th January	9:00 am St James class assembly at the start of celebration assembly
25 th January	Y5 STEM Day at Boston High School
27 th January	9:00 am Richmond class assembly at the start of celebration assembly
31 st January	Time to Talk assembly
31 st January	Y6 dental survey
1 st February	Planaterium visit for EYFS/KS1
1 st February	Small school county football finals
3 rd February	Young Voices
3 rd February	9:00 am Phoenix class assembly at the start of celebration assembly
7 th February	Safer Internet Day
9 th February	County cricket finals (after school)
10 th February	9:00 am Regent class assembly at the start of celebration assembly
	End of Term 3 – 10th February
	Start of Term 4 – 20th February
24 th February	9:00 am Central class assembly at the start of celebration assembly
2 nd March	World Book Day
6 th March	Parents' Evening from 3:30 pm – 8:45 pm
10 th March	9:00 am Hyde class assembly at the start of celebration assembly
13 th March	Science Week
17 th March	Comic Relief and National Sleep Awareness day (wear red or PJs)
21 st March	World Down Syndrome Day
30 th March	9:30 am Easter Service at St Mary's, Sutterton
	End of Term 4 – 31st March

Swineshead Diary Dates

11 th January	EYFS and KS1 tennis coaching in school
16 th & 17 th Jan	Planaterium visit for EYFS/KS1 and Y5/6
20 th January	YR and Y6 height and weight checks
20 th January	2:15pm Westminster class assembly at the start of celebration assembly
25 th January	Y5 STEM Day at Boston High School
27 th January	2:15pm Crowland class assembly at the start of celebration assembly
31 st January	Y6 dental survey
3 rd February	Young Voices
3 rd February	2:15pm Kirkstead class assembly at the start of celebration assembly
7 th February	Safer Internet Day
9 th February	County cricket finals (after school)
10 th February	2:15pm Tintern class assembly at the start of celebration assembly
	End of Term 3 – 10th February
	Start of Term 4 – 20th February
2 nd March	World Book Day
3 rd March	2:15pm Lindisfarne class assembly at the start of celebration assembly
8 th March	Parents' Evening from 3:30 pm – 8:45 pm
10 th March	2:15pm Sempringham class assembly at the start of celebration assembly
13 th March	Science Week
17 th March	Comic Relief and National Sleep Awareness day (wear red or PJs)
17 th March	2:15pm Ramsay class assembly at the start of celebration assembly
21 st March	World Down Syndrome Day
30 th March	1:30 pm Easter Service at St Mary's, Swineshead
31 st March	2:15pm Fountains class assembly at the start of