

Newsletter

Spaxton CE VC Primary School

Tuesday 16th May, 2017

Dear Parents,

Thoughts of a Headteacher

There has been a lot in the press about the recent SATs tests, which were administered to the Year 6 pupils nationally. The stress from the increased demand of the tests themselves and the accountability for schools that accompany them has, in many schools, filtered down to the children. I have read that, like last year, there were children in tears whilst taking the assessments, which is very sad to hear.

Whilst we certainly felt the demand, our eight Year Six children seemingly enjoyed the challenge, certainly benefitting from their hearty breakfasts served to them, throughout the week, at Breakfast Club. There was even a comment of 'can we do it next week, too?' I am sure this was fuelled by a sense of relief that it was all over but it is an indication of how they approached the week. We are so incredibly proud of them and for their attitude.

A celebratory fish-and-chips brunch, on Friday, was well deserved!

A huge thank you must go to Mrs Hamilton, the KS2 support staff, Mrs Barber and her extended services team as well as to the parents for their support in making the week such a successful one. Thank you...

Safeguarding Update

In light of the recent Cyberattacks in the NHS, I have seen that on the National Cyber Security Centre's website they offer free Cyber First courses designed to introduce 11-17 year olds to the world of cyber security.

Further information: <https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/information/cyberfirst-courses>. If your child is in Year 5 or 6, this may be interesting to look at...

What's New on the Website?

Have a look at the website and you will see:

- ✓ Some updated class pages
- ✓ Newly assigned pages that are under construction (music, sport/clubs etc.)
- ✓ Updated calendar

I am hoping to give you regular updates as to how we are using and improving our website...

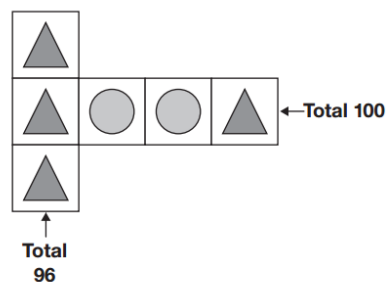
Our Beautiful Grounds!

As I have been arriving to school, each day, it has been amazing to see the development of our grounds. Alongside the fantastic work undertaken by Miss Ingram and the Gardening Club, Matisse and Rembrandt have been undertaking curriculum work based around our theme of 'perseverance.'



Marvin the Mathematical Monkey challenges you...

Each shape stands for a number.



Work out the value of each shape.

$$\triangle = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

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Rounders

If the weather is kind to us, a KS2 rounders team will compete at a large rounders tournament at Wembdon Cricket Club, on Wednesday - Good luck team - we look forward to recording your results in next week's newsletter! **Late edit - this has now been cancelled**

Dates for your diary...

Monday 22nd May - Reception/Yr6 Photos
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
Thursday 8th June - PTFA French Breakfast

Spaxton PTFA

Spaxton School PTFA
invites you to our summer



PiG and JiG

Saturday 24th June
20:00 til 00:00



Pig Roast with live music from
Bare Bones

Tickets : in advance £12.50 / on the night £15.00
(to book call Ali 07779 639083)
to include: live music pig roast + sides pudding coffee
Vegetarian alternative available



Venue: **Spaxton Village Hall** (cash bar on the night)
Please note this is an adult only event



PTFA FAMILY ROUNDERS + BBQ Thursday 25th May

Rounders match £1 to play.

BBQ / Refreshments additional cost.

Picnic rug sale spaces available on the day!

3:30pm start!

Face Paints!!