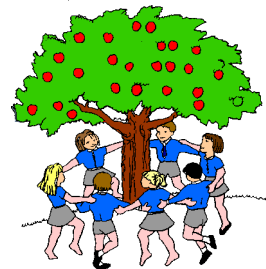


SPEEN CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL  
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# Parents Newsletter

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## A belated Happy New Year to all our families

After such joyous celebrations of Christmas last term, we start the year eagerly anticipating the completion of the Key Stage One extension. It should be finished in the next couple of weeks when we can move resources and children into the bright new area. The staff and governors are very grateful to the Diocese of Oxford Board of Education who supported and administered the application of funding for this project.

We warmly welcome Hugo to the Foundation Stage with Mrs Hayman. Already he is so settled that it is as though he has always been in the class.

## See below the exciting activities planned for this term.

### Physical Education School Sport

Designated funding direct from the government is being used to further extend opportunities for all pupils the access activities within and outside the school day, as appropriate. It is also being used to purchase staff training and equipment.

This terms programme:

- Karate lessons
- Gymnastics after school club
- Cheerleading coaching
- Basketball coaching and equipment
- Unihoc tournament
- Cross country festival
- Basketball tournament
- Visit of the Paralympic torch from Sochi.

Not all children can take part in all activities but we try to ensure that opportunities are allocated fairly.

Last term Mrs White was working with Mrs Hayman on Friday mornings to develop PSHE- Personal social and health education. This term she will be again working with Year One in addition to supporting Mrs Lidington in Year Two

Rev James Tomkins, from Monks Risborough, continues to lead our Friday act of worship during the interregnum.

### Governors

This term's meeting is on February 27<sup>th</sup>. Before that the committees are meeting to ensure that they are confident that all aspects of the school are running smoothly. They will be considering the latest government directives and how best to ensure they have a positive impact on your children's development. One area for this term is the need to plan for the introduction of free school meals to all infant children. We are awaiting the details from Bucks CC as to how the kitchen will be reconfigured. The PTA has kindly agreed to defer their refurbishment to coincide with this development. Governors are volunteers from the community who give a great deal of time and energy to the school. In addition to individual training through Bucks Learning Trust, the whole governing body had training from the Oxford Diocese last term about the Statutory Inspection of Anglican Schools which will happen in the Autumn Term.

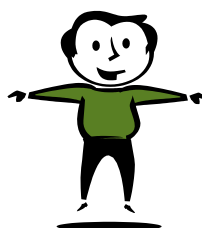
Next week there will be whole governing body training on the latest Ofsted Framework.

### Student teachers

Again we will welcome 2 students from Oxford Brookes University from February 10<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> March. They will be working with Year One and Year Two.

### Sainsbury Active Kids

We shall be collecting vouchers for sports and outdoor equipment from 29<sup>th</sup> January. Please ask your friends, relatives and neighbours to collect for us. The box will be in YR cloakroom.



**Dates for your diary:**  
January 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Cheerleading- YR and  
KS1 for 6 weeks



January 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Y2 Unihoc tournament Princes Risborough (Upper) School	March 28 <sup>th</sup>	Energize dress rehearsal at Wycombe Swan. Performance 7:00pm. Details to follow
January 27 <sup>th</sup>	Prayerworks - 1:45, Mel Nagele's house (Tommy Y2)		
January 28 <sup>th</sup>	Cool Milk Assembly – free milk for all children		2:30pm Mother's assembly in school- all welcome
January 29 <sup>th</sup>	Speen Pre-school visit to YR	March 29 <sup>th</sup>	Energize matinee 2:00pm
February 4 <sup>th</sup>	Speen School hosts the KS1 Cross Country festival on Speen Playing Fields. 1:00. Come and cheer the teams on. PTA are providing refreshments- Angela Forkgen	April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	KS1 visit to Chiltern Open Air Museum. Curriculum focus- Design and Technology, History.
February 7 <sup>th</sup>	Basketball coaching for KS1 in games lesson for 6 weeks	April 4 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term Service 9:15am St. John's Church Lacey. All welcome.
February 10 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 only first Energize rehearsal.		Last day of term. School closes at 2:00pm
February 14 <sup>th</sup>	Last day before half-term holiday	April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	School closed for in-service training
February 24 <sup>th</sup>	First day back after holiday	April 23 <sup>rd</sup>	First day of Summer term for children
February 25 <sup>th</sup>	Whole school trip to Waddesdon Manor. Theme- Sleeping Beauty- Curriculum area- English.		Save the dates for the summer term:
March 4 <sup>th</sup>	Shrove Tuesday- Pancakes and fun thanks to the PTA. Parents Evening for YR/1/2	June 13 <sup>th</sup>	Dad's (or Grandad's or other adult's) afternoon. Following the success of last year's build a kite afternoon, another activity is planned for this year. Details next term.
March 5 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening for YR/1 only	June 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Speenschoolfest week Mrs Laughton is already planning this but will need volunteers to help too.
March 11 <sup>th</sup>	Second Energize Rehearsal Y2	June 26 <sup>th</sup>	PTA children's party
March 18 <sup>th</sup>	Speen School World Book Day We have deferred this from 6 <sup>th</sup> March due to other commitments. Please look out for your voucher and further information from Mrs Hayman. Basketball Tournament	June 28 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Summer Ball- more help needed. Can you help? Preparation?, on the night? the next day? Many hands etc!
March 21 <sup>st</sup>	Celebrate and donate to Sport Relief at Speen School- Thanks to the PTA again.		
March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	PTA Safari Supper. Helen Davies has sent an email about this. Book early to avoid disappointment.		
March 24 <sup>th</sup>	1:00pm An elite athlete and WheelPower Ambassador will bring with him a Sochi 2014 Paralympic Torch. He will talk and answer any questions about the games and their legacy. Click on the link to support this charity.		



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