



St Swithun's News

Week ending 7th January 2022



Our Gospel Value for this half term is:
PERSEVERENCE

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 at lunchtime:

Clumber: Poppy, Korben
Rufford: Oscar and Stephen
Newstead: Lucy and Abbey



Caretaker position

Thank you to Tony Carnell who has been our school cleaner for many years for taking on the school Caretaker role while we re-advertise the position following Mr Noble's retirement. Unfortunately we were not able to recruit from the first round of advertisements. Tony knows the school very well and we are grateful to him for helping us out during this time. Thank you for your patience. 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/>



Welcome to Miss Arrand

We are delighted to welcome Miss Arrand to our school family. Miss Arrand's will be teaching in Newstead Class. Her subject specialism is Religious Education and she brings her wide interests and enthusiasm to our teaching team. Due to the increasing numbers of children, the Year 5 and 6 children are taught separately in the mornings - Miss Arrand will be teaching Year 5 and Mrs Preece Year 6. In the afternoons, the children will be taught by Miss Arrand, Mrs Preece and Mrs Tunnard.

Office staff update

Mrs Boot will be joining us to support our school office on Mondays and Wednesdays. We wish Mrs Gillum well in her continued recovery and look forward to welcoming her back later in the term. Thank you for your patience and understanding.



Phonics Information meetings for Parents/Carers of children in Reception and Years 1&2. Thursday 13th January - 3.15pm

Learning to read involves teaching children to decode words at the same time as giving them a passion for reading. It is our priority at St Swithun's to improve every child's life opportunities and experiences by ensuring that they have the skills and motivation to become lifelong readers.

In Reception and KS1 we are introducing a new phonics programme called Little Wandle. This is a systematic synthetic phonics programme which has been validated by the DfE and includes daily phonics lessons alongside reading practice sessions 3 times a week.

We have bought a lot of engaging new reading books and hope that this will achieve our aims.

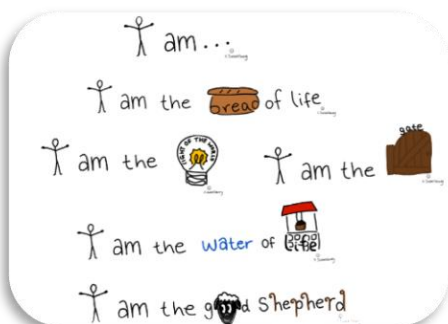
Clumber (Years 1&2) meeting: Thursday 13th January – 3.15pm

Reception and nursery meeting: Please see class dojo for further information



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
				Lego club	Mrs Teather	Clumber Y1&2
				Computing	Mr Harris	Newstead
Friday	School Council	Mrs Preece	Newstead			



SCHOOL WORSHIP:

This term our daily worship includes an exploration of who Jesus is through the stories associated with Epiphany and also through the 'I am' sayings of Jesus which can be found in John's Gospel. It provides a pause for wondering and reflection about the life and teaching of Jesus and how his example can continue to underpin the everyday life of our school.

With thanks to Rev Ban Clayton and Ben Marsden for joining us again this term to lead worship on Thursdays. They will be focussing on our Gospel virtue for this half term: PERSEVERANCE.

Unfortunately, due to ongoing covid restrictions, we are not yet able to invite you into school to join us for school family worship on Fridays.

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.

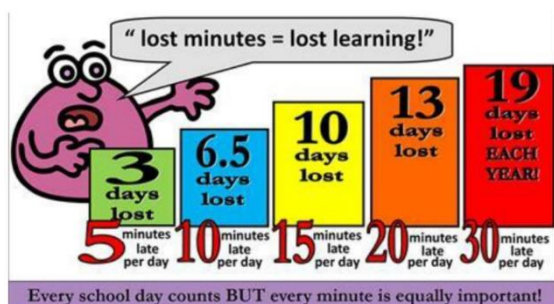
Breakfast Club – places available



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

Attendance and punctuality



THANK YOU for your commitment to your child/ren's education – more children than ever are arriving at school on time. Being at school every day makes a difference to your child's future success. If your child achieves 100% or 99% attendance they will be awarded a special certificate – Bronze for their first term's achievement, Silver for the second and Gold for the full year of 100%/99%. This means that every term your child has a new chance to achieve an award.



Queen's Jubilee

Due to the Queen's Jubilee celebrations taking place in the May half-term, Notts County Council have now added an extra day onto the school summer holidays this year. Our school year now officially finishes on Wednesday, 27 July; however, due to our Inset day being 27 July, the last day for children in school will now be **Tuesday, 26 July 2022.**

Trophies and awards from home:

Thank you for sending your children's trophies and certificates from home into school every Friday for our whole school Celebration Worship. It is a joy to see their confidence grow as they share their achievements in front of the school.

Caunton Tennis Club

Caunton Tennis Club are offering tennis sessions for the whole of January for a one off £5 payment for all ages including adults. Please see the details below.



Date	Event
Friday, 7 January	Swimming restarts for Rufford Class
Thursday 13 January 3.15-3.45 pm	Phonics information meeting for Clumber parents
Week beginning 10 January	School clubs re-commence (see timetable above)
Tuesday 11 January 3.30-4.00pm	Girls' football/basketball coaching at Gamston, led by Mr Chessman from Retford Oaks Academy. • Open to all girls in KS2 • Unfortunately, transport cannot be provided by school
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 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