



St Swithun's News

Week ending 14th January 2022



**Our Gospel Value
for this half term is:
PERSEVERANCE**

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)



CONGRATULATIONS to lunchtime manners awards winners. These children have been spotted by our Midday Supervisors using good manners in the dining hall at lunchtime:

Clumber: Harriet and Kiera

Rufford: Kaden, Maja and Lillyann

Newstead: Olivia and Abbey

A special mention to all the children in Rufford for exceptional behaviour in the dining hall on Tuesday.



This week's Super Citizens

Caterpillars: Reggie

Butterflies: Peyton

Clumber: Miya N and Angel

Rufford: Taylor-Rose and Oliver

Newstead: Lloyd and Lexie

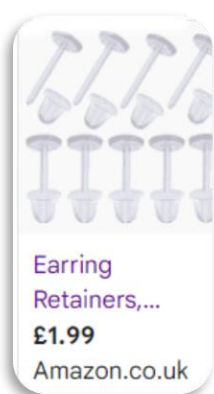


Sports Competitions – Bassetlaw School Games

We are passionate about developing every child through providing opportunities for them to participate in a range of sports. As different sports require different skills, this gives all a chance to experience the feeling of achievement that sporting success brings.

We are delighted that we are now entering teams for the majority of the inter-schools' sports competitions:

- **Gymnastics Friday 21 Jan** - Clumber Class take part in the Gymnastics Competition at Reford Gym Club
- **Boccia: Tues 1 Feb** - Mixed age at Retford Oaks Academy
- **Orienteering: Tues 25 Jan** - Newstead Class take part in 18th Bassetlaw Primary Schools Mixed Score Orienteering Competition at Worksop College



Jewellery in school

For safety reasons, children are not allowed to wear any jewellery in school except for the school badges that they wear for their responsibility roles.

Earrings should not be worn to school. Serious PE injuries can be caused by accidents involving children wearing stud or hoop earrings in PE or playground games.

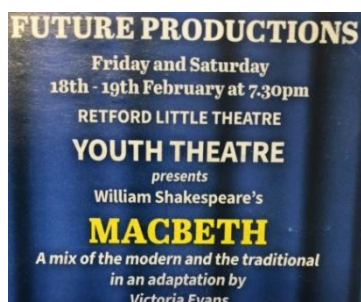
Retainers are cheap to buy and can be put in to ears to stop piercings from closing. On PE days, children must not wear earrings as this can cause serious injuries and cannot be covered with plasters due to hygiene

in school rules.



PE kits

Please could all children keep their PE kits in school all week. Whilst we have 2 designated 1 hour curriculum PE lessons each week, there are times when children will need their PE kits on non-PE days. For hygiene and safety reasons



Newstead Theatre Visit - Friday 18th February

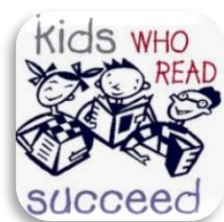
The children in Newstead Class have been enjoying studying William Shakespeare's Macbeth in class as part of our English curriculum.

We are very excited about our half term visit to Retford Little Theatre to watch a production of Macbeth.



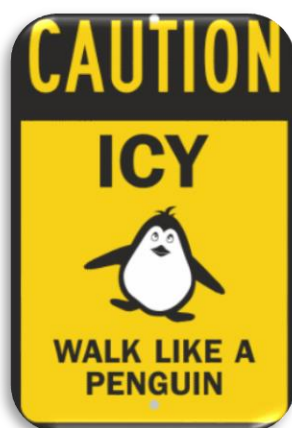
Caretaker position

If you know anyone who would be interested in this post, please direct them to our school website vacancies page: <https://www.st-swithuns.notts.sch.uk/vacancies/>



THANK YOU to all the parents and staff who came along to the Phonics Information Evening yesterday.

The powerpoint presentation and links to the Little Wande website for parents have been added to our school website



Health and Safety reminder

As you know the new smooth playground surface which has dramatically reduced our playtime injuries has a drawback in the icy weather.

Whilst Tony is doing his very best to make sure that grit is applied before the beginning of the school day, the surface makes any ungritted areas very slippery. Please make sure that you and your children walk carefully across the playground in the mornings.

School Clubs and enrichment

Day	Lunch Time	Lead Person	Year Group	After School 15:15-16:00	Lead Person	Year Group
Monday				Recorders	Mrs Tunnard	Rufford & Newstead
Tuesday				Girls' football/basketball @ Gamston CE Primary	Mr Chesman	Newstead
Wednesday	Staff training					
Thursday				Choir	Mrs Ogden	Rufford & Newstead
				Construction club	Mrs Teather	Clumber Y1&2
				Computing	Mr Harris	Newstead
Friday	School Council	Mrs Preece	Newstead			

Census Day – Thursday, 20 January

This term's Census Day takes place on Thursday, 20 January.

Please encourage your child to have a school dinner on that day, especially if they are eligible for Universal Free School Meals (all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) as this helps determine the amount of funding that school receives.



Breakfast Club – places available

We have spare places at our Breakfast Club which runs from Mon to Fri every week from **0800-0845** in our school hall.

If your child is entitled to Pupil Premium funding or have free school meal, then they are entitled to a free place in our Breakfast Club, 5 days a week.

Bookings for the week ahead must be made before Friday lunchtime as the office email is not monitored at the weekends

Our youngest children enjoying Traditional Tales ...in some interesting ways...



Baking cakes for Red Riding Hood to take to her grandma...

Attendance and punctuality: Class at the top!

Nursery Caterpillars	90.67
Reception Butterflies	86.78
Clumber Year 1	84.48
Clumber Year 2	85.5
Rufford Year 3	86.28
Rufford Year 4	89.8
Newstead Year 5	93.31
Newstead Year 6	91.54

Thank you and well done to our children who have been in school every day

Gold: Year 5

Silver: Year 6

Bronze: Nursery



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Date	Event
Thursday, 20 January	Census Day – please encourage all children especially Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to have a school meal that day.
Thursday 20 January 4.00-6.00pm	Governors' meeting – Accountability Panel 1

Friday 21 January	Gymnastics Competition at Retford Gym Club
Tuesday 25 Jan	Orienteering Competition at Worksop College
Tues 1 Feb	Boccia Competition at Retford Oaks Academy
Friday 11 February	School closes for HALF TERM
Monday 21 February	Staff training day (INSET). School closed to children
Tuesday 22 February	School reopens for children
Wednesday 23 February 4.00-6.00pm	Full Governors' meeting
Thursday 31 March 2.00-3.00pm	Whole school Easter service at St Saviour's Church
Friday 1 April	School closes for the Easter break

Wishing all our families a happy and healthy weekend

