



EMMAUS NEWS

June 2021

www.suttertonswinesheadfederation.co.uk Twitter: @EmmausFed

Welcome to the Newsletter for the Summer term. It has been an extremely busy term since returning after the Easter break and it has been wonderful to note that the school has returned to a period of normality following the school lockdown. Please be assured that we will maintain the highest level of safety protocols to ensure this continues at the Emmaus Federation. There is much to celebrate for the achievements of pupils and staff over the last half term and exciting plans to look forward to over the next half term.

Mrs Collett, Executive Headteacher

Virtual Reality Headsets

I am so excited about the benefits of using VR headsets across all of our teaching. The fact that the children can step into Ancient Rome and ride a chariot or take a walk around the Western Wall in Jerusalem without ever leaving the classroom is really going to allow our teaching and learning to be stimulating, creative and inspiring. Both schools will be receiving their own set of VR kits that are the best you can get in education. We are also delighted that our wonderful IT technician and governor, Mr Lee, will be supporting with staff training and using his skills and experience to bring learning to life through cultural enrichment opportunities.

Ofsted

Swineshead welcomed Ofsted into school for a Section 8 monitoring visit on Tuesday 8th June. The report will be available within 30 days and with us before the end of term. The children and staff were absolutely amazing and I am super proud of all of the children and I would like to pass on my particular thanks to a group of Year 6 children who represented the school in an eloquent, thoughtful, confident and caring manner. We wait in anticipation for a full Section 5 inspection where the judgement of school, based on where it is now, will be evaluated. If you do have any queries or concerns, about anything, please always get in touch with the school as your first port of call. I know from the parent survey feedback that a few parents may not feel the school is doing enough for their child and please let us rectify this for you if we can.

Road Safety

Sutterton

I delighted to announce Teddy in Regents, Skye in St James' and Evie-Rose in Central are the winners for the road-safety poster competition run by Boston Neighborhood Policing Team. Each child will be presented with a certificate and a £5 gift voucher.

Swineshead

'Keep to the Limits – Slow Down'

In conjunction with Swineshead Parish Council and Lincolnshire Police, we are holding a poster competition this term for our KS1 and KS2 pupils to help educate road users on speeding and the danger it causes. The winning entries (one for KS1 and one for KS2) will be displayed across the village to enhance speed awareness. All pupils will be given a 'bump' sticker, which we hope you will display.

Please can children return their posters to your child's class teacher and remember to put your name and class on the back of the poster.

Staff News

Sutterton

I am delighted to announce that Miss Grooby will be getting married on Saturday 12th June to Mr Saxon. I am also delighted to announce that they are expecting a baby in the autumn term. Miss Grooby (soon to be Mrs Saxon) will be starting her maternity leave in early October.

Miss Preval will be leaving the federation at the end of the summer term. Miss Preval has worked as the reception teacher at both schools and she is renowned for her care, expertise in EYFS, particularly with SEND pupils, and her love for nature and the environment. She has led the Eco Committee over the last few years and has brought an insurmountable amount of wonderful learning opportunities to the children she teaches. Miss Preval will start at St Christopher's Special School in Lincoln and we wish her the very best.

Mrs Street will be returning to Sutterton after her maternity leave and she has enjoyed her KIT days back in school. We welcome Mr Glenn to our school. He is a fantastic teacher who has previously covered in St James' and Phoenix class.

Swineshead

I am delighted to announce that Miss Lambe has a beautiful son, called Chester, and mum and baby are doing really well.

Miss Chamberlain is due to return to school after her maternity leave and has enjoyed her KIT days.

We welcome Miss Parr as our new member of staff. Miss Parr has trained with us in Ramsey class and is a fantastic new addition to our team.

Sports

Mr Haslam, Schools Sports Coordinator, has worked with our PE Leaders and children on disability sports (boccia and goalball) and trained our future Playground Leaders in preparation for September.

Early Years Framework

On 16th March 2021, the Department for Education (DfE) published a guidance page entitled 'Changes to the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Framework' on their website. There has been changes to the wording within the Educational Programmes/the Areas of Learning and Development that shape the activities and experiences that children have in early years settings.

