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## Head of School Welcome - Mrs Golding

Welcome to Spring term!

The children have all settled back into school well and it has been a wonderful start to the New Year. I have been very impressed with how well the children have settled back into school after the Christmas break .

I would like to extend a warm welcome to Mr Swift, our new Executive Headteacher, who joined us in January. Mr Swift has worked alongside our school for several years now and is delighted to continue his work as our new Executive Head. Finally, I am delighted to announce that from January, Mrs Groves has taken up a new role as Acting Deputy Head at St Botolph's. I know that this will be a fantastic appointment to our leadership team.

### School Uniform

All children are expected to wear academy uniform at all times, which consists of: jade green jumper or cardigan (with or without logo), grey or black skirt, pinafore or trousers (not a fashion trouser, leggings or tracksuit), white or jade green polo shirt or plain white blouse, white, black or grey socks or tights and sensible black shoes (no trainers with white logos/colours please). Also no extreme hairstyles or colours please. If anyone is struggling with the cost of uniforms, then please contact us.



### Attendance

Firstly, we would like to thank all of our parents and children for their hard work in ensuring our children come to school on time every day.

Our safeguarding home visits will continue this term for any child who is absent for more than two days, or whose absence is causing a concern.

If you are experiencing difficulties in your home which are preventing your child from attending school please reach out and contact us. There are many agencies and things in school that we can do support you and your child in attending.

### Diary dates for this term

- 3rd February—Children's Mental Health Week
- 11th Feb—Safer Internet Day
- 12th February—Young Voices
- 14th February—coffee morning
- 14th February—school closes for half term
- 24th February—school closed for INSET day (Monday)
- 25th February—school re-opens
- 27/28th February—Y4 residential
- 6th March—World Book Day
- 21st March—Red Nose Day
- 24-26th h March—PGL
- 3rd April Easter service St Botolph's Church
- 3rd April—Easter Bingo (parents and children—after school)
- 4th April—coffee morning
- 4th April—school closes for Easter
- 22nd April—school opens (Tuesday)

## Happiness Hero's

In Autumn term we launched the "My Happy Mind" in the up-coming weeks we will be selecting "Happiness Heroes" from each class in school.

Happiness Heroes are a group of students who promote the My Happy Mind program in their schools. The program is designed to help children develop positive habits and skills to support their mental health and wellbeing.

What do Happiness Heroes do?

- Spread happiness around their school
- Support other children with their wellbeing
- Introduce new features of the program to their classes
- Help staff ensure that the program is making a difference
- Support children who might need a playground buddy



**Our Safeguarding Leaders in school are:**

A poster for 'St Botolph's CE Academy' titled 'Meet our Safeguarding Team'. It features six circular portraits of staff members arranged in two rows. The top row includes Stephanie Golding (Head of School / DSL), Lee Swift (Executive Headteacher / DDSL), and Joy Bell (Safeguarding Governor). The bottom row includes Amanda Howarth (EYF's Lead / DDSL), Karen Haigh (DSL), and Joanne Groves (Key Stage 4 Lead / DDSL). A central text box reads: 'Keeping children safe is everyone's business! If you have any concerns please come and talk to any of the team'. The St Botolph's CE Academy logo is in the top left corner.

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# Meet our Safeguarding Team

**Stephanie Golding**  
Head of School / DSL

**Lee Swift**  
Executive Headteacher / DDSL

**Joy Bell**  
Safeguarding Governor

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EYF's Lead / DDSL

**Karen Haigh**  
DSL

**Joanne Groves**  
Key Stage 4 Lead / DDSL

## Reminders

### Bikes

Polite reminder: if your child comes to school on a bike, please ensure that they are wearing a suitable helmet. All bikes must be wheeled across the playground and stored in our bike storage (near the KS1 playground).



### Parking

Polite reminder - please do not park on the zig zag lines outside school.

