

Newsletter

Spaxton CE VC Primary School Tuesday 9th May, 2017

Dear Parents,

Thoughts of a Headteacher

What a busy couple of months it has been!

There is so much happening in classrooms at the moment that the News Team will be having a break from their monthly newsletter and, instead, we will move back to the weekly newsletter until the Autumn Term.

The Summer Term is a time of year where regular updates are needed, in order to keep abreast essential information. We are also aware that the website has been put on the 'back burner' as we have worked towards this crucial period in the school assessment calendar. Please do check the website for what will now be regular updates.

There are lots of exciting clubs both in and outside of the school day as well as many learning opportunities that will be offered to the children in the Summer Term. We look forward to seeing the children getting involved, applying their skills and having fun.

INSET Days

We have pencilled in next year's INSET days. Although the Autumn Term's dates are firmly set, the Spring and Summer Term INSET dates are subject to change. In the event of a change, plenty of notice will be given:

Monday 24th July 2017 (this academic year)

Monday 4th September 2017

Thursday 21st December 2017

Monday 9th April 2018

Monday 23rd July 2018

Tuesday 24th July 2018

Daniel Watson

On Sunday 7th May Daniel Watson (Year 1) took part in 'The Rotary Club of Taunton 2017 50/50 Cycle Ride'. Daniel (along with his parents) cycled 10 miles to raise money for charity.

50% of the money he raises will go to the 'Children's Hospice South West' with the other 50% going to his chosen charity, which is Spaxton School PTFA!

If you would still like to sponsor Daniel for his cycle ride please see Mrs Barber in the office.



Safeguarding Update

There are some informative posters around the front part of the school displaying who is the Safeguard Lead (DSL), E-Safety posters and the difference between Child Protection and Safeguarding. Please do take a look...

SATS

Today sees the start of the KS2 SATs week. On Monday (8th) our Year 6s will take a reading paper and then a SPaG (spelling, punctuation and grammar) on the Tuesday before Mathematics becomes the focus for Wednesday and Thursday. We wish all of our Year 6 pupils the very best of luck.

Year 2 pupils also undertake assessments but these are undertaken informally throughout the month of May. Mr Kelly plans the month in great detail with the main objective being to get the very best out of the children with minimal and unnecessary upset caused.

Curriculum Focus

'Transcription'

Year 1 - Spell the days of the week.

Year 2 - Learning to spell some words with contracted forms.

Year 3 - Spell some homophones

Year 4 - Spell further homophones

Year 5 - Beginning to spell some words with 'silent' letters [for example, knight, psalm, solemn].

Year 6 - Continue to distinguish between homophones

Library

We have been busy moving the library out of Mr Harrison's classroom and into the central corridor. We have recruited some very eager Year 5 librarians and the PTFA have donated £150 for an injection of new books. The librarians look forward to writing to you soon in order to detail the opening times of the new-look library!

Dates for your diary...

Wed 17th May - KS2 Rounders Tournament

Monday 22nd May - Reception/Yr6 Photos

Tuesday 23rd May - KS2 Rounders Tournament

Wednesday 24th May - Rembrandt Class Exit Point (See Mr Kelly)

Thurs 25th May - PTFA Family Rounders & BBQ

Friday 26th May - Last day of half term

Monday 5th June - First day back of Summer 2

DIY - The hall

Our school hall is in desperate need of some TLC. There is certainly some redecoration to be done but with a stretched budget for this financial year, my initial view is to ask if there is any local expertise that can help us? In the first instance I would really appreciate some advice on what needs to be done and how best to do so. If you could lend me some support, please pop into the office to see me. Many thanks - Mr Blackmore