

Parents Newsletter

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A message from our Governors:

'The school staff and governors are always keen to survey your opinions and views of aspects of Speen School, and a working group is exploring the idea of providing after school or wrap around care, whether it be on site or elsewhere in the village.

Please would you be kind enough to email Katherine Matthews at the governor's dedicated email address:

governors@speen-cofe.bucks.sch.uk with a Yes or No or indeed please feel free to add further details of your requirements to enable us to proceed with this project. You may not need childcare provision everyday so it will be useful to gauge our parents' specific needs.

Additionally Mrs Nayna and the governors are keen to hold future Parent Forums that in the past have been great opportunities to focus on Parent-School communication, our Reading and Maths schemes and how you can help your child further at home to support their learning. Is there a topic you would like us to present? Please let us know. A date will follow for the spring term.'

Attendance

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.

School sport

Key Stage One have had 2 festivals this term. The first was a multi-skills event where the children were able to meet pupils from other schools in mixed teams. The second was the annual uni-hoc tournament where we fielded two squads and the Year Two team were awarded bronze medals. This team game has proved



popular following coaching from Miss O'Donnell, and the children have asked to play during games lessons.

Karate has finished for the term but will return in January with Mr Wilson.

After school clubs

Monday Year 2 Eco Club Finishes 4:00pm.

Tuesday French- Madame Teape Final 1st December

Wednesday KS1 Film Club. Final 2nd December

Thursday Premier sport team games Club. Final 3rd December

Speen Pre-school

On 11th November Mrs Hayman and Mrs Clark welcomed the pre-school for play and story. This followed being guests at their Harvest festival on 22nd October at Speen Baptist church. Nursery children will be visiting again in preparation for starting in YN in January. The pre-school have also been invited for the dress rehearsal of our Christmas play at 9:30 Monday 14th December. YR and siblings will be walking down the Baptist Church on the 17th December to attend Speen Pre-school Nativity Service. Parent helpers will be essential for this walk. Details will follow.

13th November Children in Need. Many thanks to Mrs Barlow for organising the Countryside Ramble. The route took the children, staff and parent helpers along Water Lane and through Mr Holmes wood and down to Mr Williams fields where they met the beautiful alpacas. That was the easy part. Mrs Cleaver's steep hill proved more of a challenge although when asked, the children did not think it had been a problem. Well done everyone for raising a super amount for this worthy cause. Not all the sponsorship money is in yet but the total is expected to be more than £800.

PTA

The PTA Fish and Chip quiz night was a great way to meet new parents and chat with other parents and villagers. This was a social event so it was good to see so many tuck into a delicious meal and demonstrate their vast general knowledge. If you knew the difference between a morel and a Morello you were an asset to your team.

Sensory garden

Jeni Fairey has masterminded a great project which is literally coming to fruition. The plants have arrived and each child will be planting this Thursday 26th November.

1st and 3rd December

Epipen training

Friday 4th December

Morning Yawn 8:30

am Quantum Theatre Group, The Miscalculation of Cap'n Half-Inch

The Lighting of the Speen Christmas Tree and Carols and Mince Pies in the Village Hall. Meet at 6pm at Speen Christmas

Tree on the playing fields. Bring candles, lanterns & lights. Carols, mulled wine & mince pies in the Village Hall afterwards. ALL WELCOME Donation to charity please.



Sunday 6th December 11:00am to 2:00pm

PTA Christmas Fair Raffle tickets have gone home with requests for help from Mrs Ward (Anna Y1).

In preparation Mrs Laughton is running 3 'morning yawns' to wake up your vocal chords

and learn this year's Christmas Single which is Winter wonderland-available on YouTube.

Please arrive in good time for an 8:30 start on Fridays and stay until 9:00 if possible, siblings welcome.



9th December The second Prayerworks of the term at 1:30pm in the staffroom, all parents/carers 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.

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.



December 15th – Christmas Production

2 performances. 2:00pm and 6:30pm. All children have a part. If parents are required to provide a costume a note will be sent

home. Young children may come to the afternoon performance.

Wednesday 16th December School will be open at the usual time but as the children will have had a late night, they may arrive anytime up to **10:00am**.



It is the hot meals Traditional Christmas Dinner today.

Thursday 17th December Pre-school Nativity Service-see above

Christmas Party day. More details from the PTA.

Children may bring party clothes to change into before lunch. Footwear should be suitable for school. Party games and special visitor in the afternoon. School will finish at the usual time – 3:00pm

Friday December 18th Last day of autumn term

9:15am Nativity Service at St. John's Church.

All children take part. YR should arrive by 9:00am. when all costumes will be provided.

Friends and families most welcome. Please bring the children on the school afterwards.



School finishes at 2:00pm for Christmas holidays.

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