



St Swithun's News

Week ending 29th January 2021

Welcome to our new weekly Friday updates in which we aim to keep you updated on school news and opportunities and remind you of upcoming events.

St Swithun's C of E Primary Academy's Vision

Love bears all things - regardless of what we need to face

Believes all things - looks for the best in every individual

Hopes all things - stays strong in belief during difficult times

Endures all things – through every circumstance

1 Corinthians 13:7



Songs for the week:

Let your light shine: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oXkxRNEy8XA>

Build up: <https://www.fischytunes.com/video-repo/build-up/>

Remote learning week 4:



Your child's learning experiences while they are at home are many and varied - all are valued. We do understand that you are experiencing challenges of many kinds that might make full participation in all lessons impossible.

We hope that the following changes will help to reduce the pressures of a daily screen-based school:



- Exercise books for maths (squared paper) and English/wider curriculum are available for collection from school in order to help to record and organise written tasks.
- The timings of Zoom/Teams live lessons are being organised so as not to overlap for different classes.
- *Wellbeing Wednesday* will begin next week with a screen-free afternoon, to be followed after half term with a Wellbeing/Creativity day each week. More information to follow from class teachers.

Children's Mental Health Week: 1-7 February.



<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/parents-and-carers/>

The theme for this year is **Express yourself**.

We will be exploring the different ways we can express ourselves, and the creative ways that we can share our feelings, our thoughts and our ideas. Some suggestions will be posted on Class Dojo but your child might have their own ideas!

Please upload one photograph or collage of your children's experience and we will make a display in school for the children to enjoy when they return.....

The Big Garden Birdwatch weekend is here again – from 29th - 31st Jan

If you can spend an hour counting the birds you see in your garden or from your balcony, please record and send your results to the RSPB to tell them (and us) what you saw.

For more information go to:

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/>



THANK YOU!



...for the truly great job that you are all doing in supporting your children's learning and wellbeing in so many ways during this lockdown.

The government are not planning for all children to return to school before 8th March at the earliest and we know that managing several classrooms at home does not get easier as the weeks go on!

Before we finish for half term, we will be sending home a parent's and children's **wellbeing survey**. In the meantime, I have been grateful for your feedback. It helps to review our remote learning provision – and our expectations.



Don't forget to keep up to date with what is happening in school by regularly visiting our school website at: <https://www.st-swithuns.notts.sch.uk/>

and our twitter feed @StSwithunsCE

Please note: School will be closed for all children on Friday 12th Feb for an INSET day and for the Half term break from Monday 15th – Friday 19th Feb

From all the St Swithun's school team we wish you a relaxing and happy weekend.....