

Newsletter
Spaxton CE VC Primary School
Monday 15th July 2019

Word from the Head teacher

Well, we have reached the end of another fantastic school year. It has been a good year for lots of reasons. We are thrilled with our year 6 SATs results with 100% reaching the age related expectations in SPaG, Reading and Maths and 73% achieving Greater Depth in SPaG and Reading with 55% in Maths. We have had a brilliant turn out for our Sports Day and Open Day and the children have had even more opportunities to develop the 'whole child' through our holistic afternoons, to name but a few. I would like to say a big thank you to everyone for your support of the school and I wish you all a very happy, sunny and carefree summer.



Parent tidy up day

Due to the ongoing school improvement works we are looking to move the tidy up day to September. I will keep you all informed.

Bike-ability

We have been contacted by the Local Authority who run the bike ability and we are arranging an opportunity next year for our year 5s and 6s.

Multi Academy Trust Update from the co- chairs of governors

We write to update on the Multi Academy Trust progress, as we are now reaching the final stages, with all paperwork falling into place. We continue to be excited by the new opportunities working together will create. This offers us many opportunities to extend and enrich the learning for our children and families, along with securing the future of our school, whilst retaining its unique and special identity and ethos. We are also in the unique position of forming and shaping the new Trust through our collaboration with Haygrove, building further on our existing close relationship with the school. Stogursey, Haygrove and Spaxton are working closely, aligning systems such as IT to ensure efficiency and best practice. The schools at Crowcombe and Stogumber have also expressed a strong interest in joining us, but are not yet ready to join us in time for the academy conversion date of August 1st. We look forward to welcoming them into the Trust at a later stage.

We can also confirm that the new official name for the Trust is the **Quantock Education Trust**, which reflects the vision and ethos of the Trust, to establish close and inclusive links with the local community, serving the needs of its children and young people. Your ongoing support is paramount and please be assured that our children remain our focus as the school moves forward. Thanks again and please feel free to contact us if

you have any questions or concerns.

Attendance

The number of holidays taken during the school term have increased dramatically, resulting in over 80 days of schooling being lost. This has a huge effect on the children's education and we will be looking at ways of reducing this figure next year.

PTFA updates

Alongside the pond and pagoda work, which the PTFA contributed £1256 on top of the Calor gas grant of £5000, the PTFA have raised money to support our IT infrastructure (£2350), Trikes (£200), SEND reading kit (£60) and eggs for our Easter egg hunt (£20). The PTFA have also contributed money to help reduce the cost of transport for school trips.

Dates for the diary:

Fri 19th July: Leavers church service

Fri 19th July: Last day NO ASC

Mon 22nd July: INSET DAY

Tues 23rd July: INSET DAY

Mon 2nd Sept: INSET DAY

Tues 3rd Sept: First day back

Safeguarding Update

Roblox Parental Controls

With the summer holiday approaching, many children will be looking forward to some time playing games on their computers and consoles - ideally as a shared family activity!

Roblox continues to be one of the most popular games amongst our children. As with all games - particularly those which are played online - there are risks for parents to be aware of and steps you can take to support your children in playing safely. The best way to keep your child safe is to ensure they are always supervised when they play. In addition, parents can apply controls to the game to limit certain features. An excellent guide to Roblox Parental Controls can be downloaded from Internet Matters by following this link:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/entertainment-search-engines/roblox/>