

Newsletter

Spaxton CE VC Primary School

Tuesday 7th May 2019

SATs

We are quickly approaching the time when our year 2s and year 6s sit their SATs. For our year 2s these will be mixed in with a range of assessments and won't feel different to a normal assessment period. We do not make a big deal of these SATs and ensure the children remain as unaware as possible. The year 6s have practiced the types of questions they might come across and are all doing really well. We will offer our year 6 breakfast as a chance to sit and laugh with friends before any papers and there is the celebratory shared lunch (details to follow) to unwind at the end of the whole experience. We try to make these as positive as possible and we know the children are going to do themselves proud.

Sports day and open afternoon

Please see the diary dates for our sports day and open afternoon. The PTFA would like to hold a BBQ for both events and we would love to see as many of you as possible to cheer your children on in their house team competitions and year group races. We will also be formally opening the pond and the gazebo paid for by the Calor Gas Rural community Fund and the PTFA.

Family First service

As our family first church service had to be cancelled last Friday we are holding one on the 24th May as a combined May and June service. We hope you can make it.

Safeguarding Update

Help your Child Learn to Search Safely



Children are always curious and love finding out new things online. However, using well-known search engines can lead to them accidentally stumbling across inappropriate content or clicking on adverts.

That's why a new child-friendly search engine called 'Swiggle' has been launched. It's powered by Google but, because it is run by a charity, contains no adverts, and aims to reduce the risk of inappropriate content appearing, as well as providing simple tools to deal with any unsuitable content that does appear.

Why not set Swiggle as your default search engine at home? Find it at:

<https://swiggle.org.uk>

More details about Swiggle can be found at:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/new-swiggle-protects-children-they-take-their-first-net-steps>

Dates for the diary:

Weds 8th May: Plastic free day

Thurs 9th May: 4.30pm - Parent consultation meeting for academisation

Week beginning 13th May: year 6 SATs week

Fri 17th May: Swimming starts for R to year 4

Fri 17th May: PTFA quiz night

Fri 24th May: family first church service (LAST DAY)

Mon 3rd June: Back to school

Tues 4th June: Reception and Year 6 photos

Weds 5th June: non-school uniform day for tombola prize

Tues 2 July: Sports Day

Fri 5th July: Family First service

Fri 5th July: PTFA summer fayre

Tues 9th July: reserve sports day

Weds 10th July: Open afternoon

Fri 19th July: Leavers church service

Plastic free day

As you are aware we are holding a no single use plastic day on Wednesday 8th May. We are encouraging all children to who bring in snacks or lunch to try and go plastic free for the day. Please see the letter for more information on how to do this.

Spelling bee

I have had some positive feedback from children who are looking forward to this challenge. If I could remind parents to have a look at the word list on the back of your child's letter to see which words they need to learn for the competition.

Wimbleball activities

We still have 4 spaces on wave 1 and 1 space on wave 3. If any parents would like their child to take part and access the free mini bus please let me know ASAP.

School site

It has been noticed that people are accessing the school grounds after school has finished. We are not liable for anyone who is on the premises without permission so if you do notice anyone entering the site could you please let us know.

PTFA Activities

Friday 17th May - Family Quiz with fish and chip supper.

The PTFA are also collecting:

20p's in Smartie tubes

Raffle prizes for events during the year. Donations can be left in the office.

If you would like more information please email the school office.