

Parents Newsletter

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Governors

The governors have sent out their newsletter this term together with further information about the role of parent governors. Revd. Tony and Mrs Rooney joined the School Council for lunch and two more governors will do the same in June. The topic of conversation revolved around girls and the after-school clubs.

News

At the beginning of the term the interactive whiteboard and projector in Mrs Lidington's class was replaced by a large Touch screen which has all the functions of the IWB and more. The added benefit is that the room does not now have to be in semi-darkness in order to see the screen

Y2 violin workshop Mrs Laughton and the children demonstrated what they had learned so far. I was very impressed with how they concentrated and improved this term. There will be opportunities in their new school to continue learning a musical instrument and this will have given them a good start in their musical education.

Gardening party



Ice-lollies were a great draw for the children to stay

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and help their parents with planting and weeding in order to keep our beautiful school grounds thriving. If you did not manage to find the time perhaps next month you can come to see how the Sensory Garden is literally blossoming. Look out for more information from the PTA

Speen Baptist Church

South Gonder, Ethiopia. I was fortunate to meet Moira McLure again when she was joined by friends at Speen Church. We heard about how her Mother and Child project is growing and more young children are able to go the Kindergarten thanks to the support from this country and from the capital. Moira came into our school to show pictures of the children in Ethiopia and how similar and different we are. I was amused to see the children wearing the hats which had been knitted in Speen. It is a hilly region and it gets cold there.

Safeguarding

Parents have the ultimate responsibility to keep their children safe but when they are on-line it is not easy. The Bucks Safeguarding Board have recommended the following resources which might help.

Net Aware social media guide for parents from NSPCC

The NSPCC has launched an updated Net Aware site for parents and carers. The site, run in partnership with O2 and informed by 1,696 children and young people and 674 parents and carers, includes tips showing how to help your child block or report someone targeting them and a guide to 39 of the most popular social media sites, apps and games used by children and young people including information about new apps like Pokemon Go, Periscope, IMVU, and Live.ly. ESAS have suggested you might share the link below with parents through your school's website, newsletter etc.

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk>

Gallery Guardian Child Protection App

ESAS have recommended the Gallery Guardian Protection App which in simple terms, Gallery Guardian looks at every picture a child takes or receives on their smartphone. Using a specially

designed image recognition algorithm, Gallery Guardian automatically detects if the image includes nudity or not. In the unfortunate event an image contains something inappropriate, the app alerts parent on their smartphone without disclosing or storing the image in question. ESAS have recommended that schools share this app with parents and carers. <https://www.galleryguardian.co.uk/>

You could also try <http://gooseberryplanet.com/>

Attendance

Please note that absences must be notified to the school by telephone on the first day of illness with a note handed in on the first day back at school. Email notification is not accepted. Term-time absence is only authorised under very exceptional circumstances.

PE and School Sport.

Tennis Coaching

The term began with 3 sessions of Tennis coaching from Miss O'Donnell for Mrs Lidington's class and a tennis Tournament for Year Two.



Fun activities have been delivered by Club Sport during the Tuesday sports club at 8:00am, Tuesday and Wednesday lunchtime positive play sessions and summer sports in the Thursday after-school club

On Thursdays we have after school Tag rugby club. This term all the clubs have been open to all year groups and there has been no charge to parents. As with all extra-curricular activities, the opportunity to take part is a privilege which can be taken away should a child's behaviour in school not comply with our new behaviour policy.

Mrs Hayman's class have been having specialist physical education on Wednesday afternoons too.



Upcoming sporting events

June 14th KS1 Athletics Princes Risborough school

June 28th Golden Welly competition, Bledlow Ridge School

June 29th YR Multi-skills festival Princes Risborough School

July 3rd Y2 Gym and dance rehearsal
6/7th Gym and Dance Festival Princes Risborough School
8th Speen fete Country dancing 3:00pm
Tuesday 18th Sports Day 1:30pm

Other dates for you diary

Friday 9th June Mufti Day
Wednesday 14th June Pippa Hart photo
Friday 16th June Mufti day
Dad's Day – Fathers should put this afternoon of fun in their diary now.

W/B 19th June Speenschoolfest – Superhero Academy details to follow

Saturday 24th June Village Summer Ball at Speen

July 4th County transfer Day.
All the children will spend the day in their new class

15th Year two Camp

18th Sports day

20th Church and Last day of term.
21st INSET DAY – Teacher only day

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