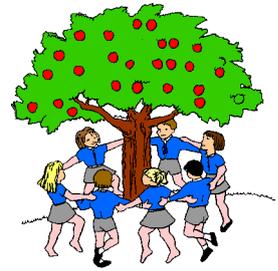


SPEEN CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL  
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# Parents Newsletter

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## Buckinghamshire Railway Centre

The whole school trip to Quanton was a great stimulus to this term's topic. Both classes enjoyed their day discovering how steam trains work, the travelling post office and the great train robbery. There was not enough time to see everything so perhaps this would be a good place for a family visit. The children have come back to school with lots of ideas for further investigation and the outcomes can be seen around the school.

## Speen Pre-school

**6<sup>th</sup> May** Mrs Hayman's class really enjoyed their trip to the Swan Theatre in High Wycombe to see 'What the Ladybird Heard' with Speen Pre-school. The school was pleased to welcome the pre-school children back for their picnic lunch on a beautiful sunny day.

**May 15<sup>th</sup>** Speen Y2 joined other schools in the liaison group for the annual Year Two tennis festival at Risborough School.

**W/b 19<sup>th</sup> May Walk to school week.** A message from the travel Plan coordinator, Mrs Dow:

"Thank you all for your efforts to make Walk to School Week so successful. On our walk to school day the area around the school was completely car free and the children who took part in the scavenger hunt did a great job. Well done to all pupils and their parents."

**Sainsbury Vouchers.** The collection box is in Mrs Hayman's cloakroom so please ask friends, neighbours and family to save them for us as we always purchase something special with our vouchers.

**6<sup>th</sup> June** Foundation stage joined Windmill and Speen Pre-school at St. John's School for the launch of Speenschoolfest. Mad Science day involved a science show and hands on experiences in preparation for Speenschoolfest week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> June. We will be hosting a Stargazing festival for local schools, in preparation for the fantastic PTA/Pre-school Ball.

Many thanks to Mrs Laughton, Speen Festival and an army of volunteers who make Speenschoolfest such a successful event each year.

Puzzled faces, how did that happen?

Dry ice, gravel and a mystery ingredient produced a comet.



Mrs Laughton has agreed to continue with musical instrument tuition for Y2 in September. This is made possible by a subsidy from the Buckinghamshire Music Service through the First Access scheme.

YR has been out and about this term. Following their very thoughtful work about the pond area they were invited to Mr Symonds house to see his wildlife pond. They were delighted to see the duck and her ducklings at home in his garden.



Here YR are talking about food from plants. They were lucky enough to enjoy tasting some of the things they had been learning about too-but nothing they had found in the school grounds.

## From September 2014

### A/ Universal Infant Free School Meals

All Reception and KS1 children will be offered a free hot meal from September. Work begins on the kitchen Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June, following the PTA Ball. The current units will be stripped out and replaced with more suitable equipment. They will need emptying before then. The meals will come from a hub kitchen at Princes Risborough School. Additional lunchtime staffing will be required although Mrs Moore currently struggles to fill Midday supervisor vacancies. Please contact the school if you know of anyone who would be willing to work over the lunchtime period.

## B/New National Curriculum for Key Stage One

Year One must use the new NC from this September. Year 2 will be assessed against the old National Curriculum (NC) at the end of Key Stage One, i.e. summer 2015.

However, the new NC comes into force for Year 2 from September 2015. In order that they will be ready for that, we have decided to teach all the children from the new programmes of study from this September.

Year One and Year Two will be with Mrs Lidington. As this year, English will be taught through Read Write Inc. and the children will be grouped by ability across the school. Parents may like to view the New NC by clicking on the link below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-curriculum-in-england-primary-curriculum>

### Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 7:00pm

There will be a meeting for YN, YR and Y1 parents who wish to know more about the school curriculum. The foundation stage curriculum is not changing.

### Father's Day

Dad's day, den building, 13<sup>th</sup> June was another successful family event. Parents and grandparents arrived bearing a huge array of materials with which they built an amazing array of structures. Perhaps it was Speen's take on glamping. Brazil or Arabia, castle or tepee, rustic or space-age, we enjoyed them all. Thank you to all who came. Thank you to the staff who made the cakes for the children to decorate and put in their decorated picnic bag. The drinks were essential on such a hot day too. Any ideas for next year?



## Dates for the diary

Thursdays 8:30 to 10:30am. London Wasps Move 2 Improve programme for KS1. Fitness, skills and Tag rugby. We will host a tournament on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July Speen Playing Fields.

**17<sup>th</sup> June** Candidates, who are being interviewed for the post of priest in the parish of St. John's, will be visiting the school.

Copies of this newsletter are sent by email to parents and governors and posted on the school website. Hard copies are available on request and also posted on the school notice board.

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June Y2 come and sing** morning Downley School.

### 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> June Speenschoolfest.

We look forward to welcoming Hughenden, Hannah Ball and St. John's Schools and Speen Pre-school to this year's extravaganza. Speen's most creative brains have worked together to plan 2 days of exciting activities.

**26<sup>th</sup> June PTA Children's party** in marquee\*

**27<sup>th</sup> June Golden Wellie** competition at Bledlow Ridge School\*.

The only club this week will be French on Tuesday

**28<sup>th</sup> June PTA/Pre-school Stargazing Ball** – last minute booking may be available.

**30<sup>th</sup> June School closed** for In-service training

**1<sup>st</sup> July Bucks Schools Transfer Day**, Y2 will visit their new school.

**3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> July 6:00pm. Gym and Dance festival** for Y2 at Risborough Upper School. There will be a rehearsal there from 10:00 to 12:00am. Parents transport please.

**3<sup>rd</sup> July pm Music Centre woodwind concert** in school. Special assembly about families in remote Ethiopia

**8<sup>th</sup> July 7:00pm** Meeting for September 2014 Reception parents.

**10<sup>th</sup> July Speen Pre-school sports day**

**12<sup>th</sup> July Speen Fete** –Y1 and Y2 country dancing.\* The PTA are running the Tombola, prizes are needed.

**14<sup>th</sup> July-Tag rugby-tournament** against Hannah Ball and Radnage schools, teams to be announced.

**15<sup>th</sup> July Multi-skills** at Princes Risborough School-as postponed from 4<sup>th</sup> June

**16<sup>th</sup> July Worship trail** Mrs Lidington's class will be visiting the Jubilee Mosque, Kings Church and All Saints parish church in High Wycombe. Parent helpers are needed for this trip. Please contact the office if you would be willing to help. More details later.

**7:00pm Meeting for parents** about New Curriculum

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July Sports Day\***

End of Year Service tbc.

**22<sup>nd</sup> July** Last day of Term school finishes at 2pm

**23<sup>rd</sup> July** School closed for In-service training.

**Bucks County Show Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2014**

We have a large number of complimentary children's tickets for this event. Please call into the office if you could make use of them.

\* More information coming later

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If you would like this newsletter in another format please inform the school office.