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# Spaxon CE VC Primary School Newsletter

## June 2016

SPAXTON NEWS BITES

## “Rigorous Creativity...”

Thoughts of a Headteacher - Mr. Blackmore

In the last couple of months, there has been much in the news about assessment at primary level and, in particular, the tests given to children at the end of KS1 and KS2.

There is no doubt that the bar has been raised but we felt, here at Spaxton, that we were ready for that raise in expectation and were able to prepare the children well. The assessments were delivered in a way in which the children could see the tasks as a challenge to be overcome rather than unnecessary pressure. I was incredibly proud of both year 2 and 6 with their attitude and determination.

The rise in expectations has had its challenges throughout the year and we will continue to adapt and improve our classroom provision as

we enter into the next academic year. Excitingly, our rigorous approach to the National Curriculum will go hand-in-hand with our creative curriculum development that will enable the children to apply their learning in a stimulating and meaningful curriculum, with our 2020 strategic vision at its very heart.

With increased sporting opportunities, new IT hardware, reading opportunities and areas of the school for the children to take responsibility for, the next academic year is promising to balance the notion of academic rigour, that the new curriculum commands, and the creativity of our improving provision that we are able to offer the children.



### Thank You!

You raised a fantastic £148 through your kind donations for the Bag 2 School scheme. According to the company this was double last year's efforts. Thank you for all of your donations – it is very much appreciated.



### ‘Vision and Values’

Our vision and values theme for this half term is ‘responsibility.’ We have started to talk about what it means to take responsibility and how our actions can have an effect on ourselves and others.

**We have wished Mrs. Lorna Stark a fond farewell as she leaves the school after many years of service. She will leave a big hole in our school and will be missed. If you feel like you would be able to offer us any assistance with our grounds and plants or indeed support gardening club – as Mrs. Stark has done – please see Mrs. Barber.**

# Curriculum Focus

In this section we will look at a different aspect of the 2014 National Curriculum.

## Fractions

These are a progression of objectives in the area of 'fractions.' It may interest you to see how it runs from Year 1 up to Year 6. These are by no means the only fraction objectives for each year group but they are 'key' objectives.

Year 1 - Recognise, find and name a half as one of two equal parts of an object, shape or quantity.

Year 2 - Recognise, find, name and write fractions  $\frac{1}{3}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{2}{4}$  and  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a length, shape, set of objects or quantity.

Year 3 - Recognise, find and write fractions of a set of objects: unit fractions and non-unit fractions with small denominators. (finding  $\frac{2}{5}$  or  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a set of objects)

Year 4 - Recognise and show, using diagrams, families of common equivalent fractions. (equivalent means 'equal' – the same value –  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{2}{4}$ ,  $\frac{3}{6}$ )

Year 5 - Compare and order fractions whose denominators (bottom part of a fraction) are all multiples of the same number. (which is the bigger fraction:  $\frac{3}{4}$  or  $\frac{5}{8}$ ?)

Year 6 Recall and use equivalences between simple fractions, decimals and percentages, including in different contexts. ( $25\% = 0.25 = \frac{1}{4}$ )



### QUOTE OF THE MONTH

The whole purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows

Sydney J Harris

## Meet Mr. Kelly! – As promised, we sent Lillia and Ellie to meet one of our newest members of staff...



Q1 – Do you always wear your sunglasses on your head? **Yes, you never know when it's going to be sunny!**

Q2 – What is your funniest moment in teaching? **Mr Blackmore and I taught in a different school together and when he left, he had to dress up as Juliet from Romeo and Juliet and I was Romeo. It was in an assembly so very embarrassing for him and very funny for us!**

Q3 – How old are you? **Um...32**

Q4 – What do you like to do at the weekends? **I seem to do a lot of shopping! I really enjoy family outings...**

Q5 – Do you have any hobbies? **Yes, I am currently enjoying learning to play the piano.**

Q6 – What sports do you like to watch and play? **Well, I like to watch gymnastics and play on my snowboard.**

Q7 – How long have you been teaching, Mr Kelly? **I think it's nine years now...**

Thank you to Mr. Kelly for giving up his time for us!



