

Newsletter

Spaxton CE VC Primary School
Tuesday 16th January 2018

Thoughts of a Headteacher

My apologies for a late start to our 2018 Newsletters; it has been an incredibly busy start to a new year and a new term. May I start by wishing you all a Happy New Year and sincerely hope that 2018 is a good year for all of you.

As I drive to school each morning, daylight is beginning to break a little earlier each day, which means Spring is not too far away! This is a short term of ten school weeks, which means we all must make the most of every day. There is a saying that asks us to not 'count the days' but to instead 'make the days count.'

Here in school we are mindful of doing all we can to maximise the opportunities that present themselves to us in school. This could be joining a club, making a new friend or meeting targets on our target mats in class.

Whatever you do, this week, I hope you enjoy making the days count...

Dates for the diary:

Thurs 18th Jan - Year 5/6 Swimming Gala at 1610

Fri 19th Jan - Attendance Tea Party (in school day)

Friday 2nd Feb - Family First Service

Friday 9th Feb - Last day of half term

Monday 19th Feb - First day back after half term

Whole School Attendance

96.1%

(National average 96.1%)

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

Safeguarding Update

TV Advert

As you may be aware the NSPCC have been broadcasting a TV advert to raise awareness of how parents can help their younger children keep safe from child sexual abuse. If you've missed it, you can watch it here:

<https://youtu.be/nMIKUsZjirA>

Parents' Pack for PANTS message

The TV advert directs parents to the PANTS campaign, used in schools for many years. There is now a pack for parents to use, to encourage them to have a conversation that many might feel uncomfortable about having.

The link to the parents' PANTS pack is here: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/underwear-rule>

Pantosaurus App for iOS and Android

The NSPCC have also teamed up with award-winning animators, Aardman to create a free app, for both android and iOS, featuring the Pantosaurus characters. There are four mini games where players test their skills against Pantosaurus. The app is great fun to use. Get the app by going to the relevant App Store below:

Find on Google

Play: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=uk.org.nspcc.pantosaurus>

Find on the Apple App

Store: <https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/playtime-with-pantosaurus/id1258635349?mt=8>

Musical Theatre

Miss Ruby Hamilton has returned from her successful run of shows and will continue with Musical Theatre. If your child started before Christmas, they can continue to attend on Monday evenings 3.30pm-4.30pm in Class 4.

Tag Rugby and Archery Club

We have low numbers for our Tag Rugby and Archery Club. If your child is interested please see Mrs Barber in the office.

