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Dear Parents & Carers,

I am delighted to report that we have had a really positive start to our spring term, welcoming back all our children and introducing them to some new faces and some exciting curriculum projects.

On Tuesday Alice Maddicott, a local writer & artist from Halsway Manor, spent the school day talking to the children about our new theme for this term which will be developed through the curriculum for Years 2-6 and focuses on Spaxton Past, Present & Future, and next Tuesday there is a 'whole school' trip to Ramscombe & Great Wood as we start to explore the local area.

Earlier this week the children were treated to a very entertaining and inspiring presentation from Sonic Sally as part of the Fizz, Pop Science programme which is being offered for a series of after school sessions.

Staffing

We have now welcomed the following new members of staff:

- Mrs Manuela Green – teacher of Years 4, 5 & 6
- Miss Annabel Capel – teacher of Years 4, 5 & 6
- Mrs Lynda Rose – teacher of Reception & Year 1
- Mrs Lanette Cudbill – Office Manager/Pupil Services

Mr Rainey is leaving us at the end of this week to take on a permanent contract at a primary school in Bridgwater. As an apprentice teaching assistant, we want to thank him for his valued contribution to the education of our children and wish him well for his future. We are in the process of securing a replacement for him and will ensure that it does not affect either the care of, or the learning of our children.

Head of School

I can confirm that I shall be at Spaxton as acting Head of School on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Mrs Naomi Philp, a parent here and a primary headteacher herself will take my place on Thursdays, and we are very pleased that Mrs Rebecca Skews (Class 2) has agreed to take on the role of Senior Teacher.

We are now starting the process of recruitment for a new Head of School, but we wish all of our teachers and their supporting staff well at the start of this term and we thank them for their continuing commitment to Spaxton School.

Site matters

You may remember from last term, that there was a plan for installing new security gates at the front of the school. This work is scheduled to begin on Monday the 13th January 2020. We believe that the work will last for two days and that the operation of our current security gate and procedures will not be affected.

Inspired by: 1 Corinthians Ch 13 Vs 4-7

Those who belong to our school: **protect**, **trust**, have **hope**, **persevere**, show **courage** and **rejoice**.

Breakfast Club

From Monday 13th January 2020 the breakfast club will be run by Karen Jones as an interim arrangement, while we seek a replacement for Alison Ingram who has run the club so well for some time now. I know how much parents have appreciated this provision and I want to thank Alison for her commitment during this time and wish her well in the future.

Parents' Forum

It is my intention to hold a half-termly forum for parents, the first of which I hope will take place before half-term, and I will send out an invitation shortly with more details. I am keen to seek the views of parents on a number of school issues so I hope that it will be well attended.

Finally I would like to thank you for your ongoing support, particularly during this time of transition, and I would like to reassure you as before, that my commitment to the care and education of your children prioritises at all times their health, safety and happiness, as well as their academic achievement. I will keep you informed of all our news and important dates through a regular school newsletter.

Yours sincerely

KM Canham