

Parents Newsletter

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News

We finish the first half term of the year with news of the exciting things the children and families have been doing

Thursday 28th September was PTA Macmillan fundraising event. Many thanks to parents and villagers who supported our afternoon tea. Visitors were served cake by the Year Two children whom I sure enjoyed the leftovers. We raised a fabulous £210.00.



Book Week We continued to seaside fun with a dress up day during book week when we held a Scholastic book Fair. Parent's purchases generated commission of £173.00 which was spent on children's books and teaching materials. Congratulations to Morris, Daisy and George who won the seaside art competition.



25th-29th September

Speen on Sea. All the children and staff enjoyed a full week of diverse learning opportunities based on the seaside, now and in the past. The history of the British seaside holiday and the geographical features of the coast led to further opportunities for art, technology maths and english. Parents can see the paintings, woodwork and fabric collage (in the playground) in school. We have most of our beach in the playground if you are in need of play sand. Our next special week will be 6th-10th November when our theme will be the healthy body.

Harvest Festival Monday 2nd October

Year Two children and Mrs Lidington prepared the first Church service of the year. Thank you to all the families who joined us at St. John's Church. The hostel in Saunderton was very grateful for your many harvest gifts.

Tuesday 3rd October. Our KS1 team joined a sports hall full of teams from the Risborough Sports Partnership for a broad range of fun activities led by Young leaders from Risborough School. The next event will be Unihoc on Wednesday 29th November.

Trip to London On the whole school trip to the Music for Youth prom at the Royal Albert Hall Wednesday 11th October we saw young people in orchestras, choirs and a steel band. The children were appreciative of the musicians in the most impressive building and spotted Speen students who were playing in the Chiltern academy orchestra.



Padre Mike has moved on and we have welcomed Padre Kevin (RAF) to join Rev Tony (St John's, Lacey Green) and Rev James (St Dunstan's Monk Risborough) to Friday assemblies. Rev Heather McIntyre from Speen Baptist Church, who has just been appointed governor, comes in to take assemblies on Mondays.

On **Wednesday 18th October** Parents stayed to watch the morning routine in Mrs Hayman's class. The children got started on their morning tasks and then began a maths session. Speen Pre-school will be joining the class on Tuesday 31st October for a story, songs and play.

The Quiz night on Saturday was a great event where parents and villagers joined together for a drink, fish and chip supper and, in my case, senior moments. I am sure I used to know most of the answers! Thanks to the PTA for a fun evening.

School closes for Half term Friday 20th October and reopens at 8:40a.m. **Tuesday 31st October** KS1 Parents meeting with Mrs Lidington. Mrs Hayman will see her pupil's parents by arrangement.

Copies of this newsletter are sent by email to parents and governors and posted on the school website. Hard copies are available on request and also posted on the school notice boards.

Year Two parents, I should know which show we have been cast in for Energize in March 2018 and will let you know the dates as soon as it is confirmed.

After school clubs

Tuesday French- Madame Teape Finishes 3:45
Positive Play at lunchtime
Wednesday 1st - 29th Nov. Multi-sport Finishes at 4:15
Thursday 2nd-23rd Nov Gymnastics
Monday 6th Nov Positive minds with RelaxKids

Wednesday 1st November All children, whose parents have signed up for it, will receive the Flu vaccine through a nasal spray in school.

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

Friday 17th November Children in Need day, wear spots or stripes for a donation of £2 or more.

Tuesday 21st November. School Photographer, individual portraits. Families groups can be taken from 8:30, no booking required.

Friday 24th November and 1st December PTA Mufti days for the Christmas Fair.

Wednesday 29th November KS1 Unihoc tournament, all Y2 and selected Y1s at Risborough School.

Sunday 3rd December Speen School PTA Christmas Fair. Look out for their notices and don't forget to book your lunch. All welcome.

Friday 8th December Lighting of the Speen Christmas Tree ceremony on the village playing fields

Thursday 14th December – Christmas Production 2pm and 6:30pm. All children have a part in both performances.

Friday 15th December Speen Pre-school Nativity at Speen Baptist Church YR and Pre-school siblings will go and watch.

Monday 18th December Children's party - details to follow

Tuesday 19th December - Nativity Service at St. John's Church

Last day of term. School will finish at 2:00pm.

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