



St Swithun's Half Termly News

Week ending 14th February 2025



Valuing individuals
Aspiring and achieving together in faith

St Swithun's C of E Primary Academy's Vision
Love bears all things
Believes all things
Hopes all things
Endures all things
(1 Corinthians 13:7)



Our Gospel Values for Spring Term are: COURAGE and FORGIVENESS

Our Character Traits for Spring 2 are: EMPATHY and RESILIENCE

Dear Parents and Carers,

This half term seems to have been a very busy one in school with lots of events happening from peace anthem singing, multi skills event, year 6 science morning at Retford Oaks and much more! One of my highlights was seeing all the children dressed up last week and hearing what they aspire to be when they grow up!

The introduction of Dojo points as part of our school reward system has been a huge success. The children collect Dojo points throughout the day and these can be seen on your child's Dojo account where they can also edit their Dojo character. All classes have achieved 500+ Dojo points this half term so have received their class reward with some classes nearing their next reward at 1000 points!

After half term joining the St Swithun's team will be Miss Welch and returning to us will be Miss Bell. As you are aware, today is Mrs Womack's last day at St Swithun's after 27 years with us! The children presented her with cards and presents in Collective Worship this morning. We will all miss her but wish her all the best in her new venture.

I am sure you will also join us in congratulating Mrs Snowden on the birth of her second baby, Douglas! Mrs Snowden says they are settling into life as a family of 4 and Freddie is an amazing big brother. We hope she and Douglas will visit us soon!

Please continue to support your children at home through the encouragement of daily reading and helping with any homework tasks or extended activities. We will be looking at planning some more theme days moving forward so please look out for these as we would like you to visit us and be a part of the experiences on offer.

I hope you all have a fantastic break and we look forward to welcoming all the children back to school on Monday 24th February 2025.

Mrs Howlett

Diary Dates

24th January – All children return to school

26th January – Newstead Parents meeting

4th March – Rufford visit to Retford Oaks – Mary Poppins!

6th March – World Book Day

12th March – Trent Bridge Cricket Day

3rd April – Easter Service at St. Swithun's

3rd April – Last Day of Term

NB: Whilst we will make every effort to keep to the above dates, sometimes events need to be moved. We will inform everyone through class Dojo should this be the case.

Key Messages

Uniform

Overall, it's good, however, there are still a small number of children coming to school wearing trainers and hoodies that are not part of the school uniform. If you are unsure of the correct dress code, please see the uniform page on our website.

<https://www.st-swithuns.notts.sch.uk/uniform-information/>

PE kits

Please make sure that your child has a full PE kit in school every Tuesday and on their specific PE days. Overall, I am really pleased with what I am seeing so thank you. At present, there are only a handful of children who do not have the correct kit in school. We are working with parents and carers to remedy this. KS2 children can bring their kit to school on a Monday, leave it in their locker and take it home again on the Friday. As we move into the winter months, children should also bring warmer outer layers such as tracksuit bottoms and a thicker top to put over their white t-shirt.



Jewelry

Earrings - children are permitted to only wear studs and these must be removed for PE and swimming sessions. All other non-essential items of jewelry should remain at home. Watches are permitted but children must understand that they are responsible for their watch so I would urge that they don't wear anything too expensive or something that's deemed to be a family treasure.

EVENTS TEAM

Please look out for events shared on Dojo throughout the next half term.