



Spotlight on Spaxton CofE School



Message from The Head of School

'Together we flourish and achieve'

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is brilliant to be back at Spaxton CofE Primary School and I feel so much has been achieved in the past 3 weeks. Thank you to Mrs Skews along with the rest of the staff for the hard work that has taken place whilst I have been off. Welcome back to Mrs Clarke who is now working alongside Mrs Elsley in Peregrine Class.

As I walk around the school each day, there is a sense of happiness, yet calm. Classes are focussed on their learning and are proud of their achievements. As a whole school community, we need to continue to strive to be the very best we can be.

This term has seen Kingfisher Class visit Corfe Castle alongside Stogursey School, the whole of Key Stage 2 are taking part in resilience workshops on a Monday morning, we have held a fundraiser event for children affected by the war in Ukraine and today we are raising money for Comic Relief.

Our Christian value that we are exploring this half term is **'Perseverance'** and I would like to leave you, as parents, with a question to think about, 'How do you encourage your child/children to persevere?'

Yours faithfully

Mrs R Rood



Message from The CEO



As spring approaches, with lighter evenings and better weather and the removal of COVID restrictions, we can hopefully feel more optimistic about returning to our normal school traditions, which are always much enjoyed and enrich the education of our children here at Spaxton School. We do of course remain vigilant regarding the presence and impact of COVID.

It is lovely to see Mrs Rood back at the helm and we wish her well for this term. I want to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Skews and all the teachers and support staff for their highly valued care and commitment during Mrs Rood's absence. In my recent visits to all our QET schools I have been very impressed by the hard work and progress being shown by our children and staff.

This is an exciting time for the Trust as we are currently reviewing our growth plans and considering how we can strategically evolve our central functions to meet the needs of our children and schools.

I am now in my last few weeks in my role as CEO of the Quantock Education Trust. I shall miss tremendously working with so many wonderful children and colleagues but feel confident that in her role as interim CEO, Mrs Garnett will lead the Trust with confidence and inspiration into the next chapter of the QET.

I wish you all well for the future.
Mrs K Canham

Village Jubilee Celebrations

The village are organising an afternoon of celebrations for the Queen's Jubilee on Sunday 5th June from 2pm—6pm.

There will be:

- a sports afternoon
- family rounders tournament
- fancy dress
- a bouncy castle
- free ice cream for the first 200 people
- free raffle with a £100 cash prize.



Volunteer Gardeners

We have just received delivery of some new raised bed frames to replace the rotten ones in the orchard and we would love to get these set up and planted, along with other areas around the school as soon as possible. If you are able to spare an hour or two to help with some gardening, please contact Mrs Cudbill in the school office.



Inspired by: 1 Corinthians Ch 13 Vs 4-7

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

Red Nose Day 2022

Topsy Turvy Day

A huge well done to all the children and staff for making such an effort with dressing up for Comic Relief. Our 'Topsy Turvy day' was all about coming dress slightly differently. We've seen children wearing their clothes back to front or in the pajamas. We have also had some staff members in school uniform. As a school, through the sale of red noses and the non-school uniform, we have raised £126. Well done and thank you for all the donations.

Amelia and Prince



Well done to Aemilia and her pony, Prince, who took part in a National Schools Equestrian Association (NSEA) competition on Saturday 5th March and achieved 1st place in the 40cm and 6th in the 50cm in large classes with very strong company! She was also the youngest competing! Aemilia was very proud

to be representing Spaxton CofE Primary School and is looking forward to future competitions. If there are any other children interested in representing Spaxton at NSEA competitions, please let us know!



Mary's Meals

On Monday, we welcomed Ann from the charity 'Mary's meals' to our school. She delivered a Collective Worship where we learnt all about the charity and how they support children across the world who are less fortunate than ourselves. We hope to be able to do some fundraising in the future to support them.



Fundraiser for Ukraine

Thank you so much to everyone who supported our fundraising appeal for Ukraine on Friday 11th March. We were overwhelmed by the generosity in terms of the donations of cakes for the sale.



As a school through the book sale (organised by the Snug bookshop), non-uniform day and cake sale, we raised over £600 for Packed with Hope. This money is going to be put towards funding 10,000 backpacks which will be filled with storybooks, notepads, colouring pencils, puzzles, playing cards, activity books and much more.



Kingfisher Class visit Corfe Castle

On Wednesday 16th March 2022, Kingfisher braved all the elements and spent an amazing day at Corfe Castle. Despite the horrendous weather all children remained cheerful throughout and were able to learn specific facts about the castle and its destruction during the English Civil War. We also spend some time in the local Church, St Edwards, where we explored the bible stories depicted within it's beautiful stained-glass windows. We were also able to make some new friends from years 3 and 4 at Stogursey school who spent the day with us.



PTFA AGM

Thank you so much to everyone that has filled in the questionnaire regarding the PTFA. We will be holding an AGM on Thursday 31st March at 3.30pm in school. If you need to your child to attend after-school club (free of charge) to attend the meeting, please speak to Mrs Cudbill.

Trees at St Margaret's



On Tuesday 15th March, our Ethos Ambassadors, along with Mrs Rood and Mr Watson,

visited St Margaret's Church in Spaxton to plant some trees on behalf of the school community. The consisted of silver birch, cherry and rowan trees. We intend to visit regularly to nurture them and watch them grow. As they get bigger, we hope this will become an area we can visit to sit, be still and reflect.



Are you our next Parent Governor?

Would you like to be more involved in the life of the school?

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor and would welcome nominations from anyone interested in joining the Local Governing Committee. You are also welcome to nominate another person but please get their permission first. The position is open to anyone with parental responsibility for a child at the school. If we receive more than one nomination, we will hold an election by secret ballot of all parents.

The Local Governing Committee is responsible for setting the school's vision and values, and for determining school policies to reflect these. It also reviews and evaluates the implementation of the curriculum and ensures that the school is legally compliant in safeguarding and health and safety. However, the overall responsibility for running Spaxton School and the other schools in the Quantock Education Trust lies with the Trust Board and it is Trust Board that is legally accountable for the school.

No special qualifications are needed. The most important things are to have a keen interest in the school and to be prepared to play an active part in the local governing committee's work. All governors are required to complete induction and other training identified by the Trust and the Local Governing Committee.

If you would like to stand for election please request a nomination form available from the school office and return it to the school no later than Wednesday 30th March 2022. You should also include a short personal statement to support your nomination, which should be no longer than 250 words.

Dates for the Diary

Thursday 31st March	PTFA AGM
Monday 4th April	Parents Evening
Tuesday 5th April	Parents Evening
Thursday 7th April	Parents Evening (Peregrine only)
Friday 8th April	Easter Service @ 9.15am
Monday 11th April—Friday 22nd April	Easter Holidays
Monday 2nd May	Bank Holiday
Friday 27th May	School Jubilee Celebration
Monday 30th May—Friday 3rd June	Half Term
Monday 27th June	Sports Day
Wednesday 20th July	Leavers' service
Thursday 21st July	Last Day of Term

Free School Meals

Is your child entitled to free school meals?

Parents and carers who receive any of the following are entitled to free school meals:

- Income Support (IS)
- Employment Support Allowance (Income Related)
- Universal Credit with an annual household income of less than £7400 after tax
- Income-based Job Seekers Allowance (IBJSA)
- Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit.
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit, with an annual taxable income (as assessed by HMRC) of less than £16,190

If you believe you are eligible, please follow <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/education-and-families/free-school-meals/> to apply.