



Spotlight on Spaxton School



Message from The Head of School

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a brilliant first half term we had! I cannot praise the children enough on their commitment and resilience shown throughout the first 7 weeks and this week has been no different. Well done everyone!

Over the half term holiday, we had some fantastic new playground equipment installed on the field. Huge thanks to the PTFA for organising the fundraising to allow this to happen. Kingfisher class have the joy of playing on it this week but all children will get a turn over the coming weeks. We have also had some new markings put on the playground as well and over the coming weeks Year 6 will learn how to use these so they can teach others.

On Friday, we have our first Forest School session with Tom Ridout. Starling class are looking forward to this with the other classes following in subsequent weeks. Please remember children can come dressed in old clothes for this, they will also need a waterproof coat. We are able to supply waterproof trousers due to a grant received from the Ernest Cook Trust.

As I am sure you are all aware tomorrow is the start of the second lockdown, however, we are still open to all. I have received no amended guidance from the DFE yet and so we plan to continue with all the measures we have in place already. If anything changes, I will let you know as soon as possible.

Breakfast, after-school and multi-sports clubs will all continue as normal. You are allowed to form a bubble with one other household for informal childcare arrangements, therefore, please ensure only you as parents/carers or a member from that support bubble are collecting your child/children.

Yours faithfully

Mrs R Rood
Head of School



Reading

Reading is a hugely important life skill to have and opens up a world of wonder and excitement. Sharing a book with your child can be a hugely rewarding, this can be your child reading to you but also children love being read too.

As a way of encouraging all children to read at home, we have a new reward system in place. All children who read at home at least 3 times a week will be rewarded with a raffle ticket at the end of the week. Those raffle tickets are then collected over the course of the half term and one winner from each class will be drawn out and they will be rewarded with a book. At the end of the year all the raffle tickets will be put into one draw and we will pull out one winner for a larger, one-off prize. So the more the children read, the more chances they have of winning big!

Inspired by: 1 Corinthians Ch 13 Vs 4-7

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

House points

Each week the children earn dojo points, these are collated at the end of each week and converted into house points. The house with the most points at the end of each half term will win an extra playtime with Mrs Rood.

The winning house for the first half term was **Durleigh** with a staggering 1141 points. Great work from all those in Durleigh!

The top dojo point winner for the half term in each year group will also get to join the extra play.

The winners are:

Rec— Ryan

Y1—Ciara

Y2—Holly

Y3—Esme

Y4—Lara

Y5—Ruaridh

Y6—Jude

Well done to all those children and now the points are reset for the this half term.



WE'RE RAISING MONEY

FOR BBC CHILDREN IN NEED



How many laps can you walk in 30 minutes?

This year for Children in Need we are going to have our own sponsored ramble around the school grounds on Friday 13th November. Children can also attend school in their spotty clothes for Pudsey for a donation of £1.

Everyone at school will take to the school field for 30 minutes to find out how many laps they can complete in the time. Children can walk/run/skip around the field. We will then use the data we collect in our maths lessons that day.

There will be prizes for the top fundraiser in each class as well as a prize for someone in each class who perseveres and puts in the most effort.

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 10th November	Parents' evening—calls home
Wednesday 11th November	Parents' evening—calls home
Friday 13th November	Children in Need—Sponsored Ramble & Spotty Clothes Day
Thursday 17th December	Christmas Lunch
Monday 21st December— Friday 1st January	Christmas Holidays
Monday 4th January 2021	Back to School
Thursday 1st April 2021	INSET Day

Could you volunteer to be a School Governor?



Do you care about improving children's education and want to contribute to your local community?

Do you want to work as part of a team and value contributions made by others?

Are you willing to challenge and ask questions?

Are you open to new ideas, willing to learn and undertake training to understand the role?



We would love to hear from you, please contact
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