

# Parents Newsletter

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## News

On 31<sup>st</sup> October Mrs Hayman's class welcomed their friends from Speen Pre-school who came to play in the foundation classroom and playground, and to join a music and story lesson. We look forward to seeing Mrs Winfield and the children again at our Christmas Play rehearsal.

### 6<sup>th</sup> Nov Healthy body week.

Our theme week focused on the Science curriculum with the children learning about their skeleton, keeping fit through physical activity, healthy eating, using their senses and looking carefully at themselves to see how we are all different. Staff enjoyed planning a week of stimulating fun activities. Mrs Gomes led a Relaxkids assembly to help us think about having a growth mindset and not giving up when things get tough but to keep on trying.



This theme continued later in the week with physical challenges. In addition to learning more about how the body moves, other outdoor learning included making skeleton sculptures from natural materials. Vegetables were used to construct a skeleton and put a face on a pizza.

At the art table there were careful observational drawings of hands and eyes and paint colour mixing to produce their own skin colour. They then used a mirror to look carefully at themselves so that the children could paint a self-portrait.

Keeping children safe is the most important task of parents and teachers and the BCC safeguarding advisor has alerted us to pitfalls of buying connected devices from your child's Christmas list.

Here are a couple of links to useful advice.

<https://www.which.co.uk/news/2017/11/safety-alert-see-how-easy-it-is-for-almost-anyone-to-hack-your-childs-connected-toys/>

<https://iconewsblog.org.uk/2017/11/23/the-12-ways-that-christmas-shoppers-can-keep-children-and-data-safe-when-buying-smart-toys-and-devices/>

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.

Helping each other when you hurt yourself is also important in order to keep healthy so Mrs Hayman covered First Aid and how to call for the emergency services if a bandage is just not enough.



## Kitchen Vacancy

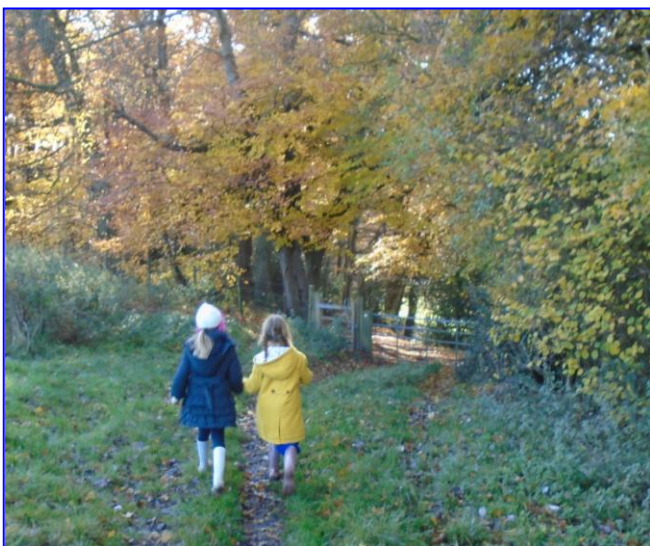
Since Alex Jansz moved on at the end of last term we have had a vacancy for a senior Midday Supervisor, responsible for serving the hot meals at lunchtime. 11:00am to 2:00pm 3 days each week including Fridays.



Despite repeated advertising the school has been unsuccessful in recruiting for the position. If you know of anyone who would like to be considered please ask them to contact the school office. Training will be given.

### Application for school or moving up

For younger brothers and sisters due to join YR in September 2018, and for Year Two children who moving on to junior school, the online BCC Portal is now live for parents to express their preferences. BCC must receive the applications by 3pm 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018.



Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November was Children in Need day; we wore spots or stripes for a donation of £2 or more. In addition to mufti, staff and children wrapped up warm for a Children in Need Ramble to our forest school area where they explored, played games and made leaf mobiles which were brought back to hang on our apple tree. We are very fortunate to have this wonderful facility just a five minute walk from the school, where we can all connect with the natural environment of the Chiltern Hills.



Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November KS1 Unihoc tournament, for all Y2 and selected Y1s at Risborough School. We have used our membership of the Risborough Sport partnership to have Unihoc training from 2 sport apprentices. The children cheered each other on as they played 7 other teams. We are pleased to report that one of our teams came runners up in the tournament. Next term's specialist coaching will be basketball.



### Still to come in December 2017

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 8:30 Morning Yawn, family singing ready for a performance at the Christmas Fair.

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December Speen School PTA Christmas Fair. Preparations for this annual event are well under way. I know that there will be so much to do and the children will have made some lovely things to bring home. See you on Sunday.

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December Join the village for rousing Christmas Carols and the Lighting of the Speen Christmas Tree ceremony on the village playing fields.

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December St John's School production of Puss in Boots.

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December, Hot school meals Christmas lunch with all the trimmings.

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

A Christmas Toy Story. 2pm and 6:30pm. All children have a part in both performances. Please deliver your child to YR door by 6:00pm for the evening performance Refreshments provided by the PTA at the evening performance.

Rehearsals are well under way. Costume requests have gone home and all the children have something to say, so I hope Year One and Year Two will have learnt their parts by next Wednesday. Costumes should be in school by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec.

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December Children can arrive at school any time UP to 10:00am after their late night treading the boards.

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December Speen Pre-school Nativity at Speen Baptist Church YR and Pre-school siblings will go to watch.

December 18<sup>th</sup> –Children's party. Party clothes which can be worn **all day** inside and out.

19<sup>th</sup> Nativity Service at St. John's Church 9:15

Mrs Hayman's class should arrive at 9:00 to dress for their parts. Parents do not need to provide anything. Last day of term. School will finish at 2:00pm

### After school clubs

French and sports clubs finished for the term w/b 27th Nov

Monday Positive minds Relaxkids last for this term 4th December

### Next term

W/b Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January

Monday Relaxkids 2:15 and 3:00 – 4:15pm

Tuesday French

Wednesday Club Sport - Dance

Thursday Premier Sport – Archery

Friday Eco Club TBC

### Spring Term 2018

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January School closed for In-service training

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January First day of term for children

Tuesday 30th January Risborough Sport partnership KS1 Basketball tournament

*Merry Christmas and a Happy New year*

*Denise Nayna*

