



Spaxton CE VC Primary School Newsletter

Left – Rembrandt Class enjoying
baking Naan breads

December 2016

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

SPAXTON NEWS BITES

A Merry Christmas to You All!

Thoughts of a Headteacher - Mr. Blackmore

2016 - What a year it has been!

It has been a very challenging time in schools and in education, in general, in 2016. We hear of more teachers than ever that are leaving the profession parallel to a new National Curriculum and its new testing arrangements and whilst 2016 has seen a lot of change, here at Spaxton, we are delighted with how the autumn term has progressed.

At this time of year, the focus is on celebrating change. With a new year comes a new start, whether that be trying to give up chocolate or resolving to dust off the old exercise bike, we see the opportunity for a clean slate. In some ways, our fresh start came at the beginning of this academic year and has meant we have been able to make significant progress with our school improvement work. I, for one, am incredibly excited about what 2017 has in store...

As I write to you, I can hear Matisse Class and KS1 practicing their nativity songs, Year 6 are making their Christmas Cakes, Rembrandt Class are as busy as elves producing crafts for their stall and KS2 are rehearsing for the Christmas concert. In amongst this, Mrs Barber is counting the money made from 'Mr Blackmore's Christmas Shop' - thank you for supporting this. It is a lovely time of year and I feel immensely proud of all of our school community



Children in Need

We raised a fantastic £160 for this year's Children In Need! Well done and thank you for all of your efforts and generosity.



A word from the Editor...

We are currently enjoying the rehearsals for our KS2 Christmas Concert – we hope you can make it! It is certainly beginning to feel a lot like Christmas now... From all of the News Team, we wish you a very happy Christmas! - Fynn

Curriculum Focus

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

Statistics, Ratio, Proportion and Algebra

EYFS – No objectives

Y1 – No objectives

Y2 - Interpret and construct simple pictograms, tally charts, block diagrams and simple tables.

Y3 - Interpret and present data using bar charts, pictograms and tables.

Y4 - Solve comparison, sum and difference problems using information presented in bar charts, pictograms, tables and other graphs.

Y5 - Complete, read and interpret information in tables, including timetables.

Y6 - Use simple formulae.



QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Develop a passion for learning. If you do, you will never cease to grow. **Anthony J. D'Angelo**

The Importance of Cleaning Up After Your Dog...

By the *News Team's* Amber Walker

Oh no! The dog's done it again! So what do we do? We leave it, of course. But that's exactly what you do not do – you pick it up in a poo bag and nobody will step in it; however this rule is being ignored by some dog owners. It has been noted by some of our community that dog owners walking past our school are occasionally disobeying this rule. I am sure that you, reader, know how horrible it is to step in that stuff. As Christmas is coming, please give the gift of picking up your dog's poop. It may seem hard but always keep a poo bag handy to keep Spaxton clean, this Christmas.



REMINDERS

**KS1 Nativity**

If you haven't already booked your tickets for the KS1 nativity, please see Mrs Barber or Mr Haddell. There are both a morning and afternoon performance on Monday 12th December. We look forward to seeing you there!

**KS2 Christmas Concert**

Please join us on Tuesday 13th December from 6.30pm at St Margaret's Church for our KS2 Christmas Concert. Please note that this may be unsuitable for pre-school children

**Gingerbread House Draw**

For the School in a Bag charity, we are having a draw with the prize of a Gingerbread House up for grabs. Mrs Barber or Mr Blackmore will be on the gate for all of the last week, if you would like to buy a ticket.

<http://www.schoolinabag.org/>

Meet Mr. Blackmore

He's been our headteacher for a while now but who is the real Mr. Blackmore? We used the same questions that were asked of Mr. Harrison to see how they compared...

Q. What's your favourite thing to teach?

A. I'm a keen historian so like to teach history but on balance, it's probably literacy.

Q. What's your favourite food?

A. A good roast dinner! I love roast potatoes!

Q. Who's your favourite celebrity?

A. James Corden is quite funny...

Q. What's your favourite game?

A. I love games. I'd say Hungry Hippos!

Q. Do you like Gogglebox?

A. It's quite fun at times but I couldn't watch a whole episode.

Q. What's your favourite flavor of crisps?

A. Cheese and Onion, although Mrs Blackmore doesn't like the smell!

Dec/Jan Calendar

Mon 12 Dec – KS1 Nativity (am and pm)

Tues 13 Dec – KS2 Christmas Concert (Church)

Wed 14 Dec – School Christmas Lunch

Fri 16 Dec – Christmas Jumper Day (£1)

Tues 10 Jan – School Strategic Future Info Session

Wed 11 Jan – PTFA meeting

Thur 12 Jan – Years 4,5 and 6 Swimming Gala

Fri 27 Jan – PTFA Quiz Night – West India House (Mr Blackmore and Mr Barber will be your hosts – don't miss it!)

PTFA Newsletter December 2016



Season's Greetings from the PTFA!

Firstly may I take this opportunity to thank everyone who attended the Christmas Fayre and bingo your generosity has helped to raise in excess of £1000.00, which will be spent on updating the IT infrastructure within the classrooms.

Another thank you to everyone who donated prizes for the bingo, without your generosity it wouldn't have been so successful. It was a really fun evening!

A reminder of future events:

- **Friday 9th December** we are holding a disco in the school hall, please see poster for specific times etc.
- **Thursday 12th January** we will be holding an ever popular French breakfast.
- Tickets will be on sale prior to the Christmas break for our general knowledge quiz and ploughman's supper to be held at The West India house on **Friday 27th January**. A poster will be out soon - please do join us for an evening of head scratching!

Finally a big thank you to the hardworking PTFA members without whom our amazing events simply wouldn't happen.
Merry Christmas to you all.

Ali Ingram (Chair)

