



Spotlight on Spaxton School



Message from The Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers

This is our first newsletter of 2020 which is designed to keep all members of our community informed about the latest developments in our wonderful school.

Yours faithfully

K.M. Canham

Mrs K Canham

Acting Head of School



HELP WANTED

SCHOOL MAINTENANCE DAY

SATURDAY 29TH FEBRUARY 10am – 4pm

Please donate as much time as you can spare and don't forget your tool kit!!

Welcome Hannah!

We are pleased to introduce to you Hannah Branch, who is a parent, Family Support Assistant who works across the Bridgwater area. Hannah is keen to meet families to see if there is support and advice she can offer.

We will be hosting Hannah regularly and there will be an open drop in session for parents and carers to pop in and have a cuppa with her. Hannah can offer support and guidance on any parenting issue, big or small and can sign post to further services where needed.

Many parents at other schools access this support both formally and informally, for a one off or for a sequence of helpful sessions. When we become parents we don't get a manual or any training and we all need someone to thrash something out with at different times. Please do pop in and see her, even if only just to say hello and make her feel welcome in our school community.

We'd love to hear about you!

We are inviting parents and members of the community to talk to the children about their careers. We want the children to see how the skills they are learning in school are used in adulthood. If you think you could offer us 20 minutes of your time at 2.45 pm on a week day then please do contact the office. Thank you.

Social Media Alert

Please remember that the minimum age for signing up to sites such as Facebook, Instagram and Snapchat is 13. Please do not attempt to 'befriend a member' of our staff on any social media sites.

Inspired by: 1 Corinthians Ch 13 Vs 4-7

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

Poem of the month

The Blood Hoarder

He sneakily roams through the night, looking for his prey.

Beware because his teeth are as sharp as icicles which can freeze you to death.

His tongue is black and scaled but that's not it.

He has the power to teleport whenever he wants to.

He excretes venomous spiders which can kill you with one bite.

Also, he has spikes on his back which are as hot as fire.

He has infinite power and health.

He shoots fireballs out of his mouth.

He sucks your blood until you're as flat as a pancake.

He has octopus tentacles that can stick to anything.

He has wings so he can fly.

He has eyes which can shoot lasers.

He has horns sharper than anything and his nails are too.

He has snake scales on his stomach that are poisonous.

His legs are long, ugly and as cold as ice.

His tail is magnetic to children.

By Jude Coles (9)

Spaxton CE Primary School

Fizzpop Science

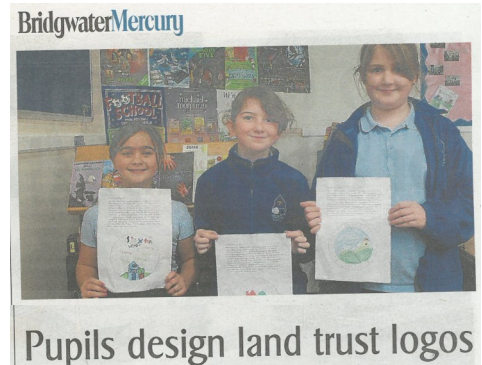
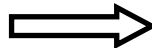
We were treated to an amazing day of science fun when the Fizz Pop Science team and the amazing 'Sonic Sally' visited in January. After thoroughly enjoying taking part in all sorts of experiments and discovering lots of amazing facts about the world around them, every pupil was invited to sign-up for a five week Science Club!



Land Trust Logo

Three of our talented students were over the moon to learn recently that their designs have been chosen for consideration for a new Community Land Trust (CLT) that is under development in the village. Marcella, Molly and Jade created colourful designs inspired by the buildings and landscape around them.

Our winners even got mentioned in the Bridgwater Mercury!



Learning about Nature

Drummond Class have been working on our nature area. We conducted a science investigation to test the various different ideas that we had to attract more birds to our garden. We made bird feeders, put up bird boxes and put some lovely soft alpaca fur in little boxes for the birds to help themselves to, to give them nice, cosy nesting materials!

We are pleased to say we had significantly more birds visiting our garden! We are now working on attracting bees and butterflies!



Published Poets

Some of our pupils have had their writing talents recognised by the Young Writers publishing group who run National Writing Competitions for primary and secondary schools. Over 60,000 poems from schools across the UK were submitted and 30 of the Spaxton children's poems were chosen to be published in regional issues of 'My First Acrostic' and 'Poetry Monsters'.



