

Parents Newsletter

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Staffing

After 7 years we were very sorry to see Mrs Chandler leave us to join her husband in retirement. She will be sadly missed and it has proved a challenge to find replacements for her two roles in the school.

The governors are pleased to inform parents that Alex Jansz will replace Mrs Chandler in the kitchen and the new teaching assistant will be Mrs Newman on Thursdays and Fridays.

21st January Parent Forum

Statutory assessment for Y1 and Y2.

Thank you to all the parents who came to this meeting. Those who did not were sent handouts by pupil post. In response to your concerns about how you could help your child, there has been additional information in the Monday reminders. Thank you for your suggestions. The teachers are submitting information about the content of the week's curriculum and there is A BIG QUESTION as a start for deeper thinking and to develop the children's speech and vocabulary.

Speen CE School Emergency Plan

Keeping your children safe.

Mrs Moore has sent out our 'snow chain' and this was trialled before half-term. It was not entirely successful and we hope that any emergency message will be able to reach all parents more quickly. We have trialled evacuation and lock down procedures this term in order that your children know what to do in an emergency. Perhaps parents could discuss these with the children too when talking about keeping themselves safe.

11th February Speen School Internet Safety day. All children had lessons about this and information about useful websites for parents was sent home by pupil post.

This term's activities

Music



Year Two will begin violin lessons after the half-term break. 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.

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. We supplied 2 squads to this event. The children were able to join children from other schools to form teams. Well done to Lucy and Hermione who were in the winning team.

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.

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 the nature of the illness the absence remains unauthorised.

Punctuality

Lessons are being delayed in the mornings by children arriving late. All children should be in the classroom learning by 8:45am. This is only possible if they are in the cloakroom by 8:40am. A pupil arriving after the register has been taken, and lunches ordered, are considered to have an unauthorised absence.

More diary dates

February 25th 8:00am First of 3 cheerleading sessions for Year Two only.

February 29th Y2 Energize rehearsal all day. Amersham.

March 1st 3:15 – 4:00pm
Usborne Book Fair – all welcome – details to follow.

March 4th Speen CE School World Book Day. Make Believe Drama workshops in the afternoon.

7th 9:00am Mothers assembly in school, all invited.
Year One parents' meetings with Mrs Lidington.

8th Year Two parents' meetings with Mrs Lidington

Parent teacher meetings.

The invites have gone out. If the times

allocated are not convenient, please contact the class teacher directly to arrange another time. If you feel you will need longer than the 10 minutes allocated, please make an alternative appointment directly with the class teacher. Parents should arrive in good time to have the opportunity to look at your child's work before the meeting

March 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

17th Sport Relief – Dress as a Sportsperson to raise money
9:00am – karate demonstration
By all children – all welcome

18th Y2 Energize rehearsal at Swan Theatre

Energize performance 7:00pm
19th Energize performance 2:00pm

21st Whole School trip to Henley River and Rowing Museum
Please note: there will be no free packed school lunch option available today – please remember to send in a suitable packed lunch for your child. More details will follow shortly.

March 24th

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

11:00am Speen Pre-school Easter Service at Speen Baptist Church 11:00am

2:00pm School closes for Easter Holidays

April 11th School closed for staff training

School opens again at
8:40am Tuesday 12th April 2015

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