

# Parents Newsletter

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## NEWS

### Governors

The hard working members held their termly meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> February when Rev Canon Tony Bundock, minister at St. John's Church, Lacey Green and Simon Floyd, parent of Owain in Y1, joined the reconstituted governing body.



**Speed Stacking-** Y2 had an extra lunchtime club.

Young leaders from Princes Risborough School helped them develop their hand-eye coordination through stacking cups- really fast! This is part of our package purchased using Sports Premium from Risborough Sports Partnership.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> March Usborne Book Fair

Many thanks to parents who purchased books on parents evening. The school was able to buy more than £100 worth of books from the commission to add to our refurbished library, which is nearly finished. The anthologies are very popular with the children so look out for them. The children are fortunate that £3500 of new books have been added to the stock. We are grateful to The Speen Shop Charity for £500 to buy books for the more able readers. The staff would like to know how parents would like to make more use of this great facility with their children. Please discuss your ideas with Mrs

Hayman.

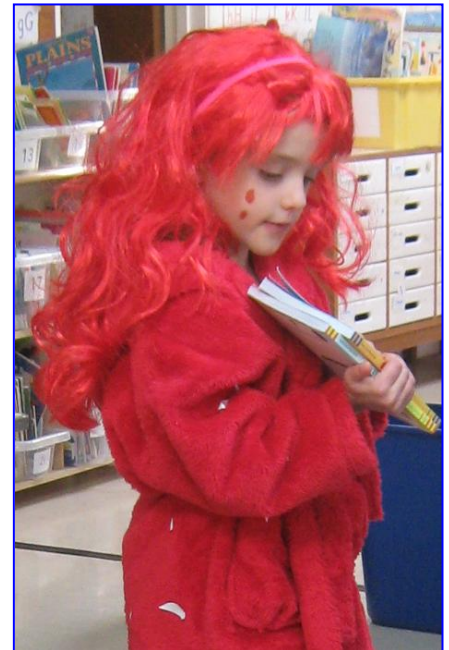
**7<sup>th</sup> March PTA Safari Supper** I don't think I can fully understand the logistical challenge which faced Helen Davies when trying to find enough hosts and allocate guests, but again she pulled it off. What a great evening. Torchlight processions crisscrossed the village and then led back to school for yummy desserts, cheese and a bop. Past parents, villagers and friends joined the school

community for a really enjoyable time. Thank you to Helen and all those who helped and supported the PTA.

### 5<sup>th</sup> March World Book Day

The children looked amazing and were very well prepared for the public speaking

competition about a favourite book or character. Well done to everyone, it is truly very difficult to choose the best. The winners this year were: Y2- Joey, Y1- Sophie, YR- Hugo. Congratulations to all who took part.



**Attendance and Sick notes** Parents should follow up telephone calls on the first day of absence with a note to explain why their child was unable to come to school. These notes are kept on file. Mrs. Moore is still spending a considerable amount of her valuable time chasing parents for these notes. Please send one in on the first day that your child returns to school.

## 10<sup>th</sup> March Whole school trip to Whipsnade

**Zoo.** This was a splendid outing to supplement this term's topic. We were truly blessed by the weather. The sun shone all day. Ask your children about maltesers and giraffes! The children were very well behaved, even for the hour on the way back sitting on the coach waiting for an accident to be cleared. Perhaps they welcomed the opportunity to rest their tired legs.



**Friday 13th March Comic Relief, Red Nose Day.** Your children did Something Funny for Money again this year. It was an option to wear funny headgear and then tell a joke to the whole school. Well done to all Mrs Hayman's class who engaged their audience well because they had memorised their jokes. The PTA supplied joke books as prizes and the winners for this were Y2 Daniel, Y1 Lucy, YR Jacob. Well done.

**Mothers' assembly** in school, Mothering Sunday was celebrated with children's paintings, messages, prayers and songs to show the children's appreciation of their mummies. Y2 wrote kennings in English lessons and YR and Y1 told their mothers why they were so special. Thank you for joining us.

### Students

Miss Cleaver will complete her work placement in Mrs Hayman's class at the end of term but will join Mrs Lidington's class after Easter.

Miss Lamb and Mrs Hagues will have completed their school experience at the end of term and will return to Oxford Brookes University.

### Assessments

Standardised Assessment Tasks (SATs) - Y2 will be assessed between now and the end of June. During May, SAT examination papers will be used and the results will be included in the written reports at the end of the year. For Year One their Phonic ability level will be checked in June. Next year their end of Key Stage One assessments will be in a different format. YR will have written reports will detail their progress against the Early Learning Goals.

### Final events this term

- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 9:30 Final **Karate** Session of the year. Parents from both classes are invited to watch and listen to the last session this year
- Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March **Parents e-safety workshop** 3:00-4:00pm in school. Children can be supervised elsewhere in school during this meeting
- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March YR and Siblings will attend **Speen Pre-school Easter Service**
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 9:15am End of Term **Service St. John's Church**, Lacey Green. Last day of term. School finishes at 2:00pm .

**Active Kids Sainsbury vouchers.** We are collecting this term and the box is in YR Cloakroom. Please ask friends and family to save them for us.

### Dates for the diary

- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April first day of Summer term
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April Speen Playing Fields KS1 Cross Country Festival
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May Bank holiday
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May Y2 tennis festival Princes Risborough School
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June KS1 Multi-skills tournament Princes Risborough School
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June Dad's day at Speen, 2014 was den building, 2013 was kite making and flying, Come on Dads, what activity would you like to share with your children on a Friday afternoon? Please let us know.
- 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> May half -term holiday
- w/b 22<sup>nd</sup> June Speenschoolfest week
- Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> PTA Summer Ball
- 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> July Princes Risborough Gym and Dance Festival
- 7<sup>th</sup> July County Transfer day
- 11<sup>th</sup> July Speen fete
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July Last day of term
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July School closed for In-service training.

### After-school Clubs

Monday-Let's Get Cooking Club KS1  
Gardening Y2

Tuesday- French 3:15-3:45  
Wednesday TBD  
Thursday- Sports 3:15-4:15

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