## <u>Newsletter</u>

Spaxton CE VC Primary School Monday 13. November, 2018

# <u>Thoughts of an Acting Head</u> <u>Teacher</u>

This is a wonderful half term, with the clocks having gone back and the nights drawing in; evidence of winter is all around. We are putting in place Christmas preparations and are looking forward to a whole school production this year. We are sorting a venue and will keep you all updated with a place and a time as soon as possible. Mr L Kelly

#### <u>Kilve</u>

Our year threes and fours had a lovely time away on their residential and although the first night might have been a little sleepless, after a lot of fresh air and activity, they slept well from then on out! It is great that the children have an opportunity, not only to take part in activities they may not get to do at home but also, to have the adventure of sleeping over with friends and build those friendships.

## <u>Charities</u>

Hopefully you have all seen the letter regarding the charities the children have voted to support. We are having a spotty day today for Children in Need and are collecting items for Operation Christmas Child on Thursday. We are also having representatives from the Teachers for Teachers charity to tell us about our link school in Zambia and some exciting ways we may be communicating with them.

# Governing body

Our governors have elected a new Chair of Governors – Mr Mike Hodson after Mrs McKenna moved onto other projects earlier this term. I would like to welcome Mr Hodson to our school and thank Mrs McKenna for her hard work and wish her all the best with her future endeavours. A few additional members of our school community have also expressed an interest for spaces on our Governing Body.

#### Dates for the diary:

Weds 14<sup>th</sup> Nov: Farm link assembly Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Nov: Items in for Operation Christmas Child Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov: House meetings Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Nov: PTFA Christmas Fayre Tues 4th Dec: Reading workshop for parents Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Dec: Family First Church service Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Dec: Flu vaccinations Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Dec: Christmas Jumper Day Weds 19<sup>th</sup> Dec: Christingle Service TBC Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> Dec: School Christmas Lunch

## Safeguarding Update

As Christmas approaches, many people will be considering games consoles and video games as gifts but it can be difficult to know which games are suitable for children. Christmas can be a fantastic time to start playing games together and to show children that you are interested in the games they enjoy. A great source of advice for Family Gaming is Andy Robertson, a writer and vlogger who has years of experience covering Family Gaming for national newspapers, TV and radio. His YouTube channel, FamilyGamerTV, posts regular videos to guide families on the best video games for families. (As recommended by eLim- Somerset County Council computing support team)