

# Parents Newsletter

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## Summer term 2015

We welcome Wilfred, Ruby and George to our Foundation stage class with Mrs Hayman this term. We hope that your parents receive all the information they need, through this newsletter (which is also posted on the school website) and Mrs Moore's Monday email reminders. Mrs Moore can usually be found in the office before school if you have any queries.

We welcome Mrs Chandler back after her absence for an operation. She was also summoned for 2 weeks of jury service. I am very grateful that Mrs Woodward has covered her absence in the kitchen. There is a vacancy for a midday supervisor on Tuesdays. If you can help, even occasionally, please see Mrs Moore for more information. When we do not have sufficient MDS one of the Teaching assistants has to cover and this takes at least an hour out of their teaching time each day. They support individuals and small groups and this time can never be recovered.

## School signs



Our new logo has been used on the new signs at the gate and around the school. The governors have sourced bright modern signs and there is an additional notice board for the latest information-the tree.

## Basketball skills

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March KS1 festival. The children were placed in mixed teams and so could make friends from other schools. This was the last festival for the Spring Term. See below for Summer events organised by the Princes Risborough Sports Partnership.

**Karate** Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March was the final session of the year. Parents were invited to watch and listen to the school and see how the skills learned develop self-discipline.

**e-Safety** On Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March there was a BCC workshop for parents. There is an element of teaching about being safe on-line in each unit of our computing curriculum. Keeping your children safe and preparing them for life in modern Britain are important to Speen CE School. And so in addition, in April, the staff received 2 sessions of CEOPS e-Safety training from BCC.

**KS1 Cross Country Festival** Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April Speen Playing Fields. Another successful event for the Princes Risborough Sports Partnership thanks to Mr. Tuffin and his Young sports leaders. Congratulations to all the competitors especially the Y2 boys team who came first, Holly - 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Y1 race and Anna - 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Y2 race. The PTA refreshments were also a winner - well done everyone.



## School council

A new school council was elected by KS1 at the beginning of term.

The council elected the following officers: Chair - Leo, Vice-chair -John, Treasurer - Ivy, Secretary - Emily B. I am eager to hear about the issues which they consider to be important.

**Attendance and punctuality** Lessons on both classes begin at 8:45am and all children should be at work in the classroom by then. Parents should aim for the children to be in the cloakroom by 8:40am. Recently a number of children have been late and this time lost from lessons adds up for the whole class.

**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. Closing date for issue is next week 5<sup>th</sup> May. Please send them in as soon as possible so that we can order some new things from their catalogue. Last year we bought clothing for outdoor learning with our vouchers.

### Healthy Schools

This scheme includes Personal and Social education-including Relationship and Sex Education (PSHE), healthy eating, physical activity-including the school travel plan and road safety, emotional health and well-being - for staff and pupils - including respect for diversity and equality. Much of this is embedded in the wider curriculum of the school. An area which requires more support from parents is the School Travel Plan which is part of Physical activity. There are a number of activities which have been led by parents, such as Footsteps training and walk to school week. Many of these parents have moved on and if we are to continue to give the children the skills to keep themselves safe we need parental support. This was an item on the PTA agenda this week: if you were unable to come and would like to help please call in to the office.

### School Library

Our refurbished and re-stocked library will be open to parents/carers with their children from 8:15am until 8:40am. Come and enjoy a quiet time, share a story or research something of interest from the non-fiction section. All welcome.

### Dates for the diary

- **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May** Bank holiday
- **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May** Y2 tennis festival Princes Risborough School
- **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May Pippa Hart photographs** – please see letter going home today
- **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May** – whole school trip to Shortenills – please see letter going home today
- **25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> May half –term holiday**
- **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June** KS1 Multi-skills tournament Princes Risborough School

- **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June** Dad's day at Speen
- **w/b 22<sup>nd</sup> June Speenschoolfest week**  
Mrs Laughton, her music colleagues and Speen PTA are planning an exciting and varied programme of music, and art for the week. We hope to welcome Speen Pre-school, Naphill and Walters Ash, Hannah Ball and St. John's schools. Volunteers will be needed for each day please.
- **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June** PTA Summer Ball
- **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June** School closed for in-service training
- **Thursday & Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> July** Princes Risborough Gym and Dance Festival - evening performances.
- **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July** County Transfer day. Children moving on spend time in their new schools on this day and the year groups at Speen move on for part of the day to the class that they will be in
- **Saturday 11th July** Speen fete - lots of traditional competitions and stalls with the highlight being KS1 country dancing display.
- **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July** 1:30 pm Sports day
- **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July**  
9:15am Leavers service at St John's Church, Lacey Green.  
Last day of term for children – school finishes 2:00pm
- **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July** School closed for in-service training.

### After-school Clubs

Monday Gardening Y2  
Tuesday French 3:15-3:45  
Wednesday Tennis/Cricket KS1. There are vacancies for this free club 3:15-4:15  
Thursday Athletics - first half term block 3:15-4:15. Those on waiting list will be allocated a place after half-term. YR/1/2 can apply for a place for this club for the second block.

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