



EMMAUS NEWS

October/November 2018

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Welcome back after half term. We have had a busy first term celebrating Harvest Festival and lots of wonderful class assemblies. All of the donated harvest produce was given to the Boston outreach food-bank. Tickets for the food-bank are available from Sutterton's Children's Centre (located in the school) and it is very discreet. The reception children have settled into school beautifully and all of our staff are dedicated and committed to giving 100% to ensure all of our children have the very best of what we can give. If you do have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher via Class Dojo, or alternatively, make an appointment with either myself or the Head of School at the school office.

Best wishes,

Mrs Claire Collett

Executive Headteacher

Mini Police

Our Mini Police are enjoying their responsibilities and are providing good support and guidance to other children at break times. Well done to all of our Mini Police who took part in the mini marathon and got to find out more about the great work of the emergency services.

Reception Places

Is your child starting school in September 2019? Then come and have a look at our fantastic reception classes. Ofsted have graded all of our early years, across federation, as 'Good'. You will have the chance to meet the staff and observe our classes in action.

Swineshead: 9:30 am on 28th November and 7th December
Sutterton: 10:30 am on 1st November.

School Council

Our new committee are really engaged and coming up with lots of great ideas. Thank you to Swineshead's School Council who helped to interview new staff and supported with the school's 30th birthday celebrations.

Thank you to both School Councils for helping fund-raise for 'Young Minds' and at the Macmillan coffee events.

The children will be helping to facilitate all of the Christmas celebrations in school and they will also be hosting their own events. The current School Council budget for Sutterton is £214.87 and Swineshead is £140.77

Ofsted

Sutterton had an Ofsted inspection at the start of the autumn term. We are still waiting for the report to be released and we will inform you of what steps will be done to address any areas for improvement within the report.

Sporting News

We are delighted that both of our rugby teams have come through as champs again! Sutterton and Swineshead eased through their games with a clean sweep for Sutterton. They represent Boston and District as winners of the small and large schools leagues. A derby 'friendly' will be hosted in the early spring against these two colossal teams. A massive thanks goes to the players and our rugby coaches.

Parents, Teachers and Friends Association (PTFA)

Our schools identity as being an open door and friendly place is helped by the tremendous work of the PTFA. They work tirelessly to raise funds for the children and to provide fun events throughout the school year.

They have kindly offered to subsidise 50% of the cost of each pantomime ticket and Sutterton PTFA are giving the school £500 to spend on new reading books. They wouldn't be able to do their work without your support – thank you.

Lincoln Anglican Academy Trust (LAAT)

Our application to join LAAT was put on hold back in the summer term 2017. Our Governing Body have declared an interest in re-joining and we are currently in the process of seeing if an application can be successful. We will then start the conversion process and we will inform you of what this entails.

In the interim, The Emmaus Federation will utilise the school improvement systems of LAAT and work collaboratively with other local church schools. Our identity will not change, but we will have stronger support systems within an education system that has changed significantly since austerity measures and the change in focus to more of an academy model from the Department for Education.

Fundraising

The generosity of our families is truly amazing and I realise we do sometimes fundraise quite a lot, but as compassionate educators, it is difficult to not want to help and support so many worthy causes. We will limit the amount of fundraising events, but I do still want to celebrate things like Children in Need, PTFA events and other main charity events. These may be a coffee afternoon, a non-uniform day or simply a day of awareness.

However, let us celebrate what we have achieved so far. Sutterton raised £327.78 at the Macmillan Coffee Morning, which included £45.00 raised by the Village Hall Bingo Club and Sutterton's School Council raised £11.00 for Young Minds

Swineshead raised £188.85 at the Macmillan Coffee Afternoon and Swineshead School Council raised £22.25 for Young Minds. Tremendous!

Packed Lunch Policy

Our Mid-Day staff have got together to review our Packed Lunch Policy. It was felt by some families that it wasn't really working and the 'Treat Friday' idea had lost its impetus, if not even followed! The new Packed Lunch Policy is more 'fit for purpose' and allows your child to have a treat like a small bag of crisps, if desired. However, we do want to be sensible and if a child's lunch is often unhealthy (following Schools Food Trust guidelines) then we will let you know and offer your child a meal so they have got something substantial and nutritious to eat.

Fantastic Progress

We have invested a significant amount in curriculum school improvement (Busy Ant Maths and Accelerated Reader) and it's great that with support from home, we can tangibly see the great progress that our pupils are making.

Swineshead Year 6 using Accelerated Reader have made 9 months progress since the start of term and Year 6 pupils at Sutterton have made 5 months progress.

