

SPEEN CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL  
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# Parents Newsletter

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## Merry Christmas

With just over a week to go before we break up for the Christmas break there is just time to run through what has been happening in school this half term.

## School Photographs

We hope to receive these early next week and will send them out as soon as they arrive.

## Theatre in the Villages

Diary of a Nobody was an excellent show in November and was well supported from both in and out of the village.

## Parents' evening

The next Parents' evening will be held in March followed by a written report at the end of the Summer Term. Should parents have any questions or concerns in the meantime, please speak to a member of staff.

## Children in Need 15th November, spotty pizzas and cakes

Thank you to Mrs Lucas, Mrs Buxton, and Miss Luckett for organising our Children in Need fundraising day. We raised £114.27.

## School sport



Additional activities this term have been 'Speed stacking', basketball and Unihoc supported by the School sport coordinator from Princes Risborough School. Also all children have had street dance and karate lessons too. Karate will continue next term when the children will have opportunities for more taster sessions, festivals and coaching.



## Worship

Since Rev Denise retired we have been well supported by the Risborough Team ministry at St. John's Church and in our Friday assemblies. Rev James Tomkins, from Monks Risborough leads our Friday act of worship. Ask the children what he carries in his spotty bag.



## Governors

The school governors have been very busy this term. Please look in your child's book-bag for a Governor newsletter giving details of their Autumn term's activities.

## Speen Pre-school

We were very pleased to welcome the village pre-school when they came to visit on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. They played with the big children during morning break and joined in story time with YR before exploring the foundation stage area. We hope to see them for another story time in the new year. Year R and pre-school siblings will be watching their Nativity play at the Baptist Church and they will be coming to see the dress rehearsal of The Tale of the Christmas Tree.

## Rotary Boxes

The Rotary Club were very grateful for the shoe boxes which you generously filled for this annual appeal.

## Morning Yawn

Thank you to Kate Laughton for coming in early on 3 consecutive Friday mornings to teach us all the Christmas song, Santa Claus is Coming to Town, which the children performed fantastically well at the Christmas Fair last Saturday. Year Two will continue to have music with Mrs Laughton in the new year.

## Christmas Fair

As Zoe said in her email to you all last Sunday, the Christmas Fair was a very happy family event. A big thank you to all parents involved in front and behind the scenes. The PTA will let you know how much was raised very soon.



## Mr Johnson

As you will have heard from many different sources, Mr Johnson is leaving his position as Caretaker of the school after many years association. If you would like to contribute to his retirement gift there is an envelope in the school office and we ask that all donations be in by tomorrow please (Friday) as we plan to make a presentation after the evening performance of the play on Tuesday. Mrs Karen Woodward has been appointed to replace him in the January.



## Lighting of Speen Christmas Tree

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2013 – 6:00pm.** Join the rest of the village in carol singing, mulled wine and mince pies. Details to follow.

## Christmas Week in school

Details have gone home via the Monday reminders and also in PTA emails.

**Monday – St John's School Christmas play** All consent forms should be in today if you are planning to watch.

**Tuesday 17 December Christmas Play – 2:00pm & 6:30pm.** ALL children will have a part in BOTH performances. Children should be delivered to Mrs Hayman's door by 6:00pm for the evening performance. Audience entrance for both performances is through Year 2 cloakroom.

## Wednesday 18 December

School will be open at the usual time on Wednesday morning but as the children will have had a late night they may arrive anytime up to 10:00am.

**Thursday 19 December** Christmas Party day. The food list for the children's Christmas Party has gone up in the Reception cloakroom. Please write your name next to the food you would like to provide. Children may bring party clothes to change into before lunch. Footwear should be suitable for school. School will finish at the usual time – 3:00pm.

## Friday 20 December



Nativity Service 9:15a.m. at St John's Church, Lacey Green. It is a tradition that the Reception children take part in the nativity. Costumes will be provided on the day and they will need to be at the church by 9:00am please.

School finishes at 2:00pm.

**Monday 6 January 2014**  
**School re-opens at 8:40am**

**Merry Christmas**  
and a  
**Happy New Year**

Denise Nayna