

Parents Newsletter

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We are very happy to welcome many new families to Speen Church of England School this term. We hope that you will be very happy here.

Staffing this term:

Reception class Mrs Hayman Tuesday –Friday
Mrs Nayna Monday and Friday morning.

Key Stage One, Years One and Two
Mrs Lidington, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
Mrs Nayna, Wednesday, Thursday morning.

We welcome two new teaching assistants, Mrs Zychowicz and Mrs Hanson, who join Mrs Rogers and Mrs Clark. I am returning to my previous teaching pattern. If you need to speak to me I am usually available on a Tuesday morning or please make an appointment.

Please speak to the class teachers if you have any queries about the curriculum. You should have received the termly curriculum letter.

Mrs Moore can be found in the office from 8:30am and if you have any administrative queries you can telephone (mornings only), email or call in to see her when you bring your children. Please make sure that your contact details, including email addresses and mobile telephone numbers are current. Should there be an emergency or your child is taken ill at school, we need to be able to contact you or your nominated representative. If you have arranged for someone else to collect your child from school **YOU** must write on the 'Going Home' sheet, which is on the noticeboard in each classroom. We legally cannot hand over a child without your permission. Any late changes should be telephoned during the morning



when Mrs Moore is in the office.

Welfare

Please remember to send a coat and sunhat (if appropriate) each day. Could each child bring a box of tissues into the school office please? We expect colds and 'flu' to spread and we teach the children to bin tissues and wash their hands as recommended.

Children in Key Stage One will be offered immunisation against influenza by nasal spray in school on 11th November. The school will be sending out letters about this later.

Children who are ill should not be in school. Where children are fit but need to complete a course of medication, this can only be administered in school if it is prescribed for the child, in the original packaging showing the child's name. A parent should complete the relevant permission form with Mrs

Rogers or a teacher if she is not available. Parents of children on long term medication e.g. inhalers, must re-sign the medical forms at the beginning of each term.

Refurbishment

Over the summer we began with the replacement of chalkboards and repainting of the school so we came back to a bright and cheerful working environment which Mrs Woodward continues to work hard to maintain. There are some more improvements in the pipeline which are also being funded by devolved formula capital grant.

Last year's Year Two parents have provided us with a stylish new buddy bench for which we are very grateful as the previous one, funded by the Awdry family was showing its age.

Travel Plan

Many thanks to Charlotte Barlow - Alexandra YR - who has been busy planning activities to help your children to keep safe. Following the WOW assembly we are charting how your children come to school. The target is to walk to school once a week or if the journey is too far then ride and stride, cycle or scooter. Look out for our sponsored walk in aid of the Road Safety Charity BRAKE later this term.

Parking

Cars should not park close to or on a junction, across resident's vehicular access nor on or opposite the yellow zigzags outside the school. Also, only stop on the school side of the road, letting the children out onto the pavement not into the road, which holds up traffic and is unsafe. The children could walk/scooter under your careful supervision. Should you choose to park at the pub, please take care as the St. John's School children are waiting there for their school bus.

Sunrise Club

Mrs Woodward and the children of the Sunrise Club have been very busy renovating the pirate ship. It is looking really smart and they have enjoyed the fine mornings playing in it. If you wish your child to attend the club, starting at 8:00am please deliver your completed forms to Mrs Moore in the school office. Please note that



only children under Mrs Woodward's supervision should be on-site before the school day.

Mrs Hayman has asked me to report how much more independent and efficient the children are in the cloakroom now that there are no 'giants' in there. She also asks if you could make sure that your child has wellington boots in school for outdoor learning. She would be grateful for outgrown wellies to keep in class for those who forget.

Speen School 50th birthday.



Thank you to parents who helped to organise our celebration of 50 years on the current site and to all who celebrated with us. When the school moved across the road from the old building in 1966 it was considered modern. The building has been considerably extended and modernised and would not be recognisable to Lady Bateman who provided the land. A



service of dedication was followed by planting a commemorative weeping crab apple tree.

Tea and cakes were enjoyed by families, governors and guests from the village. It is always interesting to catch up with past parents and see the children enjoy the beautiful school grounds.

Celebration assembly

Each Thursday we celebrate the children's achievements in and out of school. We are keen to congratulate them on their successes in areas such as dance, sport, music and art competitions, festivals, certificates and prizes. Carefully packaged and named items can be brought to school and shared with the whole school. Each child is awarded a certificate for completing their sticker chart. We hope that every child will read a book or chapters each day and parents should record this in the home-school book.

PE lessons this term

Wednesday - Dance

Thursday Karate All the children will have lessons in school time.

Friday Outdoor PE will be on Fridays. Please ensure your child has named plimsolls which fit and a sweat shirt and joggers for when the weather cools. We have a number of

children with verrucas. Please ensure that they have clean plimsolls in school for indoor PE lessons.

There is KS1 hockey coaching with Miss O'Donnell from the Risborough Sports Partnership 3 weeks beginning 16th September.

Sport Premium is used to fund our membership of the Risborough Sports partnership. In addition to staff training and specialist coaching we take part in a variety of inter-school festivals and competitions. Children take their turn to represent the school and we are very grateful that parents make arrangements to transport their children to Princes Risborough School for these events.

Events this term – time to get your diary out

After school clubs

Tuesday French- Madame Teape Finishes 3:45

Wednesday Sept. 28th to 7th Dec. Dance Finishes. 4:15

Thursday Premier sport Hockey Club. Finishes 4:15.

Tuesday 27th September 7:30pm Annual parent and governors meeting and PTA AGM. All parents are invited to hear from the governors and elect the Parent Teacher Association officers. All parents are automatically members of the PTA. The staff and governors are grateful for the essential contribution you make to the school.

Harvest Festival Monday 3rd October 9:15am. Please bring friends and family. Parents should take their children directly to St John's Church, Lacey Green, and then bring them on to school after the service. The children will sit with their teachers at the front of the church. Your gifts will be given to the Homeless Families hostel in Saunderton. Families move into the hostel with very few possessions, often with very young children and always in need. Please think of their situation when deciding what to bring. All welcome.

Book Week Mrs Hayman is already planning for another exciting 'Book week' October 3rd – 7th when we will hold a Book Fair. Information going home today.

Thursday 6th October. Sports Partnership KS1 inter-school multi-skills competition, Princes Risborough School Sports Hall. Teams to be announced very soon.

Friday 7th October Individual photographs. If you would like photographs of younger brothers and sisters please wait in the playground at 8:45 if fine.

Tuesday 11th October Mrs Hayman's class Stay and Play 8:45 to 9:15am. Parents can watch the children get started on their morning tasks and join them in their play.

Wednesday 12th October Whole school trip to Music for Youth prom at the Royal Albert Hall and visit to the Science museum. Letter going home next week.

Thursday 13th October YR parents meetings with Mrs Hayman. Commencing from 2:30pm – a sheet for you to sign your name against a time that suits is in the cloakroom. You will be allocated 10 minutes each.

School closes for Half term Friday 21st October and reopens at 8:40a.m. Monday 31st October

Tuesday 15th November Open Morning for prospective parents

Thursday 15th December – Christmas Production 2:00pm and 6:30pm. All children have a part in both performances.

Monday 19th December – Children's party

Tuesday 20th December - Nativity Service at St. John's Church

Last day of the Autumn term.

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