



EMMAUS NEWS

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Welcome back. We hope you have had a relaxing half term.

Plans are afoot for the full re-opening of the school on 8th March and it will operate in a similar way to when the Federation re-opened in September. We look forward to all being safely back again soon.

Mrs. Collett.

Executive Headteacher

4th March is World Book Day!

We are continuing to celebrate World Book Day this year – both remotely and in school. The children will get the opportunity to dress-up as their favourite book character and take part in lots of reading activities. Please can any families who are willing to read a virtual story to the class get in touch with Mrs Knighton or Mrs Gray. We are also launching a sponsored read with lots of exciting prizes.

Details to follow on Class Dojo

The easiest way to sponsor a child is at

<https://readathon.secure.force.com/sponsor>

Welcome Aboard!

On behalf of the Governing Body, I would warmly like to welcome Mr Aidan Houghton as your new parent governor. Mr Houghton has a reception pupil at Sutterton Fourfields and originates from the local area. He is a serving officer in the RAF Regiment and has a great deal of experience on RAF committees as well as helping to run the Centurion Fund Engagements Team, which is the RAF Regiments charity. He is keen to contribute towards our school community and I am sure you agree that he will be a fantastic asset for our federation of schools. In his spare time, Mr Houghton is training for a 54-mile ultramarathon on 26th March and will be raising funds and publicity for the start of our Forest School at Sutterton Fourfields. We wish him well!

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/aidan-houghton?utm_term=N6Vq6zad2

E-Safety

Some of you may be aware of some concerns about e-safety which have recently been in the press. We continue to ensure we have the appropriate safeguards in place to ensure safety when using the internet and accessing our remote provision. We hosted a Safer Internet Day on February 9th and all of our Computing units in school start with a session on e-safety. As a parent, please be vigilant about what your child is accessing and ensure you have the correct parental locks set to your devices.

EYFS & KS1:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/>
<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/0-5/>
<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/6-10/>
<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2021/safer-internet-day-2021-top-tips>

KS2:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/>
<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/6-10/>
<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2021/safer-internet-day-2021-top-tips>

We Want You!

We have vacancies for midday assistants at both Swineshead St Mary's and Sutterton Fourfields. Duties include the supervision of lunches and playtime. Please contact Mrs Woods for more details.

Ofsted

Ofsted inspectors visited Swineshead on 27th and 28th January. As is the process with section 8 inspections, the outcome of the inspection is reported to us in a letter from the Lead Inspector. We are delighted that the inspection confirmed that leaders and those responsible for governance are taking effective action to provide education in the current circumstances. We have been given two areas to focus on and work is well underway for this to be in place and ready for a Section 5 inspection when Ofsted resume full inspections.

Extracts from the inspection findings:

"Leaders and governors are ambitious for all pupils and are committed to providing education at this time. They have ensured that effective systems are in place to deliver the school's usual curriculum, whether pupils are learning on site or at home."

"Staff are strongly committed to delivering education remotely. They have adapted their teaching quickly and effectively to the current circumstances."

"Leaders have ensured that providing education for vulnerable pupils is a priority. This includes the offer of electronic devices where needed, as well as any other resources pupils require. Staff keep in regular contact with these pupils to make sure they are safe and well."

"Governors continue to fulfil their duties and stay involved with the school. They have quickly adapted to the use of remote communication systems. They have been proactive in offering support for leaders and are mindful of staff workload and well-being."

Forest Schools

I am delighted to say that we are finally starting on our plans to become a Forest Federation of Schools. The work was put on hold due to lockdowns, but the training will start soon with the aim of having some basic provision in place from September and full provision by March 2022.

Forest Schools use a different range of woodland and outdoor settings to create memorable learning experiences based on the existing curriculum alongside incorporating activities such as bush crafts, den building, using tools and creating firepits. Evidence demonstrates that Forest School provision increases self-esteem, an ability to work with others, learning about the outdoors, developing a sense of ownership about the environment, negotiating rules and boundaries and building trust and understanding.

Miss Westfield and Mrs Nicholson will undertake the Level 3 Practitioner training and I will also undertake Forest School training. We are very excited about our new initiative and look forward to our children having fantastic provision in the very near future.

Explorers Topic

The children in Early Years and KS1 had great fun dressing up as pirates for their WOW Day. They took part in a range of activities such as exploring the seas and different countries.



Wombling

Well done to Poppy in Crowland Class. She was busy 'wombling' over half-term. She has collected bags of rubbish from Swineshead park and from around Wyberton making the environment a much better place to live in.

Laptops for Schools

A huge shout-out to Joshua's family in Lindisfarne Class. The family's company, Sivill Service, kindly donated lots of reconditioned laptops and a computer for children of the schools. Please let me know if you need one before 8th March.

Charity Work

Ronald McDonald House and Dunelm Mill are getting together to ask schools to write cards to children who are in hospital or to residents who are in Hunters Creek or Manorgate Care Homes. Dunelm are supplying the materials so the children can make something really special. Mrs Griffin, at Swineshead, will be coordinating the initiative and Dunelm have asked for cards to be ready by 19th March.

The Lincolnshire Vaccination Team would like the children to draw some laminated pictures for the Boston Vaccination Hub. This sounds like a great well-being activity. Please drop your pictures off (ideally laminated) at the school office and we will make sure Mrs Clayton (Archie's mum at Swineshead) can take them to work.

Thank you

Junior Bake Off

I have been approached by the casting researcher at Love Productions; the company behind The Great British Bake Off, The Great British Sewing Bee and The Great Pottery Throw Down (my favourite show!). They have opened applications for the 7th series of Junior Bake Off and are looking for budding bakers between 9-15 years old. Filming takes place from July 2021, but their applications close on Sunday 28th March.

Interested bakers can apply online at:

www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk

And any enquiries sent to:

applyforjuniorbakeoff@loveproductions.co.uk

Good Luck!

Diary Dates

British Science Week - 5th to 14th March

Are you the next Rosalind Franklin or Isaac Newton? Miss Ablard and Miss Westfield are leading a week of practical science lessons and scientific learning alongside home-learning challenges.

Mother's Day - 12th/14th March

Cards and special messages shared at our virtual assembly on 12th March.

International Day of Families - 14th/15th May

Whatever your family structure is, we will be celebrating it. The children will take part in activities which highlight the importance of family, that all families are different and the issues affecting some families.

Staffing News

We welcome back Mr Slaughter to our federation. Well known and loved by Swineshead families, he will start in Sutterton's Phoenix Class from 1st May taking over from Miss Ablard during her maternity leave, which starts from Term 5 until February 2022.

Miss Lambe also starts her maternity leave from Term 6. Mr Terjung, our highly effective tuition tutor who also provides a very high standard in class cover will teach Fountains until the end of the academic year.