



Spaxton CE VC Primary School Newsletter

Left – Rembrandt Class linking their cooking to our theme of 'Trust'

February 2017

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

SPAXTON NEWS BITES

The School's Strategic Future

Thoughts of a Headteacher - Mr. Blackmore

I write this insert for February's newsletter on the day following Mrs Macadam's letter to our school community, which outlines the governing board's decision to enter a period of public consultation with a view of becoming an academy and joining the Haygrove Academy Trust. Having been part of every meeting and having heard the information presented, I have seen, first hand, how diligent and thorough the governors have been in their research.

Those who were able to make it to the information session in January will have heard me talk about the current educational landscape and the continuing pressures that are exerted on small schools. With increasing accountability come smaller budgets as well as diminishing opportunities to collaborate in order to ensure that schools are well supported. These very first steps in creating a more formal, local collaborative arrangement, with obvious transitional benefits for our Haygrove-bound Year 6 leavers must be seen as an opportunity to enhance the provision on offer, here at Spaxton.

I would encourage as many of our community to attend the meeting on Tuesday 28th February at 7pm to listen, understand and ask questions.



New Flat Panel

A big thank you to the Community Shop and the PTFA for helping the school to purchase a new Interactive Flat Panel for Rembrandt Class. If you haven't already seen this innovative piece of IT, please do pop in and have a look!



A word from the Editor...

There seems to be lots happening around the school. Mr Kelly has been recruiting Digital Leaders and Mr Blackmore is busy organising an Eco-Committee. Although it is only a short term, it's certainly been packed full of fun...

Curriculum Focus

In this section we will look at a different aspect of the National Curriculum.

Science - Animals

EYFS – No objectives

Y1 – Identify and name a variety of common animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.

Y2 - Find out about and describe the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival (water, food and air).

Y3 - Identify that animals, including humans, need the right types and amount of nutrition, and that they cannot make their own food; they get nutrition from what they eat.

Y4 - Describe the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans.

Y5 - Describe the changes as humans develop to old age.

Y6 - Identify and name the main parts of the human circulatory system, and describe the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood



QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today.
Malcolm X

Date for your diary...

Thursday 2nd March is World Book Day

A letter with further details will follow but the children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character with special prizes available.

We can't wait!

Courage!

Our curriculum theme for the second half of Spring Term is 'Courage'

What does courage mean? How can we show courage in school?

Mr. Blackmore would be very interested in any work that has been undertaken at home, over half term, to do with courage...

REMINDERS

Don't forget
Parents'
Evening!

Parent Consultations

If you haven't already booked your appointment to see your child's Mathematics and English teacher, please do so. There are sign-up sheets on the classroom doors. Appointments will take place in the weeks following half term.



Meet Miss Marsh

We wanted to get to know Miss Marsh a bit better! I wonder how she'll answer our favourite, thought provoking questions...

Q. What's your favourite thing to teach?

A. Phonics. I love phonics!

Q. What's your favourite food?

A. Spaghetti Bolognese – it's my favourite by a mile!

Q. Who's your favourite celebrity?

A. Ant and Dec but that's two people – is that OK? (Yes that's fine, Miss Marsh)

Q. What's your favourite game?

A. The children play Candlewax on the bark area – it's very entertaining

Q. Do you like Gogglebox?

A. Yes – I love it!

Q. What's your favourite flavour of crisps?

A. Salt and Vinegar...

Sainsbury's

Active Kids

For All



Inclusive Community
Training Programme

For all ages



Active Kids Vouchers

We are collecting the Active Kids Vouchers if you would like to donate any that you acquire. Once collected, these enable us to replace and build upon our PE equipment.

Kids Easter HOLIDAY CLUB



Easter Holiday Club (3-5 April)

I am pleased to offer the children of Spaxton the opportunity to attend a 3-day Easter Holiday Club at West Monkton Primary School in Taunton. This is Mr Blackmore's previous school and now they have moved in to their new premises, they are able to offer a fun and stimulating holiday club. Miss Marsh will be one of the staff members! A pamphlet with more details will be out in due course...

Feb/Mar Calendar

Mon 20 – First day back after the half term break

Wed 22 – PTFA AGM – 6pm

Tues 28 – Academy Consultation Meeting 7pm

Wed 1 March – Library van in school car park

– World Book Story Night in school

Thurs 2 – World Book Day

Sat 4 – PTFA Moveable Feast

Wed 22 – Cross Country (Apex Highbridge)

Fri 31 – Last day of term

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Many thanks to all who supported our recent quiz; it was a really great evening. Mr. Barber and Mr. Blackmore did a fantastic job as quiz masters. Significant thanks must also go to Darren Stark for all of his efforts. In total, an amazing £388 was raised!

On Wednesday 22nd February, we are holding our AGM. It will take place in the School Hall at 6.00pm - please do come and join us. It's an excellent way of meeting new friends as well as helping to provide valuable additions for the school. As part of the AGM, all positions will be up for election.

On Wednesday 1st March, school staff and PTFA members will be reading stories to the children in the early evening to launch World Book Day (more details to follow).

Saturday 4th March is our moveable feast - application forms are available from the Community Store, the school office and the Community News.

I am happy to explain the concept to you if you are slightly apprehensive. Please don't worry if you live outside the village, you are still able to join in.

Thank you for your continued support.

Ali Ingram
Chair