

Parents Newsletter



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Welcome to the June newsletter for parents and in particular to Blake who has joined Mrs Hayman's class.

The statutory end of Key stage assessments will be completed very soon and these will be reported in the children's annual reports which will be sent out in a few weeks' time. The rich curriculum which has been provided this year by the hard working staff has not been interrupted unnecessarily. See below for June's highlights.

Staffing news

Mr Barrett, chair of governors, met with parents after the Dad's Day fun, to report on the recruitment of a school leader when I retire at the end of this term. For more than 29 years I have been privileged to be the head teacher of Speen First and now Speen Church of England School, I have been extremely fortunate to work with a dedicated and professional team who, like me, have the needs and well-being of the children at the heart of everything they do. The fact that they are very long serving is testimony to their dedication to our school. Mr Barrett also announced that Mrs Rogers, who has devoted the past 14 years to the children's individual needs, has also decided to take her well-deserved retirement too.

Since Mrs Zychowicz joined us 2 years ago, she has become a greatly valued member of staff and we are pleased that she will stay on to replace Mrs Rogers and complement Mrs Hanson.

At the end of this term, both Mrs Lidington and Mrs Hayman will complete 10 years' service here and their commitment that Speen CE remains a happy, lively, high achieving school is assured.

Being a small school, there is always a mixed age class, although each year group is taught separately for English and maths. In most years, Year One and Year Two are in the same class but every few years the numbers work better to have a YR/Y1 class with a separate Year Two class. This enables the class teachers to have responsibility for similar numbers of children and better meet the needs of each pupil. In September 2018, YR and Y1 will have Mrs Hayman as their class teacher. Both teachers will teach all the children at some times in the week. Current parents will be aware that in addition to the responsibility for Forest school Mrs Hayman is the English coordinator. Mrs Lidington will be taking over as Maths coordinator and this will add to her other STEM subject responsibilities. Mrs Moore will continue being first contact in the office.

Speen CE Forest School

Weekly sessions for all children have continued and there are updates for you to read on the school website. 2 sessions of parent/child forest school are on offer to the school children after school on Friday 13th July. There is also a pre-school session available at 10:30 am on Saturday 14th July. Booking through the school office is essential. The children were asked to design a poster to share their love of Speen CE School forest school. There were some great themes and well done to all the entrants. The difficult job of choosing the winner went to Mrs Matthews. It was printed in a poster for our open sessions. Well done Daisy.



Assemblies

Although Padre Kevin has been posted, Rev Canon Tony, Rev James and Rev Heather have ensured that the children have been thinking about this term's Christian value, Compassion, through relevant stories.

The school council introduced themselves to their constituency; Ruby was elected as chair, and launched their fund raising campaign for the nursery class at Agape school. This is a charity which Speen Baptist Church and Speen CE School have been involved for many years. Look out for their posters which announce a 'Pre-loved Toy Sale' at 2:30 pm after the sports day. James Entwisle brought Chandra and Sekhar from Agape Alive to an assembly on 21st June. We heard how the charity helps orphans, single mothers and poorer families through providing education, training for employments and caring in the multi-faith community in Hyderabad.

On 25th June Lizzie Tinsley from St. Mary's Church Princes Risborough showed the children what fun they can have at Lighthouse this year. Notices were given to each child so if you want your child to have a week of fun in the school holidays you need to book soon.

PE and sport

13th June The first of this half term events was the Key Stage One athletic competition. Congratulations to all who took part. The activities were running, throwing and jumping. There were individual and team awards. The Year One girls won their relay and overall team event and Alexandra won the Y1 girls 200m race. Jack, Katie, Thomas, and Jessica were placed second or third in their individual events.

26th June YR took part in their first tournament at Princes Risborough School and won. Brilliant!

27th June Golden Welly competition at Bledlow Ridge School.

This event is organised by the schools of the Princes Risborough Liaison group and has been taking place for over 20 years. A cycle of athletic and ball activities score points to win a 'Golden Welly' trophy. YR was out in force again with Year One and Two. Again Speen CE were victorious, and by a considerable margin. Thank you to the parents who transported the children and were very very encouraging. These successes are evidence that the sport premium has been very effectively used this year to help all the children develop skills and confidence in their physical abilities.



July 5th The whole school will attend Speen Pre-school sports day on the village playing field.

July 7th Speen village Fete. 3:00pm Mrs Lidington's class will perform a programme of English traditional country dances. Please come to watch.

Thursday July 12th Risborough Gym and Dance Festival 6:30pm-note the Friday performance has been cancelled. The cheerleading club are performing and should arrive at 6:00pm. Those attending may arrive in school by 10:00am on Friday 13th July.

Speen CE School Sports Day Tuesday 17th July. Friends and families are invited to join us on the school field to watch our two houses, Smith and Bateman, compete for the shield. The Year Two children will be designing the games. Please remember that it will be followed by the Agape toy sale. I hope your children are sorting out their toys and earning their pocket money so that they can buy some more.

Friday 15th June was Dad's day. This year's surprise activity was making a four wheeled buggy from materials provided by the school. Dads were treated to refreshments including very elaborately decorated cakes. Thank you for coming and enjoying our beautiful school grounds.



Dates for the diary

June 30th Speen village Ball, Speen playing field

July 3rd County transfer day

4th KS1 Worship Trail in High Wycombe
Final French Club

5th The whole school will go to the playing field to watch the Pre-school sports day

7th Speen Wild West Fete
KS1 should assemble at the marquee at 2:45 pm to prepare for their country dance performance.

10th Volunteer helpers Tea 2:00pm

11th Whole school trip to Railway Centre
Quainton

12th Gym and Dance Festival – Cheerleading Club. Rehearsal 9:15 to 11:30 am Main Hall, Princes Risborough School .
Performance 6:30 pm

13/14th Forest school sessions

W/b 16th Theme week: travel and transport

17th 1:30 pm Sports day
2:30pm School Council Agape toy sale

19th 12:00-2:00 pm Action Medical
Research Bring a Bear picnic
Final after school club

20th Y2 violin concert 2:30pm

21st Y2 family barbecue

24th End of year service St. John's Church
Lacey green
Last day of term school finishes at 2:00pm

Autumn term starts for children Thursday 6th September.

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