## REMINDERS



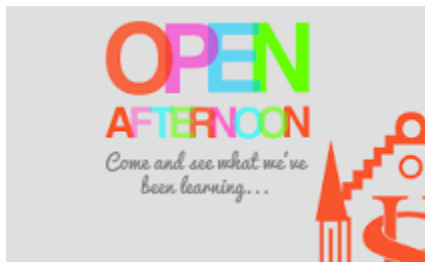
## Sports Day

Sports Day, this year, will be Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July with a reserve date of Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July. There will be more information to follow.



## Leavers' Service

The last day of term – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 9.30am – will see the school community celebrating the year's end with our annual leaver's service. The finer details are still to be confirmed and will follow shortly.



## Open Afternoon

We are pleased to be able to invite you to our first Open Day on the afternoon of Tuesday July 12<sup>th</sup> from 12.00pm – 2.45pm. There will be a variety of things happening as well as a chance to have a picnic lunch brought from home. Further details to follow



*The News Team:  
This is the new  
News Team that  
will launch their  
first newsletter  
in July. Watch  
this space...*

Our Ks2 rounders squad has had an incredible summer! With eighteen fantastic members who came to the tough training schedule that Mr Blackmore organized, they were fully prepared for two big tournaments.

Only eleven could go to the Finals Tournament in North Petherton and with 3 wins and 2 loses, they came third in the table, narrowly missing out on top spot and passageway into the next round.

Bearing in mind that we have a school of 87, we were beating schools of four and five times our size. We had children in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 playing in what was mainly a Year 6 tournament.

We are very proud of their achievements – well done! A big thank you must also go to the parents who helped with transport and the support on the sidelines.



## June/July Calendar

June 13 – Year 1 Phonics assessments  
June 20 – Class 4 Theatre trip  
June 24 – September Intake Induction  
July 5/6 – KS2 Bikeability  
July 7 – Area Sports – North Newton  
July 11 – Area Sports Reserve Date  
July 12 – Open Afternoon  
July 15 – School Disco  
July 18 – Sports Day  
July 19 – Sports Day Reserve Date  
July 20 – Leavers' Service – 9.30am  
July 20 – End of term (no after school club)

As the warm weather continues to keep everyone's spirits high, can we please ensure that the children have:

- A sun-hat
- A water bottle
- Their PE Kit
- Sun-cream applied before the start of school
- Hay-fever tablets taken, preferably, before the start of school (see Mrs Barber)

# PTFA Newsletter

## June 2016

### Events update

Thank you to everyone who supported the Rounders and BBQ evening on the 13th May, with your help we raised over £250. I hope you will agree it was a great evening and lots of fun. We couldn't have asked for better weather, our thanks go to Jo for not only sourcing good, local produce but also for cooking - the BBQ was a big hit. We'd also like to thank everyone who helped make the evening a success.

As many of you know, we were also running a '100 squares' competition - unfortunately we didn't sell all the tickets, however having drawn the lucky tickets today (Monday 6th) we are delighted to announce the winner of the £1

square is Emma Preece and Joshua Walsh for the 10p squares. If you see Mrs Barber she will let you have your winnings.

The money raised will go towards a Lego Mindstorm – to help pupils across the school learn about programming (part of the new school curriculum).

### Other PTFA news

The committee received some great news over the holidays, we've received a charitable donation from CDK Global (UK) Ltd (Darren Stark's employer) of £250 towards IT equipment. At our next PTFA meeting we will agree how this donation is spent.

### Upcoming dates for your diaries

School Disco (Spaxton Village Hall) - Friday 15th July 2016.

Our next PTFA meeting is on Thursday 9th June - 8.00pm (Class 1) - all welcome.

**Sarah Gray**

**Secretary PTFA**

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