

Parents Newsletter

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From the Governors

We are delighted with the continued improvements in attainment that are now showing through as teaching staff monitor each child's progress so carefully throughout the year. We would like to congratulate children for their hard work and staff for their diligence and skill in making this happen. We would also like to acknowledge the help parents give their children through supporting them with their homework and hearing them read. Please send nominations for parent governors to Mrs Nayna by Wednesday 19th April.

March 7th Speen CE School World Book Day.

The children were very enthusiastic in sharing their favourite books with the whole school. The Usborne book fair raised over £140 in new books for the school. Thank you to the parents and children who came and bought.



Thursday 9^h March, Speen CE School hosted the KS1 Cross Country festival on Speen Playing Fields. YR cheered on the older children and look forward to their turn next year. Congratulations to everyone who took part and especially Katie who won her race.



PE and School Sport.

This month we introduced a breakfast ball skills club starting at 8:00am. There is no charge for this club but parents must sign up for it so that the coach knows for which children he is responsible. We have been having 2 sessions of Positive Play lunchtime activities which any child is free to join in with. Year Two children are being trained to lead games with the younger children when the coach is not there. It is hoped that the children will develop a better understanding of fair play.

See below for next term's PE and School Sport timetable

Karate Thursday 23rd March

Mr Wilson and the children put on a demonstration for parents at the end of this year's Karate course. Challenging activities such as counting in Japanese and remembering a sequence of 20 moves showed how much the children had learnt. We expect that the children will continue in September.



Whole School trip to Whipsnade Zoo

As you can see, the children enjoyed hands on workshops directly linked to the science curriculum. Year One voted for their favourite animals to see which were the butterflies and the penguins.



March 24th was Red Nose Day when Crazy hair was the order of the day. Red noses and wristbands were on sale and staff and children looked really good. £122 was raised for Comic relief.

In the afternoon we held our annual **Mother's assembly** when your children showed their appreciation by speaking, singing and giving gifts to their mothers in time for Mothering Sunday.

Safeguarding

Each term the whole school practises evacuating the site to a place of safety. Our first assembly point is the top of the drive and if that is not safe then we would move to the front of George Farm. In a greater emergency we would move to the village hall or Speen Church if we needed shelter. It is

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important that parents keep to school up to date with contact details. In addition we practise 'Lock down' or 'Sheltering'. This could be when the children are outside or inside. In order to create a safer place new blinds will be fitted to the doors and windows.

Saturday March 18th PTA Safari Supper

This was another triumph of organisation and good will. It was so good to see so many past and present parents and villagers who enjoyed travelling the lanes to be greeted by generous hosts with delicious grub. Thank you to all who hosted, ate, drank and washed up. It is a highlight of the village calendar.

Thursday 30th March Speen Pre-school Easter Service

at Speen Baptist Church 11:00am. YR and siblings will walk down to join their young friends.

Friday March 31st last day of term

9:15am. Speen CE School Easter Service at St John Church. Please take the children directly to church and bring them on to school afterwards
2:00pm School closes for Easter Holidays

Summer Term

School opens again at **8:40am Tuesday 18th April**

Tuesday 25th April 8:00am before school sports club
Lunchtime positive play
After school French Club

Wednesday 26th April Lunchtime Positive Play
YR PE Skills lesson 2:00 to 3:00pm
After School Summer games Club YR and KS1

Thursday 27th April After school Tag rugby club YR and KS1

Open Day for prospective parents Tuesday 25th April 9:30 to 11:30am No appointment necessary. Please tell your friends and neighbours.

Thursday 27th April, Y2 tennis tournament Princes Risborough Secondary School – letter to follow

Friday 19th May Y2 violin concert

Friday 9th June Mufti Day

Wednesday 14th June KS1 Athletic skills tournament PR school.

Friday 16th June Mufti day

Dad's Day – Fathers should put this afternoon of fun in their diary now.

W/B 19th June Speenschoolfest – details to follow

Saturday 24th June Village Summer Ball at Speen School details to follow.

Have a good Easter holiday.

Denise Nayna