

Parents Newsletter

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Welcome back to another busy half-term of learning leading up to our celebrations of Christmas.

We would like to welcome back Mrs Brewer who will be teaching Reception class.

Travel Plan

Charlotte Barlow (Alexandra YR) has continued to plan activities to help your children to keep safe. Children are awarded a walk to school badge for each month this term. Some parents have now been trained to run children's Footsteps training later in the year too. Look out for our sponsored walk in aid of the Road Safety Charity BRAKE during Road Safety Week beginning 21st November.

Governors and PTA AGM 27th September
Governors and parents met to discuss the schools current situation as regards finance, staffing and curriculum. I congratulate the new officers who were elected to the PTA. More details were in the PTA newsletter sent out by the new chair person, Alex Allan.

Governor Katherine Matthews writes:

A new initiative from the school governors this month saw me joining a table of children for lunch followed by a worthwhile catch up with teaching staff. To be repeated termly by a pair of governors it gives us all an excellent opportunity not only to get to know everyone better but also to talk informally to your children about what matters to them in their school. Under the expert supervision of the Mid-day supervisors the behaviour was very good and the hot lunches were generally well received by most because it was apparent from my table that Lancashire Hotpot was quite popular evidenced by the clean plates - including mine! An interest in outdoor learning and the recent trip to the Royal Albert Hall and Science Museum were my group's personal highlights. I shall publish the results of the full pupil survey very shortly and with surveys in mind can I ask parents who have yet to complete the questionnaire sent before half term to please do so if you can spare the time as your opinions matter and in this format are an important way for us to engage with you as stakeholders and effect change.

Harvest Festival 3rd October Speen CE School families were very generous with their gifts for the

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families at Saunderton Lodge. The children wrote poetry readings and prayers for their first church service of the year. Thank you.

Book Week

Mrs Hayman organised Book week which included a date when children came as a child from another country. Stories set in other countries were read and the children used the robot to travel around the world. The Scholastic book fair was well supported and earned the school £79.24 in commission which will be used to buy new books and teaching materials. Thank you.



11th October Mrs Hayman hosted parents for a stay and play session at the beginning of the day. Actually it was really a time to see how well the children tackle their settling activities of handwriting, changing home reading books and computer maths. Jobs are then allocated to the children before the first instruction of the day, which is usually numeracy.

12th October Whole school trip the Royal Albert Hall and the science museum.

This is a special event for the children who enjoyed jazz, classical, choral and steel pan genres performed by children from 8 to 18 years at school across the south of England. Mrs Hayman and Mrs Brewer were in charge of YR. Mrs Lidington supervised year Two and I had Year One. They were really involved in the performance and fascinated by the galleries in the museum, particularly the agricultural machinery, vintage cars and trains.



There was an additional assembly on 14th October when Chris Rattenbury, a powerlifter who is supported and supports Wheelpower, spoke about the Paralympic games in Rio. This charity supports disabled athletes and Chris brought one of the Paralympic torches. The Paralympic flame is kept alight in Stoke Mandeville and was transported from there to Brazil this year.

<http://www.wheelpower.org.uk/WPower>

Speen Pre-school

Speen Pre-school made their termly visit to Mrs Hayman's class 19th October. It is always a pleasure to welcome the staff and children for a play and story.

The next day Mrs Hayman took YR and siblings to the chapel to see the Pre-school Harvest Festival.

Applications for Nursery places and for YR in September 2017 are now open.

After school clubs this term

Tuesday French- Madame Teape Finishes 3:45
Last session on 29th November

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

Thursday Premier sport Gymnastic Club
4 weeks to 24th November.
Finishes 4:15

Dates for the diary

Nov 11th KS1 Flu immunisation

15th Open Morning for prospective parents
9:30 to 11:30am.
No appointment necessary.

Nov 18th and 25th PTA Mufti days and Morning Yawn.
Parents and children join in the singing in the hall from 8:30am.

Children may wear non uniform clothes for these days in exchange for a donation to the PTA. See the PTA newsletter

24th KS1 Unihoc tournament Princes
Risborough School Teams to be announced.

25th Sponsored walk
27th PTA Christmas Fair

Dec 1st School closed for In-service training
9th 2:30pm Y2 recorder concert for Y2 parents with Mrs Laughton.

13th Christmas Lunch – hot school meal
We are invited to the St John's School KS2 Christmas production on this afternoon.
Parent transport required.

14th Speen School Christmas production dress rehearsal.

15th am Speen Pre-school Nativity
Speen CE School Christmas production 2pm and 6:30pm.

16th Children may arrive later after a late night–
-by 10:00am.

19th Staff Christmas Lunch and children's party

20th Nativity service at St. John's Church
9:15am
YR to arrive by 9:00am for dressing.

School finishes at 2:00pm for the Christmas holidays

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Spring term begins Wednesday 4th January 2017
School closed for in-service training

Thursday 5th January First day of term for pupils

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