



Spotlight on Spaxton CofE School



Message from The Head of School

'Together we flourish and achieve'

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a wonderful half term we have had! There has been so much squeezed into the last six weeks that they have gone by extremely quickly.

A big well done to all the children for completing a range of assessments last week. You really tried hard and this has been demonstrated by the progress made this term.

Thank you to all the parents who have attended parents evenings this week. It has been wonderful to hold these face to face and to give you the opportunity to view your children's work.

During this half term, we have been exploring the Christian value of **'Perseverance'**. As part of this, key stage 2 have been participating in weekly workshops on resilience and Kingfisher class led a wonderful Collective Worship which gave an important message. They taught the rest of the school about the magic word 'Yet'. When we try new things and they are challenging, instead of saying 'I can't do it' say 'I can't do it yet'. I would like to leave you, as parents, with a question to think about and perhaps discuss with your children, 'Can failure ever be a good thing?'

Yours faithfully

Mrs R Rood



Safeguarding

Spaxton CofE Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children.

Safeguarding is everybody's business. If you are worried about a child, then ring **0300 1232224** or the police.

Attendance and Punctuality

Since returning, I wanted to say a big thank you for the efforts with attendance and punctuality. As a school we are always striving to achieve 96% as a bare minimum as this is the national average, however, we are slightly below this at the moment and as a result I am monitoring attendance very carefully.

Please do continue to be mindful of attendance and only keep your children at home if they are really not well. More often than not, when they get into school and around their friends they soon begin to feel better.

In terms of punctuality, we currently run a soft start with the gate open at 8.45am and registration at 9am. The idea here is that at 9am all children are in class, settled, ready to learn. However, there are a few families who are arriving very close to 9am. Please can we all try to make a conscious effort to arrive before 9am, ideally by 8.55am.

Many thanks for your understanding.

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 Readers

I would love to welcome some parent volunteers into school to listen to children read across all classes on a weekly basis. If this is something, you would be interested in supporting in the summer term, please do get in touch with myself via ClassDojo. I will then look at individuals availability and arrange for DBS checks to be completed.



Inspired by: 1 Corinthians Ch 13 Vs 4-7

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

PTFA AGM

Thank you to all the parents who turned up to the PTFA AGM.

Thank you so much to Amy, Karen and Laurelle who have held positions over the past few years and along with the rest of the committee kept the PTFA going through the difficult times of Covid restrictions.

We now welcome Michelle as Chairman, Eve as Treasurer and Jill as Secretary and we look forward to future events they have in store.

Cheddar Gorge

On Friday 1st April, Peregrine class visited Cheddar Gorge as part of their Stone Age History Topic. When we arrived, we visited the pre-history museum and we met a



caveman who had a stick and a mountain goat skull, he called Dave. He taught us how to make fire using 'King Alfred's cake' (a fungus found in a dying Ash tree). After lunch we visited Gorge's cave which is the open cave where the 'Cheddar man' (the oldest, most complete skeleton found in the UK) was found. Finally, we visited



Cox's cave which told us facts about the Stone Age. We thought the trip was amazing and really inspiring.

By Noah and Theodore

The Great Easter Egg Hunt

Thursday 7th April saw the return of our whole school Easter Egg Hunt. 'Eggtremely' excited children gathered on the field before rushing off around the school grounds to find hundreds of chocolate eggs. It was lovely to see



the children of Peregrine class taking care of the children in

Starling class to ensure they found some eggs too. Thank you to the PTFA for donating the eggs for our Easter Egg Hunt on Thursday 7th April.



High School Musical Jr

On Monday 4th April, Peregrine class visited Haygrove to watch their dress rehearsal performance of High School Musical Jr. We thought it was awesome and we would love to be involved with something similar when we go to secondary school. The choreography was outstanding and the students playing the parts matched the characters from the film really well.



By Mary and Honor

Dates for the Diary

Thursday 31st March	PTFA AGM
Monday 11th April—Friday 22nd April	Easter Holidays
Monday 2nd May	Bank Holiday
Friday 6th May	Family First Friday Service @ 9.15am
Wednesday 18th May	Bikeability for Year 6
Friday 27th May	School Jubilee Celebration
Monday 30th May—Friday 3rd June	Half Term
Monday 27th June	Sports Day
Friday 1st July	Summer Fair
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 HMR&C) 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.