

## Newsletter

Spaxton CE VC Primary School

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2018

### Thoughts of an Acting Head Teacher

Christmas is approaching quickly and, with only three weeks left of this term, it is all systems go. Rehearsals for our whole school Christmas performance are in full swing and the Reverend Eleanor has started our advent candles in the countdown to Christmas. The children have discussed our Christmas market and will be making a range of produce to sell in the last week of term to support our chosen charity. If I do not get a chance to say face to face, I would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Mr L Kelly

### Chair of Governors

Having taken over as Chair last month this is my first opportunity to introduce myself in the newsletter. I am an experienced school governor and live in the village. Having chaired my first full meeting of the governors I now have a firm grasp of the life and needs of the school....it is a pretty vibrant organisation! The governing body has recently been reinforced by The Reverend Eleanor King, Heidi Moule, Kerry Henderson and Becky Skews which along with Luke Kelly and the school staff make up a pretty strong team.

You will have heard that the school (in conjunction with Stogursey, Stogumber and Crowcombe) has been successful in its application to join Haygrove with Academy status. As I write, it is very early days in the process so I have little I can say at this stage except to say that it will be of great benefit to the school to be part of a larger organisation. Once we have more details we will organise parent information events, question

and answer sessions and presentations. Be assured however that the governors' aim is to ensure that the ethos of the school remains, as will the high standards and family feel.

It only remains for me to wish you all a Happy Christmas and New Year.

Mike Hodson

#### **Dates for the diary:**

**Tues 4<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Reading workshop for parents

**Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 2.40pm:** Family First Church service

**Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Flu vaccinations

**Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Christmas Jumper Day

**Weds 19<sup>th</sup> Dec 2.40pm:** Christingle Service

**Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> Dec:** School Christmas Lunch

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Dec:** last day - no ASC

**Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Jan:** first day back of Spring term

#### **Safeguarding Update**

### **Guide to Video Games**

With Christmas fast approaching, parents may be considering video games as gifts for their children. Making a decision about which games are most suitable can be difficult. To help,

[www.askaboutgames.com](http://www.askaboutgames.com) have released a guide to the best family video games, organised by PEGI rating. The guide can be found at: <http://www.askaboutgames.com/discover-2018s-amazing-video-games-for-your-family>