The seven Areas of Learning and Development remain the same, with the three Prime Areas being: Communication and Language, Physical Development and Personal, Social and Emotional Development; and the four Specific Areas being: Literacy, Maths, Understanding the World, and Expressive Arts and Design. It is recommended that the new 'Development Matters', non-statutory curriculum guidance for the EYFS (September 2020) be accessed to help us inform our approach to the curriculum, therefore putting the Educational Programmes into practice and supporting the work of our Forest School. There are also 'some minor changes to the safeguarding and welfare section, including a new requirement to promote the good oral health of children'. It is clarified that this change relates to teaching children about healthy eating habits and dental hygiene, and is not a requirement to carry out supervised toothbrushing.

What the changes are (assessment arrangements):

The progress check at age 2 remains the same.

What the changes are (the Early Learning Goals):

It is emphasised here that pre-Reception providers do not need to use the Early Learning Goals (which should not be used as a curriculum). The ELGs should be used as an assessment during the summer term/at the end of the Reception year.

Preparations to implement the new framework into our practice from September 2021 are in place. There are changes to the way practitioners are expected to gather assessment information with the intention that more time is spent with the children making memorable learning experiences rather than spending valuable time collating evidence, which we share on Tapestry. More information about this will be shared with reception parents in due course. However, the new framework is a positive step in that it will reduce workload for EYFS staff so that they can spend more time with the children.

Sutterton

Richmond

Mrs Nicholson, Mrs Fountain, Mrs Stukins

Regent

Mrs Gray, Mrs Wilson and Mrs Stukins

St James'

Mr Glenn, Mrs Street, Mrs Scarborough and Mrs Stukins

Central

Mr Slaughter, Mrs Fox and Mrs Parnell

Phoenix

Mr Shaw, Mrs Martin (trainee teacher) and Mrs Stanhope

Hyde

Mr Terjung, Mrs Osborne and Miss Baker

Class Staffing

Swineshead

Kirkstead

Miss Westfield, Mrs Allitt and Mrs Prince

Tintern

Mrs Knighton and Mrs Kemp

Crowland

Mrs Lacey, Miss Becker, Mrs Brookes and Miss Bateman

Westminster

Mrs Done, Mr Magee and Miss Atkin

Fountains

Mrs White and Mrs Archer, Miss Chamberlain and Mrs Mountain

Lindisfarne

Mr Gilbert, Miss Haines and Miss Stancer

Sempringham

Miss Parr, Mr Mountain and Mrs Hunt

Kelso

Miss Ratcliff, Mrs Griffin (trainee teacher) and Mrs Chitty

Ramsey

Mr Cook, Miss Rogers and Mrs Pick

Swineshead Diary Dates

21st June Year 6 'top-up' swimming
23rd June New reception taster session with parents
24th June at 6-7 pm New reception information evening
30th June New reception taster session with key workers
30th June Inter Faith Day
W/C 28th June Year 6 Church Schools Festival week
5th July New reception taster session (children only)
6th July KS1 Sports Day (time slots per bubble to be sent out – parents invited)
7th July KS2 Sports Day (time slots per bubble to be sent out – parents invited)
9th July School reports to parents
19th July 'All Change Day'
20th July Year 6 Leavers Service at 1:30 pm

Sutterton Diary Dates

21st June Year 6 'top-up' swimming
25th June at 9-10 am New reception taster morning
W/C 28th June Year 6 Church School Festival week
29th June Phoenix Class Viking National Grid project visit
1st July Inter Faith Day
2nd July at 9-10:30 am New reception taster morning
6th July Y3/4 Tri Golf
9th July at 9-10:30 am New reception taster morning
9th July Y5/6 Kwik cricket
9th July School reports to parents
13th July Sports Day (time slots per bubble to be sent out – parents invited – KS1 AM/KS2 PM)
16th July Y5 'Capture the castle'
19th July 'All Change Day'
20th July Year 6 Leavers Service at 9:30 am
21st July PTFA Colour Dash