

Parents Newsletter

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News

We warmly welcome Nazareth and her family to YR. She has joined at a very busy time of year but I am sure that that we can all help her feel at home.

Travel Plan

We are still logging walking to school each day. Unless you live closer, please park and stride from the pub to earn a mark. The energetic children, staff and parents enjoyed their sponsored walk down the hill to Mr William's alpacas as their sponsored walk for the road safety charity BRAKE. They certainly tucked into the hot chocolate and biscuits on a clear crisp afternoon. Please send in any outstanding sponsorship money. Next Term the PCSO will be coming to do an assembly and a theatre group is booked.

November 24th KS1 Unihoc tournament. We sent 2 squads to this annual event and were very pleased that one of them came first. Congratulations to them and our other team who did very well too. Many thanks to the parents who supported the children. The next event is a multi-skills tournament based on basketball skills.

On 6th December all the children took part in Dan the skipping man workshops. Each year group had tailored activities and children were selected to show the other children what they had learned. Year R were the stars of the show for how well they had tried and their behaviour during the workshops. One child was given a rope as the prize for making the most progress and trying really hard. The school purchased this workshop and a set of ropes from the Sport Premium.

PTA

The PTA, under the leadership of Alex Allen, has been very busy recently. The Christmas Fair was a triumph led by Mrs Ward and an army of parents, and grandparents who rotated seamlessly to run the fun activities. It is always a joy to see the families from the village come back to the school too. Also websites have been set up for parents use. Please see the latest PTA

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New folding wall.

This has been fitted between the two areas of our Foundation stage unit. In our school English is mostly taught through the Read, Write Inc scheme and at the moment the children are in year groups each with a trained member of staff. The Reception group is in the lower half of the classroom and Year one are taught in the main area. These doors are already helping with sound proofing as there is lots of lively interaction during these lessons.



Although it is now much milder, the frosty mornings finally froze the beautiful ice sculptures which Mrs Brewer's class have made. Mrs Hayman is making a good recovery and hopes to make a welcome return soon.

Homework

As we near the end of a term in which your children have worked very hard and achieved much the holidays provide time for well-deserved relaxation, rest and refreshment with friends and family. Throughout any school holiday there is the possibility of learning loss. There will be presents of books to read to the children or for them to read to themselves which is great. All Key Stage One have maths homework on-line, Active Learn, in addition to the cross curricular activities on Purple Mash and other websites. Enjoy the Christmas themed activities.

Dates for your diary

Mrs Moore will be sending out a Christmas Festive Timetable with more details. If you have any questions please contact the school.

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December

9th 2:30pm Y2 recorder concert for Y2 Parents with Mrs Laughton.

Lighting of the Speen Christmas Tree with carols and refreshments in the village hall

13th St John's School KS2 Christmas production on this afternoon.

14th Speen CE School Christmas production dress rehearsal.

14th Christmas Lunch – hot school meal

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 please in time for assembly with Rev.Tony.

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

2017

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

January

5th First day of term for pupils

17th PTA meeting 8pm

26th Parent Forum

21st Perform Theatre workshops in English lessons.

After-school clubs for KS1 and Karate begin W/C 9th January.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Denise Nayna