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We are very happy to welcome many new families to Speen Church of England School this term. We hope that you will be very

happy here.

The governors have also increased the classroom staff this year and we are delighted to welcome Mrs Brewer, who will teach both classes during the week. Mrs Uhart has been appointed as teaching assistant and midday supervisor on Thursdays and Fridays. Unfortunately Mrs Chandler is still recuperating but we expect to see her back later in the term. We are very grateful to Mrs Woodward for covering for her in the kitchen. We have re-advertised for another teaching assistant as we were unable to appoint last term. I will be teaching both classes during the week. Please speak to the class teachers if you have any queries about the curriculum. You should have received the termly curriculum letter.

Foundation Stage-Mrs Hayman is working Tuesday to Friday. Years One and Two-Mrs Lidington also works 4 days (not Wednesdays).

Mrs Brewer will work on Mondays/Wednesdays along with Tuesday and Friday mornings.

Mrs Moore can be found in the office from 8:30am and if you have any administrative queries you can telephone (mornings only), email or call in to see her when you bring your children. Please make sure that your contact details, including email addresses and mobile telephone numbers are current. Should there be an emergency or your child is taken ill at school,

we need to be able to contact you or your nominated representative. If you have arranged for someone else to collect your child from school **YOU** must write on the 'Going Home' sheet, which is on the notice-board in each classroom.



We legally cannot hand over a child without your permission. Any late changes should be telephoned

during the morning when Mrs Moore is in the office.

Welfare

Please remember to send a coat and sunhat (if appropriate) each day. Could each child bring a box of tissues into school office please? We expect colds and 'flu' to spread and we teach the children to bin tissues and wash their hands as recommended.

Children in Key Stage One will be offered immunisation against influenza by nasal spray in school this term. The school will be sending out letters about this when the date is confirmed.

Children who are ill should not be in school. Where children are fit but need to complete a course of medication, this can only be administered in school if it is prescribed for the child, in the original packaging showing the child's name. A parent should complete the relevant permission form with Mrs Rogers or Mrs Chandler. Parents of children on long term medication e.g. inhalers, must re-sign the medical forms at the beginning of each term.

Parking

I have received comments from villagers, who are concerned for the children's safety. They are worried about inconsiderate and dangerous parking. Cars should not park close to or on a junction, nor on

or opposite the yellow zigzags outside the school. Also, only stop on the school side of the road, letting the children out onto the pavement not into the road, which holds up traffic and is unsafe. The children could walk/scooter under your careful supervision. Should you choose to park at the pub, please take care as the St. John's School children are waiting there for their school bus.



Celebration assembly

Each Thursday we celebrate the children's achievements in and out of school. We are keen to congratulate them on their successes in areas such as dance, sport, music and art competitions, festivals, certificates and prizes. Carefully packaged and named items can be brought in and shared with the whole school. Mrs Lidington's class have sticker charts and earn stickers throughout the day including for each day they have read at home. Each child is awarded a certificate for completing their sticker chart. We hope that every child will read a book or

chapters each day and parents should record this in the home-school book.

School Lunches

The menu has been sent out and is on the website. Please talk to your children about their choices from what is available. This term there is an increased variety of salads so that they can eat their 5 a day. If you choose to send a packed lunch, then follow our guidelines carefully. Under no circumstance may you send in anything containing nuts or nut products, including dressings, as we have children with allergies in school.

Applying for a school place

<http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/education/schools/admissions-and-moving-school/admission-to-primary-schools/primary-school-open-events/>

If your child was born between 01/09/2011 and 31/08/2012 you need to apply for a school place for September 2016. If your child attends an infant school and will be in Year 2 in September you need to apply for a Year 3 place for September 2016. You will be able to apply online between 4 November 2015 and 15 January 2016. Further information will be available in the 'Starting School and Moving up to Junior School' guide and the 'Primary School Directory'.

PE this term

On **Tuesdays** beginning 15th September for 10 weeks, each class will have one hour of 'Numberfit'. This is being led by highly qualified facilitators who will generate a love of maths combined with physical activity.

Wednesday - Dance

Thursday Karate All the children will have lessons this term beginning on Thursday 10th September in school time. Y1/2 will have a weekly 40 minute session and Year R will have a 20 minute lesson.

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.

After school clubs

Monday Year 2 Eco Club run by Jeni Fairey (Rosie's mum) Finishes 4:00. This club will run all year.

Tuesday French- Madame Teape Finishes 3:45
The first after school club is Tuesday 16th September.

Wednesday KS1 Premier Sport Gymnastic club-coach Mr Jackson finishes at 4:15. This club will stop at half-term after which there will be a KS1 Film Club.

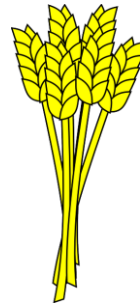
Thursday Premier sport team games Club - began 18th September. Finishes 4:15.
There are spaces available in both sport clubs.

PTA

Annual General Meeting – The joint meeting with the Governors and parents begins at 7:30pm on Thursday 24th September in the school. We hope to see all parents. You can meet the governors, ask questions and elect the new PTA officers. All parents are members of the PTA

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and the staff and governors are grateful for the essential contribution you make to the school.



Friday 25th September 10:15am Macmillan Cancer Care, Speen School coffee morning.

This national event raises money for a very worthy cause. Please come and meet other parents and visitors from the community and sample some yummy cakes once again supplied by our able PTA and served by Year 2.

Harvest Festival Monday 5th October 9:15am.

Please bring friends and family. Parents should take their children directly to St John's Church, Lacey Green, and then bring them on to school after the service. The children will sit with their teachers at the front of the church. Your gifts will be given to the Homeless Families hostel in Saunderton. Families move into the hostel with very few possessions, often with very young children and always in need. Please think of their situation when deciding what to bring. All welcome.

The children will learn more about Saunderton Lodge in a special assembly on Monday 28th September.

October is Walk to School Month but being a 'Healthy School' we like to encourage walking to school throughout the year.

Book Week Mrs Hayman is already planning for another exciting 'Book week' October 5th – 9th when we will hold a Book Fair. Details to follow.

Wednesday 7th October Whole school trip to London. The PTA has agreed to pay for the coach to the Music for Youth Primary Prom at the Royal Albert Hall. Following the concert we will walk to a museum for lunch. More information to follow.

Closing date for nursery applications for January 2016 – **Friday 9th October**

Thursday 22nd October. Sports Partnership KS1 inter-school multi-skills competition, Princes Risborough School Sports Hall. Teams to be announced

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

Tuesday 10th November Open Morning for prospective parents

December 15th –Christmas Production

2 performances. All children have a part.

17th –Children's party

18th- Nativity Service at St. John's Church

Last day of term.

Denise Nayna