

SPEEN CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

Parents Newsletter

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Staffing

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs Clark as a teaching assistant working Monday-Wednesday. The governors are currently recruiting support staff for January 2016.

News

The children have been very busy since the last newsletter.

PTA Congratulation to Clare Morris on being elected chair this year. I know the other officers and the rest of the parents will support her in the many fun events over the year.

Friday 25th September Macmillan Cancer Care, Speen School coffee morning.

Many thanks to those of you who sent cakes, served coffee and donated to this worthy charity. Year Two also enjoyed being the hosts. You raised £160 and the cakes were delicious.

October is Walk to School Month but being a 'Healthy School' we like to encourage walking to school throughout the year. Stickers will be awarded for walking, cycling, scooting and park/walking in the morning.

Harvest Festival Monday 5th October 9:15am.

St. John's Church looked beautiful as it was decorated in autumn colours for the harvest festivals. Families were very generous with their donations to Saunderton Lodge. Thank you. Mr Fairless made a delicious wheatsheaf which the children shared in school which re-enacted the story told by Canon Tony. The Year Two children had written beautiful and sophisticated poetry which they read from the pulpit. Year R joined in the enthusiastic singing too.

School Council

Each term year one and year two elect their representative on the school council. The council elect their officers for the term.

The successful candidates are: Charlie-chairperson, Hugo-Vice chairperson, Holly-Secretary, Amelie-treasurer

Also elected were Edward, Oliver, Sophie, Henry, Rory and Jude. We will await their deliberations on how to improve their experience at school.



Book Week October 5th – 9th

Tuesday was 'Dress like a pirate day' which began at 8:15am with sea shanties and hornpipes, see above. Even the Numberfit crew joined in the pirate theme. In the rest of the week both maths and english had an exciting pirate theme.

Book fair. Thank you for buying so many books. The school gained commission of over £170 in teaching resources. There were so many lovely titles it was a great opportunity to stock up on presents for the future.

Wednesday 7th October

Whole school trip to London. The day began with a coach journey to the Royal Albert Hall. We joined thousands of children listening to young people sing and play a broad range of music. A highlight was joining in with the rugby World cup anthem as part of the Berkshire Youth Symphony Orchestra performance from Jupiter by Gustav Holst. We left the iconic building and each year group walked to the Science Museum where they ate their picnic lunch and then viewed the flight and space galleries. The next day the children had lots to say about their great day out.

Speen Baptist Church

Rev. Heather McIntyre has been visiting school for assemblies and coming to our services in Lacey green recently. We are pleased that she is being inducted in the post of Minister on 7th November. We look forward to seeing more of her. Mr Alistair Blundell has been nominated as a foundation governor for Speen CE School from that congregation.

Also nominated as a governor is Sue Seward, from Princes Risborough, St. Mary's.

Energize

Year Two have the opportunity to perform with 300 children 'The Big Green Adventure' at the Swan Theatre High Wycombe on 18th (evening) and 19th (matinee) March 2016.

This festival of music, dance and drama is a biennial event for state and private schools in the High Wycombe area. Tickets will be available in the New Year. They will be rehearsing the songs and their dance in the New Year.

Welfare Punctuality Teaching time has now increased thanks to the children being in the classroom, settled and ready to learn by 8:45. Allowing a bit longer saying goodbyes at the top of the drive enables the children to walk down with their friends and take responsibility for their possessions, which of course, they do during the rest of the day. Children may get upset when farewells are rushed so we are pleased that punctuality has improved this term. The children in both rooms are now settled to work or changing their home reading books.

Lessons begin at 8:45am and end at 3:00pm. The more independent the children are, the quicker they will be ready to come up the drive at the end of the day. It is good to see that nearly all Year One can now tie their own ties too.

Absence Approval for absence is only given in very exceptional circumstances. Applications should be made in good time for them to be considered. A letter fully explaining any absence due to illness should be received by the school on the first day back.

PE this term Tuesday maths combined with physical activity - Numberfit

Wednesday - Dance

Thursday - Karate

Friday Outdoor PE will be on Fridays. Please ensure your child has named plimsolls, which fit, and a sweat shirt and joggers for when the weather cools.

Dates for the diary

Thursday 22nd October. Sports Partnership KS1 inter-school multi-skills competition, Princes Risborough School Sports Hall. This year's team has been informed.

Pre-school Harvest festival at Speen Baptist Church

Siblings and YR will walk down to join their family and friends.

Friday 23rd October

KS1 Unihoc coaching in school—Miss O'Donnell Princes Risborough school sport partnership.

Y2 recorder lesson with Mrs Laughton

School closes for Half term Friday 23rd October and reopens at 8:40a.m. Monday 2nd November.

Sensory Garden The ground work and structures are being done over the holiday. Jeni Fairey has been tireless in the planning of this amazing project. We hope that other parents will help with the planting. We are being guided on this by an award winning garden designer Kathryn Hibberd.

3rd November and 9th November KS1 Parent interviews

Tuesday 10th November Open Morning for prospective parents.

12th November and 26th November First Aid in schools Training for all staff.

13th November Children in Need. This year with the healthy option! Inspired by BBC Countyfile, a sponsored Ramble organised by Mrs Barlow. Look out for the sponsor forms coming home today.

18th November KS1 Unihoc tournament. Teams and further information coming later.

21st November PTA Fish and Chip quiz night - get your tickets as soon as they are available to avoid disappointment.

Week Beginning 30th November

Final Clubs and Karate for this term.

1st and 3rd December Epipen training

Sunday 6th December PTA Christmas Fair A great time to get into the Christmas spirit, make and buy gifts. Look out for further notices from the PTA.

9th December Prayerworks 1:30pm in the staffroom all parents welcome. Come along to join members of our local community who support the staff and families through prayer, coffee and a chat. Young children are welcome.

December 15th – Christmas Production

2 performances. 2:00pm and 6:30. All children have a part in both performances.

17th - Children's party

18th - Nativity Service at St. John's Church. All children take part. Friends and families most welcome

Last day of autumn term. School finishes at 2:00pm

After school clubs

Monday Year 2 Eco Club Finishes 4:00pm.

Tuesday French- Madame Teape Finishes 3:45pm

Wednesday KS1 Film Club. From 4th November – letter going home today.

Thursday Premier sport team games Club. Finishes 4:15pm. Spaces available-at no cost.

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