

Newsletter

Spaxton CE VC Primary School

Tuesday 13th June, 2017

Dear Parents,

Thoughts of a Headteacher

Firstly, my belated welcome back after the half term break. I was absent from school last week as I was in Musgrove Hospital for the majority of the week. I am now feeling much better and am firmly on the road to recovery.

Our final value of the year is 'Hope' and has been chosen purposefully for the end of year, in a traditional time of transition, which prompts us to look back on the past before looking to the future.

At this time of year it is important to ask ourselves: how has my year been? What have been my successes and my strengths? What can I do better, next year? Where will I be learning next year? What are my hopes for the future?

This is not solely aimed at our pupils. Any one of us can think about and answer these questions when having 'hope' this half term.

Safeguarding Update

In the weeks before and after half term, there have been a couple of incidents where parents/carers/visitors have tried to bypass our robust safeguarding procedures. Whilst there may not always be a 100% presence in the office, as we are a small school with limited staff, please be patient and wait in the reception area to be signed in. I understand that we have new procedures and that these can often come with teething problems but please be assured that any change has been implemented in the best interests of our children.

What's New on the Website?

Have a look at the website and you will see:

- ✓ Some updated class pages
- ✓ A newly assigned page for sport/clubs etc
- ✓ Updated calendar
- ✓ A write-up of our recent 'Hope' Wow Day

I will continue to give you regular updates as to how we are using and improving our website!

Dates for your diary...

Wed 14th June - PTFA Meeting (all welcome)

West India House

Sat 17th June - Tidy-Up Day

Mon 19th June - Year 6 Pilgrimage Day (Wells Cathedral)

Wed 21st June - Rounders Tournament/New Intake Afternoon

Fri 23rd June - New Intake Afternoon

Mon 26th June - Reduced Area Sports

Wed 12th July - Open Afternoon

Mon 17th July - Sports Day

Tues 18th July - Sports Day Reserve Date

Thurs 20th July - Leavers' Service (details TBC)

Thank You Daniel!

In a previous newsletter, we reported that Daniel had raised £450.00 in a recent sponsored cycle ride. In our recent PTFA Family Rounders event, Daniel presented the school with a cheque for £225.00 for our on-going work. He had split his sponsorship between the school and the Children's Hospice. Daniel - you are a hero!



Marvin the Mathematical Monkey challenges you... *(This is from this year's SATs test)*

A cat sleeps for 12 hours each day.

50% of its life is spent asleep.



Write the missing percentage.

A koala sleeps for 18 hours each day.

% of its life is spent asleep.



Message from Chair of Governors - Academy Update

The first stage of academisation was to apply to the diocese for "Consent to Apply" to the Haygrove Multi Academy Trust (MAT). No progress could be made without this. The diocese had to be satisfied that what we, as a Church of England School, were doing was in the best interests of the school. We have done this and have now been told that we have this consent.

The next stage is to discuss and agree the terms on which we will join the Haygrove MAT. This will hopefully be completed in

the next month and we will then be in a position to apply to the Department for Education. It is a slow process and overseen at every stage by the diocese and their legal team. We expect to convert to academy status at some point in the next academic year.

Governing Board update

The board of governors has felt it necessary to widen our skill base and have co-opted Debbie Mc Kenna to serve as a governor. Debbie lives in the village and is a parent of a child at the school. We welcome Debbie on board.

Cath Macadam

**SCHOOL
MAINTENANCE
TLC DAY
SATURDAY 17TH
JUNE 10am – 4pm
Refreshments provided!!
Please donate as much
time as you can spare
and don't forget your tool
kit!!**