

## Newsletter

Spaxton CE VC Primary School

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2017

### Thoughts of a Headteacher

This will be our last newsletter this term and for 2017! What a year it has been!

Our results at the end of KS2 are significantly above the national average both for attainment and progress; our holistic curriculum has been further developed and our stakeholder surveys have demonstrated that the school is a positive place to learn and develop. We are proud of this and look forward to continue working with you all again in 2018.

Don't forget that we have an INSET day next Thursday, where we will be having a safeguarding update, looking at maths developments as well as mental health. This means we will be straight back into the new term on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2018.

If I do not speak to you at one of our many events, this week, can I please wish you and all of our families and very merry Christmas and a prosperous 2018...

**PLEASE NOTE: NO ASC on Weds 20<sup>th</sup> December. All children need to be collected at 3.15pm.**

### Safeguarding Update

For my safeguarding update, this week, I have been inspired by the season and thought I'd direct your Christmas shopping towards this website called 'Department Store for the Mind.'

The company was founded by Sophie Howarth, and now in the hands of both Ruth Williams (Psychologist, Writer and Mum) and Katie Steel (Creative Entrepreneur). The

Department Store for the Mind is full of things that are 'touching, thought-provoking and soul-stretching'.

There are plenty of gift ideas here and many products to enhance the self-esteem of others, which is important at this time of year. Visit the site: <https://deptstoreforthemind.com>

### KS1 Nativity + KS2 Christmas Service

Don't forget that both events are on this week. Please see the relevant class teachers if there any issues.

*We do apologise for the breakdown in communication regarding costumes for Lower KS2 in the KS2 Christmas Service. If, after Monday, you are still unsure about what your child may need to wear, please see Mr Harrison. Please do not feel the need to buy anything; if you do not have the relevant clothing that has been requested, please see us by Tuesday evening so that we can try to help - Mr Blackmore*

### Dates for the diary:

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December - KS1 Nativity  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December - KS2 Christmas Service  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Jumper Day (Uniform + Christmas jumper, please)  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December - School Christmas lunch. NO ASC - all children to be collected at 3.15.  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December - INSET DAY  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2018 - First day back of the Spring Term.

### Christmas Party and Christmas Jumper Day

Don't forget that it is Christmas Jumper Day, this Friday, in aid of Save the Children (£1 donation on the day). Children will be able to swap their school jumper for a Christmas one to add to their uniform, that day and enjoy some special entertainment in the afternoon.

### Hard-back books, dressing up clothes and material gladly accepted

In your preparations for Christmas, if you have any of the above that you would like to donate, we would gladly accept any of these items. We are trying to facilitate structured play at lunchtimes and any help, in this regard, would be greatly appreciated.

### Whole School Attendance

96.00%

(National average 96.1%)

Well done to all. Can we make it 96.5%?