



Learning happily together

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Dear Parents and Carers,

May I start with a reminder that we need all **photograph orders**, and any entries for the **Southwell Court Colouring Competition** returned to the Office by Friday, 4 April, thank you.



Easter Hat Parade

Don't forget that tomorrow (Thursday, 3 April) it's our "Easter Hat Parade". The children need to bring their Easter Hat to school, and we will parade around school at **3pm**. Children should wear their normal school uniform tomorrow, just don't forget their Easter Hat!



FSA Update

The FSA are holding a "Pre-loved Uniform Sale" at 3pm tomorrow. There are lots of good quality pre-loved sweatshirts, polo-shirts and other items all for 50p each, so bring some cash when you come to watch the Easter Hat Parade.

The FSA's Mother's Day fundraiser was a huge success, and thank you to **Minster Flowers** for supporting with the plants – the flowers looked absolutely beautiful.



Y2 Residential Visits:

Thank you to everyone who has already paid the contribution towards the Y2 Summer Residential visits. A reminder that we need all payments by the end of April. We will be sending out more information after Easter, including menu choices.

If you have any questions about the visit, please do not hesitate to e-mail me on head@lwi.org.uk or pop in to the School Office.



Parent Carer Forum

It is our Parent Carer Forum tonight at 6pm – everyone is welcome. If you have any questions or issues that you would like us to discuss, please will you e-mail them to me on head@lwi.org.uk



Family Easter Service

On Friday, 4 April we will be holding our Family Easter Service in Southwell Minster at 9.30am. Parents and carers are very welcome to join us in the Minster for the service. If you are able to come along, please sit in the seats at the rear of the Nave, leaving the seats in the front half of the Minster for the children and staff, thank you.



Red and Violet Rooms Marbles in the Jar Award

I am delighted to tell you that Red and Violet Rooms have both all won all of their marbles in the jar for wonderful work and brilliant behaviour!

For their treat they have all chosen to have a toy day on Friday, (the last day of term), so please can the children in Y2 bring a small toy or game to school to play with on Friday.



School Choir

Next term I will once again be running a School Choir for children in Y1 & Y2. Choir will be held on **Thursdays** next half term, from 3.30pm – 4.30pm in the School Hall.

After the May half term holiday, Choir will change to Tuesdays. I appreciate that the change of days can cause difficulties for some parents and carers, but I am afraid I have to work around Staff Development sessions.

The children in Y1 and Y2 will bring home a letter today about Choir, so if they would like to join please sign and complete the reply slip at the bottom of the letter, thank you.



Summer Term Menus

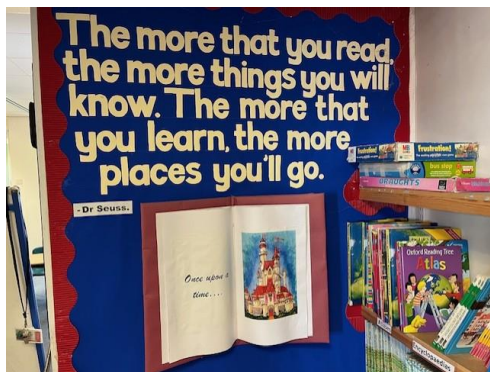
The Summer Term menu is now available on the IFG website so that Parents and Carers can order the meals for after Easter. Please remember to order by midnight on Saturday, 19 April for the first week back.

Please be aware that our school cook has made an alteration to the menu. The children do not like “sticky beef mince”, and so the cook will change it to savoury mince.



Governors' “Reading for Pleasure” Project

Our School Governors are currently supporting the school with a very exciting project to revamp our school library. Please see below for a message from them about the project.



Reading for pleasure

Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our ongoing commitment to developing a love of reading, we're excited to update you on our ambitious project to transform the school library.

Why This Matters

Reading for pleasure is distinct from curriculum-based reading. It's about nurturing a genuine love of books and making reading a joyful experience that children choose to engage in. Research consistently shows that children who read for pleasure develop stronger vocabulary, better comprehension skills, and greater empathy.

The Current Situation

Our existing library, while well-stocked, has several limitations:

- Limited space
- A book collection that needs refreshing
- Less than ideal furniture
- Insufficient space for group work

Our Vision

We're planning to relocate the library to the Indigo Room, which will allow us to create:

- A spacious, dedicated reading environment
- Comfortable, home-like seating to encourage relaxed reading
- Moveable bookcases to bring books into classrooms

- An expanded and updated book collection reflecting contemporary issues, children's interests and modern families
- Space for whole-class reading activities and library sessions

Funding

We estimate the project will cost approximately £10,000. Generous donations from the Southwell Lions Club, Starkey Family Trust, the Southwell Rotary Club and the Easthorpe Trust have kickstarted our fundraising efforts but we're still some way off our target.

How You Can Help

- Signing up as a **reading volunteer** for the school. Reading volunteers come into school to help the children and it is an extremely rewarding role. For more information please email head@lwi.org.uk
- Also, in the coming months we'll be organising a book drive, we will be asking for pre-loved fiction and non-fiction books in good condition. So, please keep an eye out for future communications on that.

If you have any questions or suggestions for future fundraising please contact, David Oswald, Chair of Governors - david.oswald@lwi.org.uk

Thank you for your continued support in fostering a love of reading in our children.
The Governors



Easter Break

Finally, a reminder that we break up on Friday for the Easter holidays. We re-open on Tuesday, 22 April after the Bank Holiday.



Happy Easter, we hope you all have a super holiday!



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Headteacher



Dates for Your Diary

Wednesday, 2 April	6pm Parent Carer Forum
Thursday, 3 April	3pm Easter Hat Parade FSA Pre-loved Uniform Sale
Friday, 4 April	9.30am Family Easter Service in Southwell Minster Photograph orders and Colouring Competition sheets due in FSA School Discos for Y1 & Y2
	Break up for Easter Holidays
Monday, 21 April	School closed for Bank Holiday
Tuesday, 22 April	School reopens for staff & pupils



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