

Newsletter

Spaxton CE VC Primary School

Tuesday 26th November 2019

Well done if you have kept the germs at bay! There is a lot of illness in our surrounding schools but we are doing well here. We will continue to encourage hand washing and using tissues to minimise spreading of germs so if your child does have a runny nose please could you send them in with a packet of tissues. As you can see our attendance remains high at:

Whole school attendance

99.2%

Dates for the diary:

Fri 29th Nov - Flu vaccinations

Weds 4th Dec: Library van in - please return borrowed books and bring library cards to take out more books.

Fri 6th Dec: Friday First service

Weds 11th Dec: Afternoon and evening Creepy Crawly Christmas performance

Tues 17th Dec: Dog Trust assembly

Thurs 19th Dec: Christmas lunch

Fri 20th Dec: Last day NO ASC

Mon 6th Jan: First day back - wow day with an author

Fri 10th Jan: Family first service

Tues 14th Jan: Whole school trip to Ramscombe woods

Mon 20th Jan: Writing open afternoon

Creepy Crawly Christmas

The rehearsals are in full swing and the children are practicing their lines and acting skills.

Costume ideas and ticket letters

have been sent out. If you have any queries, please speak to Mrs Hamilton who is spearheading this production.

Mrs Robertson

You may have heard from the chairs of governors that Mrs Robertson will be in post after Christmas in Drummond class. She will be working 3 days a week with Mr Kelly teaching 2 days.

Trust

We will be handing out cross templates which we would like the children to decorate and include a bible quote relating to trust. These crosses will be attached to wooden crosses and used to decorate the school.

Safeguarding Update

Choosing Video Games for your Family

With Christmas around the corner, many parents and carers will be considering games consoles and new video games as presents for their children. But knowing which devices and games are most suitable for your children can be difficult.

Childnet have produced advice for parents specifically about choosing games for your children. They suggest that parents:

- **Talk to other parents.** Are their children playing the game? What do they think about it?
 - **Try the game yourself.** This is the best way to really find out whether it is suitable for your child.
 - **Get information from reliable sources**, such as [Netaware](#) and [Common Sense](#).
 - **Trust your own judgement.** Even if other children are playing the game, it is important you make your own decision for your child.
- The full blog can be found at: <https://www.childnet.com/blog/but-everyone-else-is-playing-it-how-do-i-decide-if-a-game-is-right-for-my-child>

Inspired by: 1 Corinthians Ch 13 Vs 4-7

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

Village calendar

We have been informed that the village calendar is now available at the village shop if you wish to purchase one.

Children in Need

Thank you to all the children who came dressed in spotty clothes. We raised £85.17 which is a brilliant amount. Congratulations everyone!

Community project

The children have taken home a sheet to complete if they are interested. If all designs could come back to school on Friday 29th as we will be handing them over the village committee.

Writing competitions

We had an amazing response for the 19 pupils who were successful in going forward for publication after our writing competition. We also entered a poetry competition for younger writers and had an outstanding 21 pupils offered publication! We are very proud of our pupils and their amazing writing.

Maths open afternoon

Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and carers who came to our maths open afternoon we had a record turn out and have had requests for reading and writing sessions too. These will be in the diary for spring term as we agree they will be useful for

everyone. It was lovely to have your feedback too, thank you.

Christmas Charity collection - instead of cards!

In past years, instead of purchasing and writing Christmas cards, we have offered the children and staff the opportunity to make a charity donation and put a sticker on a tree poster with their Christmas wishes. This year the Dog Trust will be presenting a school assembly so we thought it might be nice to receive doggie donations for them. We are not looking for money donations but doggie treats, training treats, wet tinned food or toys. No dried food please. Any donations will be gratefully received and there will be posters in each classroom for Christmas wishes.

Many thanks.