SWIM & SPORTS ACADEMY
ACADEMY RUN

PENTATHLON-GB
SCHOOLS

SWIM & SPORTS ACADEMY
ACADEMY SWIM

Sedgemoor Schools & Visitors (Open)
BIATHLON CHAMPIONSHIPS
Sunday 1st March, 2020

YR 3 & 4: 11:45 AM – 2:45 PM
YEAR 5-13: 12:45 PM – 4:00 PM

OPEN TO ALL SCHOOL CHILDREN WISHING TO PARTICIPATE
IN A FUN AND FRIENDLY RUN & SWIM EVENT!

For school years:
Year 3 & 4: Run 500m Swim 50 m
Year 5 & 6 Run 500m Swim 50 m
Year 7 & 8 Run 1000m Swim 100 m
Year 9 to 13 Run 1000m Swim 100 m

This is a great Opportunity to help your school win the title of
Sedgemoor Schools Biathlon Champions 2020!
Or capture the Visiting Schools Team Shield!
Sign up now for this fun event – let your friends know!
To win the schools event you will need as many competing as possible!

Finishers medals for all athletes who complete the Run & Swim!
Free swim ticket to all Year 3 & 4 Competitors
Free Fun N Float session to all year 5+ competitors following the event!
Awards for 1st to 3rd in each Sedgemoor Category
Award to 1st "visitor" in each Category

Entry forms available from your school, or online at
www.bospool.com/events
Or pick up an entry form at:
Burnham-on-Sea Swim & Sports Academy
Berrow Rd. Burnham-on-Sea, Somerset TA8 2ET

**SPAXTON
SPRING
FLOWER SHOW**

SATURDAY 28 MARCH 2020
2.00 – 4.00 at the Village Hall

Homemade teas
Car boot sale (£5 per pitch)

Entrance:
Adults £1, children free

Entry forms must be returned by 5:30pm on Thursday
26 March to one of the following:
Spaxton Community Stores
Roseway, High Stet (Clare Downer)

**NO CHANGES CAN BE MADE TO ENTRIES AND LATE
ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**

**ALL EXHIBITS FOR COMPETITION MUST BE STAGED
BETWEEN 09:00 AND 10:45 am ON THE DAY OF THE
SHOW**

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SPAXTON SCHOOL PTFA proudly presents

The Moveable Feast!!

On
Saturday 7th March 2020
Beginning at Spaxton Village Hall
Pavillion at 7.00pm for a
complimentary glass of fizz!

We need volunteers to cook starters,
main courses and desserts,
and plenty of participants to ensure
a party atmosphere.

Tell all your friends and book your places now!!
Support your local school

For further details and a booking form either call into the school office,
or contact Ali Ingram on 671273 or email aliingram1@icloud.com

All booking forms must be returned to Ali
by e-mail or returned to the school office by Monday 24th February 2020

**SPAXTON
PRIMARY SCHOOL
FUNDRAISER**

SIMPLY FILL YOUR BAG WITH
Clean Ladies, Gents & Children's clothing,
paired shoes, hats handbags & accessories ,
costume jewellery, soft toys, dvds and mobile
phones.

THE MORE YOU COLLECT THE MORE MONEY YOU RAISE!

**YOUR COLLECTION DAY
THURS 27th FEB**

**BAGS
HELP**

Bags of help collections ltd. 01278 453132
Registration no 08123932

Please note: Thursday 27th
Feb will be the last collection
of this kind, as we are going
more eco friendly and having
a clothes bin permanently
placed on site (photo below).
This will be in place from 27th
Feb for any donations going
forward and will raise money
for the school.



Calendar Dates

Every Tuesday at 3:15pm	KS2 Sport—Stay and Play.
Every Thursday at 3:15pm	KS1 Sport—Stay and Play.
Saturday 22nd February (half-term)	World Thinking Day - To celebrate this, students who are in Beavers/Cubs/Scouts or Rainbows/Brownies/Guides etc are encouraged to come to school in their uniform for one day during the following week.
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day - The children are encouraged to come to school dressed as a character from a book.
Friday 6th March at 2:45pm	Family First Service.
Wednesday 11th March	The Mobile Library will be visiting.
Tuesday 17th March at 6:30pm	Our first Parent Forum. The topic for the evening is 'Raising the Profile of Spaxton School'.




Brymore Lambing

Saturday March 7th // 10:30am - 3pm




Come and see our baby lambs and visit the ewes on their due dates!

We can't promise lambing live but the opportunity to bottle feed a lamb and cuddle one is just a step away with us at Brymore Academy.

Refreshments provided by Friends of Brymore Association.

No dogs permitted and pregnant women should not enter the livestock shed.

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