



St Swithun's News

Week ending April 23rd 2021

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)



WELCOME BACK:



It has been wonderful to have our school family back together for the summer term. The children have been able to enjoy their PE outside with the expert support of the Retford Oaks PE team who will be working with us for the rest of this term.

Our Gospel Virtue for this Half Term is: FRIENDSHIP

Each half term we shall be focussing on a Virtue that we believe to be important for our children as they grow in understanding of the relationships that they have with others and the world in which they live. The Ethos group will be finding out about the Virtues that we believe should be at the heart of our St Swithun's school family.

Look out for a short survey from the children to ask for your opinions.



Enrichment activities Summer 1.

We are pleased to be able to start up our enrichment activities again, although these will continue to be organised to avoid Bubble crossing. We are looking forward to being able to offer after school sports clubs, but we are awaiting confirmation from Retford Oaks.

Our St Swithun's staff led clubs will start next week (beginning 26th April). Please apply for a place for all clubs and lunchtime activities for your child via email to the school office. There will be limited numbers for some of these groups so please apply early to avoid disappointment.

Day	Lunch Time	Lead Person	Year Group	After School 15:15-15:45	Lead Person	Year Group
Monday				French	Mrs Thomas	Y1/2
				Performing Arts	Mrs Ogden	Y3/4
				Take 5 Breathing	Miss Ranson	Y5/6
Tuesday	Board games	Mrs Slater	Y3/4	Computing (15:15-16:00)	Mr Harris	Y3/4
Wednesday	School Council	Mrs Preece	Y5/6			
Thursday	Ethos group	Mrs Thomas	Y5/6			
Friday				Story Crafts	Mrs Oxborough	FS2

THANK YOU MORRISONS for your sunflower seeds. Our children will enjoy planting and watching them grow into flowers of Hope.



CONGRATULATIONS to Nelly Anderson in Y4

who has just won a Silver Blue Peter badge for her own badge design in celebration of reading.

We know how important reading is and we are looking forward to being able to offer a School Reading Challenge for the Autumn Term – we hope that Nelly's badge design will sow seeds of a love for reading in our

school. Well done, Nelly!



IMPORTANT INFORMATION - Swimming in Year 5/6

Year 5/6 will begin swimming on a Monday morning for the summer term. Children will need to bring their swimming kits from Monday 26th April.

HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME

These are exceptional times and holidays are probably more important than ever. The guidance from the government about taking children out of school during term time after the term in which they are 5 years old, is clear: <https://www.gov.uk/school-attendance-absence>

You must get permission from the head teacher if you want to take your child out of school during term time.

You can only do this if:

- *you make an application to the head teacher in advance (as a parent the child normally lives with)*
- *there are exceptional circumstances*

If you cannot book your holiday during term time due to exceptional reasons, please arrange to speak with Mrs Thomas/Mrs Preece.

Reminder of INSET date

School will be closed to children for an **INSET date on Wednesday, 28 July.**



The St Swithun's school team wishes you a restful and happy weekend