#### Newsletter

# Spaxton CE VC Primary School Tuesday 20th March, 2018

### Thoughts of a Headteacher

With all the snow there has been a disruption to our newsletters - my sincere apologies. The Spring Term is already notoriously short - the snow days have meant that we have had fewer days in which to cram all our work and activities.

I intend to write to you all in the next day or so, but in terms of our newsletters, I wanted to take this final opportunity to thank you all for the amazing memories that I will take with me on Friday. The school and our children mean the world to me and I leave with a heavy heart.

The support I have received from all of the community has been fantastic over the last three years and I will miss all of your warm smiles on the gate.

With Mrs McKenna and the governors and Mr Kelly and the team, the school is in good hands as it starts a new chapter in its life.

My prayers and best wishes

Mr James Blackmore

## Dates for the diary:

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** - Durleigh Dress Up Day and Dance **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March** - Church Service @ 9.30am - Last day of term - NO ASC

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April** - INSET Day **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April** - First day of Summer Term (No piano today)

## Whole School Attendance

95.4% - Let's try and increase this...

(National average 96.1%)

New Target = 96.1%

### Safeguarding Update

Mentally Healthy Schools - the site is now live!

You may have read in the media a few weeks ago, that the Duchess of Cambridge launched a new website for primary schools. The site draws together resources for staff to use when talking to younger children about mental health. The new 'Mentally Healthy Schools' website provides primary school teachers with the practical verified resources they need to better support their pupils. Although it is for schools, parents may find it useful for their own information

The website is

here: https://www.mentallyhealthyschools.or

g.uk/

### Easter Sports Sessions

This week an email with a letter from Tom Elliot and Mr Kelly was sent out, offering your child a **free** place at an Easter Sports Camp that we are hosting here at Spaxton School. Using our Sports Premium Grant, we are able to fund 15 of the 30 places available each day, with Premier Sports match-funding the rest.

The days will be offered on Tuesday 3rd, Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th April from 8.30am - 3.30pm. Mr Harrison will be one of the sports coaches on site for these days.

The places are first come, first served and must be signed up for by seeing Mrs Barber or Mr Blackmore in the office before Friday. Please see the letter attached for further details.

#### <u>Lunch Menus + ASC Bills</u>

Please ensure that any outstanding menus for next term are handed in and any unpaid ASC bills are paid by Thursday 22 March