Remembrance Assembly

We hear from families, months after our Remembrance Assembly about how much they enjoyed it and how meaningful it was.

We are keen to hear from service personnel, past and present, to help us reflect on the sacrifice of those who fought in the Great Wars and those who have been affected by conflict. Our Remembrance Assembly will be held on 9th November and all families and members of the community are welcome. Please get in touch with the school if you are able to contribute or help in any way.

Data Comparisons

	Swineshead (approx 2.8% per child)	Sutterton (5% per child)	Boston Area	National
Good Levels of Development at Reception	59%	79.3%	62.2%	71.5%
Year 1 Phonics Screening Check	94.4%	78.3%	81.4% (Lincs)	82.5%
KS1 Reading	68.4%	75%	66%	75.4%
KS1 Writing	63.2%	75%	62.9%	69.9%
KS1 Mathematics	65.8%	85%	70.2%	76.1%
KS2 Reading	55.9%	60%	66.3%	75.3%
KS2 Writing	70.6%	70%	76.1%	78.3%
KS2 Mathematics	50%	65%	70.8%	75.6%

Swineshead Diary Dates

2 nd Nov	PTFA Non Uniform Day
7 th Nov	9:00 am Tintern Class Assembly
9 th Nov	2:30 pm Remembrance Assembly
9 th Nov	Large Schools Football Tournament
14 th Nov	9:00am Priory Class Assembly
16 th Nov	Children in Need - fancy dress/non uniform
19 th Nov	School 'tracking week'
20 th Nov	EAL Celebration Day
21 st Nov	9:00 am Ramsey Class Assembly
23 rd Nov	PTFA Movie Night
30 th Nov	PTFA Christmas Fete
10 th Dec	5:30 pm EYFS/KS1 Nativity
11 th Dec	9:30 am EYFS/KS1 Nativity
11 th Dec	1:30 pm and 5:30 pm KS2 and Priory Nativity
12 th Dec	Jack and the Beanstalk Pantomime
13 th Dec	1:30 pm EYFS/KS1 Nativity
13 th Dec	5:30 pm KS2 and Priory Nativity
14 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
18 th Dec	2:30 pm Musical Mince-Pie Musical Extravaganza
19 th Dec	School 'Farm Kitchen' Christmas Lunch
19 th Dec	9:30 – 11:00 am School Council Christmas Party
20 th Dec	1:30 pm Christmas Church Service at St Mary's, Swineshead

End of term - Thursday 20th December
School resumes - Monday 7th January 2019

Sutterton Diary Dates

2 nd Nov	Small Schools Football Tournament
6 th Nov	9:00 am Phoenix Class Assembly
9 th Nov	9:00 am Remembrance Assembly
16 th Nov	Children in Need - fancy dress/non uniform
19 th Nov	School 'tracking week'
20 th Nov	Hyde Class Assembly
28 th Nov	PTFA KS2 Movie Night
29 th Nov	PTFA EYFS/KS1 Games Night
30 th Nov	PTFA Non Uniform Day
4 th Dec	9:00 am Central Class Assembly
9 th Dec	5:00 pm St Nicholas Festival at Algarkirk Village Hall
10 th Dec	5:30 pm EYFS/KS1 Nativity
11 th Dec	9:30 am and 1:30 pm EYFS/KS1 Nativity
12 th Dec	Jack and the Beanstalk Pantomime
13 th Dec	Year 6 Carol Service at Lincoln Cathedral (TBC)
14 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
14 th Dec	PTFA Christmas Fete
18 th Dec	9:30 am Musical Mince-Pie Musical Extravaganza
19 th Dec	School 'Farm Kitchen' Christmas Lunch
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Children's Centre Information

Sutterton Children's Centre Speech and Language Workshop
1:45 pm – 2:45 pm on Wednesday 14th, 21st and 28th November

Week 1 – facial muscle development and modelling language

Week 2 – listening and attention skills

Week 3 – comprehension skills

Sutterton Children's Centre Growing Talk
9:45 – 10:30 am Thursday morning
Sutterton Children's Centre Music and Rhyme
10:00 – 10:45 am Friday mornings

Admission Deadlines

Applications for Year 7 places at Secondary Schools for September 2019 must be made by noon on 31st October 2018. Applications for Reception places must be made by 15th January 2019.

Pupil Safety

As the dark nights draw in, please ensure that you have spoken to your child about 'Stranger Danger' and road safety. Please also ensure that your child is adequately equipped for outdoor play in cold weather – warm clothing and a coat.