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We are very happy to welcome 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: Mondays and Friday morning.

Key Stage One, Years One and Two:

Mrs Lidington: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

Mrs Nayna: Wednesdays and Thursday morning.

I am returning to my previous teaching pattern. If you need to speak to me I am usually in the office on a Tuesday morning or please make an appointment.

Please speak to the class teachers if you have any queries about the curriculum. Parents should have received the termly curriculum letter for FS from Mrs Hayman.

The curriculum for KS1 was discussed at the Information evening, 12<sup>th</sup> September. The plans for this term were included in the folder together with homework logon details. Next week we are going to the seaside, so the normal timetable is suspended.

### Administration

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 notice-board 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

Could each child bring a box of tissues into school office please? We expect colds and 'flu' to spread and we teach the children to bin tissues and wash their hands as recommended. All children will be offered immunisation against influenza by nasal spray in school on 1<sup>st</sup> November.

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 Mrs Zychowicz. Parents of children on long term medication e.g. inhalers, must re-sign the medical forms at the beginning of each term.

Mrs Hayman has asked me to record how independent and efficient the children are in the cloakroom because 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.

Children in Mrs Lidington's class should be left to walk down the path with their friends. Can I remind parents that the correct uniform for this term includes a tie?

### 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, art competitions, and festivals. Carefully packaged and named items can be brought to school and shared with the whole school.

We encourage every child to read a book or chapters each day and parents should record this in the home-school book. Each child is awarded a certificate for completing their sticker chart; with stickers that have been given to them, after reading their book the night before with mum and/or dad (or big sisters and brothers too.)

## PE and School Sport

### PE lessons this term:

**Wednesday - Dance**

**Thursday- Karate** All children will have lessons in school time.

**Friday- Outdoor PE** This term teachers will be supported by Club Sport.

Please ensure that your child has named plimsolls which fit and a sweat shirt and joggers for when the weather cools. Children with verrucas should wear clean plimsolls during indoor PE lessons. Already some kit has gone missing. Please check that you have your child's name on every item of clothing.

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. This Year Y2 will take part in all the tournaments together with some Y1 children. 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.

### Time to get your diary out

After school clubs

Tuesday French- Madame Teape

Finishes 3:45pm

Positive Play at lunchtime

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Sept- 29<sup>th</sup> Nov Multi-sport

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Sept-30<sup>th</sup> Nov Basketball

Both finish at 4:15pm.

### Thursday 21st September - 7:30pm

Annual parent and governors meeting and PTA AGM. All parents were 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.



## 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> September

'We are going to the seaside.' Please talk to your children about what they have done each day.

**Harvest Festival Monday 2nd 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.

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September PTA MacMillan coffee afternoon - 2:00pm.** In the playground if fine.

**Book Week** Mrs Hayman is already planning for another exciting 'Book week' October 2nd – 6th when we will hold a Book Fair. Information has been sent to all parents.

**Tuesday 3rd October.** Sports Partnership KS1 inter-school multi-skills competition, Princes Risborough School Sports Hall. Letters have gone home.

**Wednesday 1<sup>th</sup> October** Whole school trip to Music for Youth prom at the Royal Albert Hall and visit to the Natural History Museum.

**Wednesday 18th 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

**School closes for Half term** Friday 20th October and reopens at 8:40a.m. Tuesday 31st October

**Monday 30 October** School closed for teacher training.

**7<sup>th</sup> November** KS1 Parents meeting with Mrs Lidington. Mrs Hayman will see her pupil's parents by arrangement

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November Open Morning** for prospective parents 9:30 to 11:30. Please let your friends and neighbours know if this is relevant.

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Production**

2pm and 6:30pm. All children have a part in both performances.

**December 18<sup>th</sup>** Children's party

**19<sup>th</sup>** Nativity Service at St. John's Church  
Last day of term.

*Denise Nayna*