



Spaxton CE VC Primary School Newsletter

Turner Class enjoying last term's
'Rejoice' theme...

January 2017

PROTECT, TRUST, HAVE HOPE, PERSEVERE, SHOW COURAGE AND REJOICE...

SPAXTON NEWS BITES

A Very Happy New Year

Thoughts of a Headteacher - Mr. Blackmore

Can I formally welcome you back for the start of the Spring Term and 2017!

This is just a very short January Newsletter to launch the start of a new term as well as a new calendar year. On this occasion it has been produced without The News Team.

The children have started back and settled in very well. There is a very calm and studious atmosphere around the school as children, and staff, begin a very short and therefore important half term.

Before no time at all, it will be Easter and the start of the Summer Term, the final term, will be upon us. With this in mind, I would like to point out our whole school attendance target. I know as much as anyone, how life can make a habit of upsetting even the best laid plans. Having said that, the national average for attendance is roughly 96% and on calculating our current attendance, we are standing at 94.8%.

There are a couple of year groups where attendance is very good. I would just like the community to be aware of the benefit of good attendance and its links to continued pupil progress.

Have a good January and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible throughout the month.



PTFA Quiz

This is a reminder that there are only a few tickets left for the PTFA's Quiz Night at the West India House on Friday 27th January. We have staff teams and Mr Blackmore and Mr Barber as our Quiz Masters. Please do join us...

Christmas Charities

A very big and heartfelt 'thank you' for all of your generosity during our Christmas activities. We had lots of events and we asked a lot of our parental community. Thank you to you all!



Happy New Year from the PTFA!

The end of 2016 was a busy period for the PTFA with a number of fund raising events taking place (Bingo, Christmas Fayre and School Disco). We are delighted to say that we raised over £1,000 which will go towards the continued upgrade of the School's IT network.

Many local businesses have donated raffle prizes for use at our events. Children from 'Matisse' were asked to create a design for a 'thank you card' we can then send out on behalf of the School. Our artists; Erin, Daina, Honor and Lauren created a fantastic design. Many thanks also to Watson and Smith Opticians of Taunton for generously covering the printing costs on behalf of the PTFA.



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Moving forward into 2017, we have a number of events planned including;

- Ticket sales for the Quiz being held on **Friday 27th January 17** at The West India House are going well with only a few spaces left. Arrive from 7.00pm and enjoy an evening of entertainment and food – there are prizes for the winners! Please see the posters for more information.
- Children's Beetle Drive will be held on **Thursday 9th February** from 6.00pm in the school hall. Further details to be out shortly.
- **Saturday 4th March 2017** we will be holding our annual Moveable Feast. Booking forms will be available electronically shortly or via the

School Office, please see posters for specific times, costings etc.

Many more events are in the pipeline – please keep an eye on our noticeboard and Facebook page for updates.

The PTFA will be holding their **Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 22nd February 2017 at 6.00pm (School Hall)**. This is an opportunity for you to hear more about what we do, and the importance of the PTFA fund raising to the School. We are always looking for new members / volunteers so please come along.

Ways to stay in contact

To find out more about fund raising activities, sign up to our Facebook page at 'Spaxton School Parents & Friends'. This is a closed group, administered by the Committee, join up today!

Dates for the diary

Friday 20 th Jan	Patrick in all day to visit the children
Friday 27 th Jan	PTFA Quiz Night – West India House
Wednesday 1 st Feb	Library van is in the school carpark
Friday 3 rd Feb	Friday First Service
Tuesday 7 th Feb	Vision Tests for reception children (TBC)
Wednesday 8 th Feb	Cross Country Event – Brymore School (see Mrs Barber)
Thursday 9 th feb	Small Schools Football League Match Vs Kingsmoor (away)
Friday 10 th Feb	Ashford Treat Day! (More details to follow) End of the half term...
Monday 20 th Feb	First day back of Spring Term