

Parents Newsletter

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News

KS1 Tennis Tournament

In May a group of children went to Princes Risborough School to take part in a tennis skills tournament with other local schools. The children were divided up with children from other schools and then went round a series of activities using different tennis skills. At the end the scores of the children from each school were added together. We were delighted to discover that Speen had come 2nd and each of them was presented with a silver medal! A happy ending to a fun afternoon.

NSPCC assembly-Speak out Stay safe – Mrs Lidington’s class. This assembly encouraged the children to speak to a friend or trusted adult if they are worried about anything. We support parents in helping their children to identify risks and keep themselves safe, including when on-line.

Parent Forum Thursday 12th May Mrs Hayman and Mrs Lidington prepared and presented interactive activities about how talk helps us to think and to reason. Parents and governors explored how a young child’s speaking and listening skills predict their future success. Please let the school know if there are other topics that you would like covered in the next forum.

Friday 13th May The whole school went for the day to Shortenills Environmental centre as part of our topic on Habitats. The children explored habitats within a woodland setting and went on safari looking for the animals that lived in them.

Tuesday 7th June KS1 trip to Chiltern Open Air museum to continue their topic of homes and habitats.

The day was split into three parts: exploring natural habitats and looking for evidence of animals; looking at the materials used in the different buildings and thinking why they were used; finally the children built their own houses, when they had to think about safe construction and what they needed to make a good shelter.

Friday 17th June Dad’s day.

Dad’s, or their delegate’s, mission was to make a paper aeroplane to fly far, high and hit a target. Thankfully the rain kept off and the school grounds were a hive of activity. Governors were deployed for each competition and the winners were Emily, Oliver and Isaac. Put the date in the diary now for next year.

Speenschoolfest Week

A non-political arts festival this year centred around Great Britain

The marquee was up and the creative brains put together a week of stimulating activity. This is a school activity where parents take the lead and display an amazing range of talents which they share with the children.

On **Monday**

YN/R/1 were 'beside the seaside' for music, dance, drama and art thanks to Mrs Forse, Millie’s mum, and her team of willing helpers. Year 2 were meeting their new classmates at St. John’s School for a day of history, music and art as they sang traditional songs, made traditional toys and stained glass windows. All thanks to the



organisational skills of Mrs Ward, Anna’s mum. Thanks go to St. John’s School for their hospitality and to Speenfest for funding the day.



On Tuesday Speen Pre-school joined Mrs Hayman's class for fun activities in the marquee. Icons of Britishness, soldiers in bearskins, a bucket and spade collage and post boxes were constructed followed by an hour of musical activity. Mrs Morris and Mrs Khaira were in charge on this day with their helpers. Thank you to the staff of Speen Pre-school for bringing their children over.

In the afternoon 2 KS1 teams attended an Athletic multi-skill tournament at Princes Risborough Upper School. Whilst not as successful as the tennis event in May, they enjoyed a fun afternoon of competition with teams from the Risborough Sport partnership.

On Wednesday, back at Speen CE School, Kate Laughton orchestrated a whole day of more fun with music, dance, drama and art for the Summer Soiree. We welcomed 60 children from St. Johns School for maypole dancing, cake decorating and storytelling. Parents were invited in the afternoon to hear about the three days of activity and watch maypole dancing

Thursday children's traditional Party-Banana Brains, Punch and Judy and party food. Great fun was had by all. Thank you to the parents who provided the food and organised this event.

On **Friday** the PTA army set to work preparing the marquee for the Summer Soiree. Miles of hand-made bunting and children's art decorated the marquee and gave a real feel of a traditional British party.

On **Saturday**, when the finishing touches had been put together, the marquee was filled with guests tucking in to very tasty appetizers while they chatted over a glass of prosecco. Freshly cooked fish and chips were followed by boozy trifles and summer fruits. While the main course came from the van the rest of the food was made by parents and was absolutely delicious.

The Auction of Promises had such a great range of offers; I hope your bids were successful. The donations to the raffle were put together to make enormous hampers. This evening is always a time to meet new people and catch up with old friends and it was lovely to see so many people joining into the spirit of Speen's Great British Summer Soiree. Bop till you drop was the order of the evening. Helen Davies led the PTA troops on this evening.



Many, many thanks to mums, dads and grandparents who put so much time and effort into a whole week of activities, and to Clare Morris who masterminded the whole week. Speen CE School children, staff and governors are so fortunate to have such great support. Profits from the Soiree are being split between Speen School PTA and Speen Pre-school.

After School Clubs

Final clubs this term

Monday 11th July- Year One recorder
Year Two Eco

Tuesday 12th July French

Wednesday 13th July Cricket

Thursday 14th July Athletics

Clubs for next term. Over the past few years, parents have over seen cooking, gardening, environment and film clubs. Parents should contact the school if they would like to organise or support an after school activity in September. Perhaps you have ideas for other clubs.

Events still to come this term

Golden Wellie competition Wednesday 29th June Bledlow Ridge. *

Watoto Choir from Uganda concert. Elim church Princes Risborough. *

30th June **New parents meeting** 7:00pm

Saturday/Sunday 2/3 July **Year Two family camp**.

Monday 4th July 2:00pm Helpers tea

5th July **YR Multi-skills festival** at Princes Risborough Upper School- new event. *

Wednesday 6th July **Mufti day for Speen Fete**, tombola prizes please.

Thursday 7th July **Pre-school sports day** – we will all go up to the village playing fields and cheer the children on.

Saturday 9th July **Speen Fete**. Speen Playing Fields. Have you made you scarecrow yet? **KS1 Country dancing**. Year One and Year Two meet in the marquee at 3:15. Details later.*

*Relevant permission slips have gone home, please send them back promptly, if you have not yet done so.

Monday 11th July Moira is visiting us from South Gonder in Ethiopia again and will update the children about the health and education developments in that area of the world.

Tuesday 12th July Transition day. Year Two will spend the day at their new school and YR will be transform themselves in Year One. All the children should be sent down the drive on their own into the KS1 cloakroom on that morning.

Wednesday 13th July KS1 Worship trail. There is no cost for this excursion. Details will follow.

PTA meeting 8:00pm

Thursday 14th July Y2 rehearsal for G&D festival at Princes Risborough School.

14th/15th July evenings Risborough Gym and Dance festival Year Two.

Tuesday 19th July Sports day 1:30pm PTA refreshments.

Wednesday 20th July last day of term.

Leavers Service St John's Church 9:15 am. All children are to be taken straight to church and returned back to school at the end of the service. All family members welcome.

School closes 2:00pm for summer holidays.

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