SWINEMOOR
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday, 16th January 2026

Dear Parents, Carers and Governors,

We have now completed our first full week back following the recent holiday and it has been very busy. I was very impressed by the number of Graduates and Masters whose achievements were celebrated in assembly this morning. It has not taken long for the older children to become absorbed in their studies again. We are very proud of them all. Similarly, many children are being awarded Dojos for their hard work, good manners and willingness to take sensible risks. This is all part of our School Aims culture. When children are prepared to 'have a go' at answering questions in assemblies or lessons, this is appropriately admired and celebrated.

For the older children, rehearsals for the audition stage of Swinemoor's Got Talent have been going on all week. The auditions will be held next week. Those who are taking part know when they are expected to perform, in the hope that they may make it through to the show on the last day of this half term. Mrs Sharp informs me that there are more than fifty acts who have signed up for the auditions! Around ten acts will be selected. The children fully understand that, whilst it may be disappointing if they do not make the final show, not everybody can be chosen.

Thank you for doing your best to send your children in smart school uniforms and black shoes. I am also pleased that most of our children are wearing suitable coats on the yard in this cold weather. I would urge you **not** to send toys, stationery and such like to school, as sometimes items go missing and this results in children being very upset. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

I look forward to seeing the children again punctually on Monday morning. It is very good of you to help us to get the most from them by ensuring that they attend as regularly as possible. We have bought special 'Attendance Pencils' for those who complete a full half term with no absences! Some absences cannot be avoided, but it will be nice to praise and celebrate those children who manage to come to school every day. We shall do this every half term, so that every child has every chance of winning one of these.

I do hope that you all have a lovely weekend with your families.

Yours sincerely,

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