

SPEEN CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

Parents Newsletter

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NEWS

We have had a short but very busy Spring term with lots of interesting activities for the children around the school topic of Transport.

Speen CE School World Book Day 4th March was marked by Make Believe Drama workshops for each class about a chosen book.

The children had great fun in YR finding Room on the Broom. Mrs Lidington's class enjoyed The Lion, the witch and the wardrobe.

Linked to this was the Usborne Book fair.

Thank you for purchasing books which raised £111 commission which was used for buying new books from their collection.

W/b 7th March There was lots of activity this week

Mothering Sunday was marked by our annual Mother's assembly in school. All the children had prepared something to say about their Supermums. Songs, prayers and a gift of a flowering plant completed their show of appreciation. Dad's Day will be 17th June.



The next day the astronomer and soon to be astronaut Nigel Henbest came to talk to the children about space and his training to join Virgin Galactic going into space in a few years' time. The children had thought deeply about what they wanted to know from Mr Henbest and listened attentively. He explained his passion for space so well that the children's questions had mostly been answered.



On Wednesday, continuing our transport theme, all the children had the opportunity to see inside a car which is used as an ambulance. They were also told the importance of knowing their address and discussed how they would ring for emergency services using 999.



The large medical bag which the paramedics used was examined and models used to practice resuscitation. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Lambert for arranging this visit.



On Thursday 10th March, Speen CE School hosted the KS1 Cross Country festival on Speen Playing Fields. Despite the cold and damp of recent days the children were hardy and ran very well. Congratulations to all who took part. We were very proud of the children and really pleased to come joint second in the tournament. Thank you to parents who provided delicious refreshments too.

PTA Safari Supper

Mrs Davies and Mrs Winson organised another great evening which was well attended by parents and villagers. Hosts provided great food and they and their guests returned to school to savour delicious desserts and then try to burn off the calories on the dancefloor. Memorable images!

Thursday 17th March

Sport Relief

Speen CE School celebrated this national charity by dressing up as a sportsperson and collecting change in a specially constructed trainer savings box. You raised an amazing £148.30. Thank you for all the donations and Rebecca Ellison for her organisation.

Karate

All the children have had two terms of Karate and demonstrated what they have learned to parents in their final session of the year. They showed how they could remember and perform a sequence of moves, count in Japanese and show respect to their coach, Mr Wilson, and each other.

Energize

Every two years, the Wycombe Alliance organises a music, dance and drama festival over three days at the Swan Theatre in High Wycombe. Speen CE School children have been various animals and children over the years but this year was the first time they had been Trees. But what great trees they were. Along with hundreds of other children from other local schools they helped to tell the story of The Big Green Adventure. Each group illustrates one of the songs through dance and drama. This year, Year Two performed cheerleading moves alongside Radnage School to It doesn't pay to be a tree.

Well done, Year Two.



Numberfit

The children have really enjoyed their Tuesday sessions and have benefited from motivating activities and from having maths presented in a variety of stimulating ways. The last session for this year is March 22nd.

Reminder

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

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save them for us too.

Henley

The final event on the Transport theme was a whole school trip to Henley River and Rowing museum. Children, staff, parents and governors were engaged in varied workshops. The FS children had a fantastic morning looking at the river Thames, learning about all the things you need to be able to row and visiting the Wind in the Willows exhibit.



In the afternoon they thoroughly enjoyed finding out all about the Olympics and making their own 'Sporty Ted' picture in the style of a picture of Sir Steve Redgrave which can be seen in the museum. KS1 were dressed for the regatta.

Thursday 24th March Last day of term

9:15 am. Speen CE School Easter Service at St John's Church. Please take the children straight to church and bring back to school afterwards. Friends and families welcome.

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

2:00pm School closes for Easter Holidays.

Summer term 2016

First day of term 11th April Inset day

School opens again for children at 8:40am

Tuesday 12th April



A few of next term's activities

Music Year Two will continue with violins lessons with Mrs Laughton on Friday afternoons.

Wednesday 13th April. YN/YR Mrs Hayman's Stay and Play 8:40 to 9:15. Join your children in their morning activities.

There will be outdoor Sports Clubs run by Premier sport on Wednesdays and Thursdays beginning 20th April

Parent Forum 7:00 pm. Thursday 12th May

Following the successful forum about KS1 assessment we have planned another. There will be two topics for discussion; helping your children at home and wrap around care. If there are other topics which you would like to add, please let us know. This is relevant to all parents.

27th May School closed for In-service training

Friday 17th June Dad's Day. Put the date in your diary for an afternoon of fun with your children in the school grounds.

Golden Wellie competition Wednesday 29th June Bledlow Ridge School

Thursday 5th May KS1 tennis tournament, Princes Risborough School.

Tuesday 21st June Multi-skills tournament 14th/15th July, evenings Risborough Gym and Dance festival Year Two.

Saturday 9th July Speen Fete. KS1 Country dancing.

Details of Speenschoolfest to come.

Wednesday 20th July last day of term.

Thursday 21 July – Teacher training day.

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