

Parents Newsletter

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Belated **Happy New Year** to all Speen families and warm welcome to Milly, Molly and Jessica who are new to Mrs Hayman's class.

Where did Christmas go? The holidays flew by and last year's Christmas celebrations seem to have been so long ago.

Beginning with the PTA Christmas Fair, Mrs Ward was supported by many, many parents so that the children could have a great time making (and buying) decorations and gifts. I always enjoy this event myself which Mrs Laughton contributed to with Early Morning Yawns-singing- ready for a rousing performance. This year's song was The Most Wonderful Time of the year.

After that, rehearsals for Pirates and Mermaids were great fun and the children gave a confident, sparkling performance. I would like to thank the staff for their hard work in putting on such a great show. The children had enjoyed a professional theatre group, Quantum Theatre who gave a performance of The Miscalculation of Cap'n Half-Inch, a pirate themed mathematics play After visiting St. John's School for their KS2 play, which also had pirates, YR and siblings really enjoyed the trip down the hill to the Baptist Church to join in with Speen Pre-school's nativity service.

A traditional Christmas dinner was really enjoyed by staff and pupils but the highlight for the staff was the Year Two parent's gift of a delicious 3 course lunch,



and an extended play time on party day. Thank you. After playing traditional party games, who doesn't like Pass the Parcel, the man in red paid a visit.

The term finished with our moving Nativity service at St. John's Church. As usual, Year Two confidently

led the service with readings, carols and musical accompaniments. Thank you to the families and governors who joined us. No snow or chickenpox this year!

Staffing

Mrs Brewer has changed her working pattern for this term and will teach KS1 all day on Wednesdays and is not teaching on Tuesdays.

I am sad to report that after 6 years Mrs Chandler will be leaving us at Half term. She has 2 roles in school, teaching assistant and Midday supervisor serving hot meals. We have advertised these posts and hope to appoint in the near future.

Sensory garden



The sensory garden is nearly finished. The children enjoy the variety. We can't wait to see how the plants develop and hope they make it through the winter. As well as running the Year Two Eco Club on Mondays, Jeni Fairey has spent a great deal of time on this project, creating a space which children enjoy every playtime. There will be on-going maintenance and development so I would like to hear from other parents who may have a little time to spare to help over the next two terms.

Please send your children in warm, waterproof coats as outdoor learning can take place in all weathers.



Speen CE School Emergency Plan

Mrs Moore has sent out our 'snow chain'. You should keep this information with your phone. Please do not forget to ring the second person if you cannot get an answer from the first, so that the chain is not broken. Keeping your children safe is of paramount importance to us. Should we need to evacuate our building and are prevented from re-entering; we will take the children to the Village Hall. Should that not be appropriate we will go to the Baptist Chapel. This situation has never arisen but we must have a plan, just in case. The snow chain will be used to cascade this information to parents. Please ensure that your contact details are kept up to date.

This term's activities

Easter is very early this year and so this term is short but packed with activity.

Music

Year Two are continuing recorder lessons with Mrs Laughton and should keep on practising. They will begin violin lessons after the half-term break. In the mean time they have begun to learn the songs for Energize ready for their performances of The Big Green Adventure at The Wycombe Swan Theatre 18th and 19th March. Tickets are now on sale from the Swan Box office.

Coaches will be provided for all 3 rehearsals. A free packed lunch can also be provided for the first and second rehearsal. We will be back in time for a late lunch on Friday 18th March.

Sport

In addition to outdoor games which will include basketball coaching from Miss O'Donnell, Numberfit and dance this term, all children are having Karate lessons with Mr Wilson on Thursdays. The KS1 Thursday after-school club is gymnastics. Spaces still available.

Princes Risborough Sports Partnership

Tuesday 9th February KS1 Basketball skills tournament Teams TBA

Thursday 10th March, Speen CE School hosts the KS1 Cross Country festival on Speen Playing Fields. 1:00pm Come and cheer the teams on. The PTA is providing refreshments.

Sainsbury Active Kids Please collect the vouchers which the school can exchange for sport, cooking and gardening equipment. The box is in YR cloakroom. The vouchers will be issued from 27th January to 3rd May. Please mention this to friends and family so they can save them for us too.

More dates for your diary

January 20th PTA meeting Speen CE School
21st Parent's Forum KS1 assessment

February 9th Shrove Tuesday

KS1 Basketball skills tournament Princes Risborough

10th Y2 Energize Rehearsal-all day
Wycombe Town Hall

11th Speen School Internet Safety day

12th School closes at 3:00pm for half-term
Break

22nd School opens at 8:40am for the
Second half of the spring term

29th Y2 Energize rehearsal all day
Amersham

March 4th Speen CE School World Book Day

7th 9:00a.m. are Mothers assembly in school,
all invited.

Year One parents' meetings with Mrs
Lidington

8th Year Two parents' meetings with Mrs
Lidington

10th KS1 Cross Country festival. All children
will either take part or be taken to watch
this event.

12th PTA Safari Supper

15th YR parents' meetings with Mrs Hayman

18th Energize rehearsal at Swan Theatre
Energize performance 7:00pm

19th Energize performance 2:00pm

24th 9:15 Speen CE School Easter Service
at St. John's Church

Speen Pre-school Easter Service at
Speen Baptist Church

2:00pm School closes for Easter
Holidays

Attendance

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. Without a written explanation of illness the absence remains unauthorised.

After school clubs this term

Monday Year 2 Eco Club 3:00-4:00pm.

Jeni Fairey and Helen Davies

Tuesday French- Madame Teape 3:00-3:45pm

Wednesday KS1 Film Club. 3:00-4:15pm Mrs Lucas
and Mrs Barlow

Thursday Premier sport Gymnastics Club. 3:00-
4:15 Mr Watts.

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