



Spaxton CE VC Primary School Newsletter

July 2016

PROTECT, TRUST, HAVE HOPE, PERSEVERE, SHOW COURAGE AND REJOICE...

SPAXTON NEWS BITES

“Great Expectations...”

Thoughts of a Headteacher - Mr. Blackmore

Time has seemingly gone against us, this month and where this edition was supposed to be produced by the News Team, we have had to delay their involvement until the new academic year.

Although we, as a staffing team, are very much looking forward to the summer break, we are extremely excited about the Autumn Term, for a number of reasons:

- 1) We have a revised approach to teaching a creative curriculum, starting with the first day back!
- 2) We have stability going into the new year and a teaching team of high quality with differing skill sets.
- 3) Along with other schools nationally, we are looking forward to attacking the new National Curriculum with

greater authority now we are one year into a new testing arrangement.

- 4) The changes we have made or will make during the summer months will bear fruit in the Autumn Term.

We do have great expectations of the 2016/17 academic year and after a year of change, a year of stability will allow us to gather the momentum we have been looking for in terms of improving our school.

I would look to thank you all, once again, for your continuing support and wish you all a relaxing summer break and greatly anticipate seeing you all on the gate come Monday September 5th (don't forget your scruffy clothes and your boxes with scrap and 50p, we have an exciting start back to the Autumn Term



Facebook

Our Facebook page is now up and running. Please 'like' our page to be alerted to information and celebrations of events. Please search 'Spaxton CE VC Primary School.'



Netball Opportunities

Bridgwater ladies are looking for new Junior Members. The season will begin again in September. They meet at Bridgwater college on a Monday from 6-7 the contact e-mail is bridgwaternetballclub.co.uk

Curriculum Focus

In this section we will look at a different aspect of the 2014 National Curriculum.

Writing - Transcription

These are a progression of objectives in the area of 'transcription,' which means the act of writing. It may interest you to see how it runs from Year 1 up to Year 6. These are by no means the only transcription objectives for each year group but they are 'key' objectives.

Year 1 - Naming the letters of the alphabet in order.

Year 2 - Can spell words correctly by saying them out loud (turning what they hear into correct letters and sounds)

Year 3 - Spell some homophones (words that sound the same but spelt differently - too, to, two).

Year 4 - Write from memory simple sentences, dictated by the teacher, that include words and punctuation taught so far.

Year 5 - Beginning to spell some words with 'silent' letters [for example, knight, psalm, solemn].

Year 6 - Use dictionaries to check the spelling and meaning of words.



QUOTE OF THE MONTH

The roots of education are bitter, but the fruit is sweet.

Aristotle

Appeal to parents and children

The new multi-sports goal end equipment has proved to be very popular with all age groups. It is sad however to hear that a few children are using it as a climbing frame instead of practising their cricket, football and basketball skills.

The equipment cost a lot of money which took a long time to raise and it would be a shame if through misuse it is damaged, as we cannot afford to replace it, so it would be lost.

Please ensure your children are asked to only use the equipment for what it is intended. Thank you for your support

Rowena Tomlinson
On Behalf of the Village Hall Committee

CELEBRATIONS!



Area Sports

Congratulations to the Area Sports squad who won the Small Schools Area Sports Competition at North Newton. You were all a credit to the school. Thank you parents for your support.



Leavers' Service

The last day of term – Wednesday 20th July at 9.15am – will see the school community celebrating the year's end with our annual leaver's service.



Open Afternoon

Thank you for all of the school community that came to the Open Afternoon, last week. It was the first event such as this that we have done and we are looking to repeat them on a regular basis. We thoroughly enjoyed having parents and carers to share our work with. We hope you enjoyed it...



*The News Team:
This is the new News Team that will launch their first newsletter at the end of September. Watch this space...*

By working in tandem with our Educational Welfare officer (EWO) and to ensure that our policy is in line with other local schools, as of Thursday 1st September, the Governing Board have agreed to make alterations to the start of the school day.

As of 1st September the following structure will be in place:

8.45 am – Registration is open.

9.00 am – Registration is closed.

From 9.00 am - 9.15 am – If a child arrives between these times they are late and an 'L' code is marked on the register.

From 9.15 am onwards – If a child arrives after 9.15 am they are marked as having an unauthorised absence (U code) for the whole morning session.

The structure outlined above and its relevant codes are already in existence but it is the timings that have been altered.

As you may be aware, we take good attendance very seriously and look at the children's absences on a fortnightly basis. Good attendance is the cornerstone of accelerated progress and so we take any chance we can to highlight the need for excellent attendance to ensure that all children have the attendance they need in order to learn and reach their potential.



Autumn Term

Don't forget that we are back on Monday 5th September after having had 2 INSET days the previous week.

We have a secretly exciting first day back. Please see the letter that was sent home for a reminder of what is needed.

PTFA Newsletter

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Events update

Support for School IT

The recent Rounders event raised over £260, which has funded a Lego Mindstorm.

Darren Stark's employer CDK Global (UK) LTD have given a charitable donation of £250 to the PTFA. This is fantastic news and has enabled us to purchase a 2nd Mindstorm.

Ice Fridays - Ice lollies have been sold after school every Friday. We have raised around £150, thank you for your support. Money raised will be put towards the purchase of Blue Bots for Class 1. These are Bluetooth programmable robots. Blue-Bots help children code, debug and simulate algorithms for the new National Curriculum for Computing.

In order to improve the children's access to up to date IT, the PTFA are

committed to part funding new computers in the school which should be in place this September.

Theatre Trip

The PTFA are contributed to coach hire to take Class 1 to see 'The Snail and the Whale' at the Brewhouse in Taunton. This was a lovely treat for the children and complimented all their recent work on this story.

Events

Disco - Our summer end of term School Disco was held on 18th July. Many thanks to all who attended, we hope the children enjoyed themselves.

Fun Run - 23rd September, details to follow.

Christmas Fayre - 26th November at Spaxton Village Hall 2pm. Tables £10 plus raffle prize.

Our next **PTFA meeting** is on Wednesday 7th September - 8.00pm (Class 1, Spaxton School) - all welcome.

Just Giving

If you are able to make your online purchases (ebay, Amazon and many more) through www.thegivingmachine.co.uk the School is given a free charitable donation.

Facebook

Please join our *Spaxton School Parents & Friends* Facebook Group for information and updates.

Your support makes a difference, thank you.

