

## Newsletter

Spaxton CE VC Primary School

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2018

### Thoughts of an Acting Head Teacher

I seemed to have blinked and missed those 4 weeks. We are definitely back in the swing of things and enjoying our first term. The children are settled and we are rolling out our holistic afternoons again starting this Wednesday. If your child hasn't taken part before then they are in for a treat.

Mr L Kelly

### Clothing

The weather has turned chiller in the mornings. Although the sun is shining, the children still need a coat in school. Please ensure all coats are named as the children learn the technicalities of a coat hook rather than the hang it on the floor method.

### Parents' evenings

Parents' evening slots are starting this week. If you haven't made an appointment but would like to meet your child's class teacher there is still time to book a slot.

### Summer reading challenge

Congratulations to all of those children who passed the library's summer reading challenge. We have fantastic readers at Spaxton School and this really shows their love of reading..

THE READING AGENCY AND LIBRARIES PRESENT



### Dates for the diary:

Week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> Oct: parents' evenings

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> Oct: Year 3/4 Kilve meeting 3.30pm

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> Oct: School photos

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> Oct: PTFA quiz night

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> Oct: HALF TERM

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> Nov – Friday 9<sup>th</sup>: Yr3 and 4 Kilve residential

### Safeguarding Update

After a safeguarding briefing from the local authority I have a variety of pieces to pass on.

From a Somerset study 38% of Primary children are using internet chat rooms or social networking in 2018. This is up from 25% in 2016.

Twitch (much like Youtube but based around gamers watching other gamers play) is a growing forum. This involves a chat feature and often displays inappropriate comments. There is a feature where the view can donate money to the online gamer. Twitch streams games with an 18 PEGI rating and the top five channels (with 11 million viewers) are Grand Theft Auto and Call of Duty. Twitch is known by the county safeguarding leads as gangs are using this to extort money out of children.

Finally musical.ly is now called Tik.Tok and is reported regularly for cyberbullying through its chat feature. The age recommendation for this APP is 13 years old. If your child does have it please check the security settings and permissions are set to their highest.