

Parents Newsletter

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Plans for next term

The governors decided to recruit additional classroom staff for September. We are pleased to tell parents that there will be additional teaching and teaching assistant hours so that all the children will benefit. Unfortunately Mrs Chandler will not be back in the classroom at the beginning of next term while she recuperates from an operation.



Over the past year Mrs Hearn left the Board of Governors and we will be very sad to lose Mrs O'Brien at the end of term. Both have been very hard-working governors who have the welfare of the families and staff at heart. We are expecting Mr Blundell and Mr Foster from the village to join the board in September. We are also saying goodbye and good luck to many Year Two's and their families. I am sure the staff and PTA will look forward to seeing you again and letting us know how the family is getting on.

In the planning for next term will be the harvest festival, Macmillan coffee morning and a whole school trip to the Royal Albert Hall for the Primary Proms. Look out for information about Numberfit Tuesdays. Jeni Fairey will run the environment after school club and French will continue on Tuesdays.

10th September 7:30pm Curriculum meeting for parents of Mrs Hayman's class.

24th September 7:30pm Governors annual meeting with parents followed by the PTA AGM. All parents are members of the Parent Teacher Association. Please come and meet the governors, ask questions and have your say.

News The summer term is always very busy at Speen CE School and this year has been no different.

Tuesday 16th June KS1 Multi-skills tournament Princes Risborough School. Speen CE School was successful in winning this athletic team event against the other schools in the area. Well done, Year Two.

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 boards.

Friday 19th June Dad's day. Dads and Grandads were recreated on the school field during our annual Father's Day celebration. There were some very amusing, flattering and not so flattering images. Thank you to all who came and to Mrs Lidington for providing the cakes.

W/b 22nd June Speenschoolfest week

Mrs Laughton, her music colleagues and Speen PTA organised a fabulous week of activities.

On Monday we welcomed orchestras from Naphill and Walters Ash School and from St. John's School whose repertoire included pieces from BBC 'Ten Pieces' which children should know. One of these was The Firebird which was part of our theme for the week.



Y2 played their violins very well and there were past Speen students in St. John's orchestra performing too.



On Tuesday the PTA organised a day of Indian Dancing from the arts group Wisemoves.

Speen Pre-school joined us to learn dances with classical Indian gestures to tell stories. These contrasted with the Bhangra party style. The children also enjoyed some delicious home-made Indian snacks made by Shobna.

On Wednesday Year Two had a day of Indian themed arts at St. John's School. Here at Speen School the other children had a morning of art and poetry writing with Jeni Fairey and Sarah Uhart.

On Thursday the school population was nearly trebled by the Y2 classes from Hannah Ball and St. John's schools. The story of The Firebird was told through the children's Indian dancing. A giant peacock, patterns and clay models of Indian animals were made and the children wrote imaginative poetry. All three schools performed the firebird story for their parents at the end of the day. This day was sponsored by Speen festival and supported by an army of parents and villagers. Thanks to Kate Laughton and her amazing team. The website for this year's Speen Festival is www.speenfestival.org Tickets for the events from 5th -20th September can be bought on the website and there is information about the free events too. After a hectic few days the children had their annual summer party in the marquee which was then cleared of plastic and paint and decorated for the Bollywood Ball on the Saturday evening. The weather was perfect and the PTA raised £4000 Thanks to the hard-working ball committee, their helpers and the donors and purchasers of the great raffle prizes and auction items.

30th June The Rector, Rev David Williams and his crew came to tell the children about Risborough Lighthouse activity week at the end of the month.

Find out more
<http://www.princesrisboroughlighthouse.co.uk/>

Thursday & Friday 2nd/3rd July Princes Risborough Gym and Dance Festival – Year Two joined the other schools in the Risborough Sports Partnership for 2 evenings which showcased the breadth of dance and gymnastics which is taught in our schools. Year Two demonstrated their strength and agility in a fast moving gymnastic display. Their dance item featured moves that they had learned during Speenschoolfest performed in a lively Punjabi Bhangra style. What talented children!

9th July The school was pleased to be invited the Speen Pre-school sports day again this year. The children really enjoy watching the younger brothers and sisters and young friends and are

always made very welcome at this event.

Friday 10th July was the day when our school video was filmed. Look out for it on the school website. www.speen-cofe.bucks.sch.uk

Saturday 11th July Speen fete

The PTA tombola stand was heaving with parent's donations at the fete this year. This, together with the other attractions will have helped the fete raise funds for the playing fields, village groups and other charities. The children were very patient while waiting for their cues in the hot sunshine but managed to complete their programme of country dancing like professionals.

13th July Moira is back from South Gonder in Ethiopia and came to an assembly to let us know how the charity, that she is funded by, has changed the lives of families in a remote area of the country. The school there is growing and Moira brought our children a present, an album of photographs of their lessons. Our children were very impressed by their gymnastic display and how they are beginning to read and write in English and their own language too.

Tuesday 14th July 1:30 pm Sports day. It did not actually rain but the children ran, threw, balanced and dribbled at speed before tucking into ice-cream generously donated by Beechdean Dairies. Scrumptious cakes from parents completed a perfect afternoon. Thanks for coming. Mr Scott (Henry) was in charge for that day as his parents purchased the opportunity at the Ball. Thank you for your generous donation. Mr O'Brien (Reuben) will be in charge of YR on Monday 20th July.

Thursday 16th July Golden wellie competition at Bledlow Ridge School. KS1 from the other schools in the Princes Risborough Liaison group compete for 'The Golden Wellie' in an 'It's a knockout' range of team activities.

Monday 20th July. Gardening Club Assembly 2:30. Many thanks to Mrs Buxton and her team for running this club. The whole school has benefitted from your efforts.

Tuesday 21st July 9:15am Leavers service at St John's Church, Lacey Green.

Last day of term for children – school finishes **2:00pm**

Wednesday 22nd July School closed for in-service training.

I wish you all a happy and safe holiday and look forward to seeing you in September.

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