



Spotlight on Spaxton School



Message from The Head of School

Dear Parents/Carers,

Standing on the gate on Monday 8th March was a highlight of my career. Welcoming back the children after nearly 8 weeks of remote learning was a real joy. They walked/ran in so confidently with huge smiles on their faces and couldn't wait to get back into classes with all their friends.

Walking around the school, it is clear the children are happy to get back to a little bit of normality and routine. It is lovely to see the classrooms full again and the sound of children's voices filling the school environment (despite still being in our class bubbles).

Despite the disruptions of this term, we have still managed to complete so much. I was amazed by the efforts of the children for World Book Day and Comic Relief.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish Miss Atwell all the very best of luck as she leaves us for a little while to take maternity leave. Her last day in school with the children will be Wednesday 31st March. At the end of the term, we also say farewell to Mrs Selby. I would like to thank her for all the support she has given the children over the past year and a half, she will be greatly missed.

Yours faithfully

Mrs R Rood



Library revamp!

Thank you to all those who have so far supported our library revamp by ordering books from the The Snug Bookshop in Bridgwater through their 'Fill a

Bookshelf' scheme. If you have not already bought a book and would like to donate one in this way, please go to the shop's website and order a book before the end of March.

We are also taking donations of any good-quality reading books so if you have been having a bit of a sort out during the lockdown, please do bear us in mind.

Thank you to the PTFA for supporting this project, organising the 'Fill a Bookshelf' donations and arranging fundraising events.



Message from The CEO

What a joy it has been over the last two weeks to be able to welcome all our children, students and colleagues back into our Trust schools. I am hugely grateful to all my colleagues for their total care and commitment in ensuring a safe return for all.

Please be reassured that your child's wellbeing continues to be central to all our planning and that we remain here for all our families across the Trust, as we navigate our way together out of some very challenging times and head towards a bright spring and summer.

I am grateful to all of you as parents and carers for your ongoing support and I wish you well.

Kind regards
Karen Canham
CEO/Executive Headteacher



Meet Mrs Walker

Mrs Walker has joined Peregrine Class as a TA this half term and is supporting the children with their learning during the mornings.

Meet Mr Atkins

Mr Atkins will be joining the school from Tuesday 4th May as he becomes acting co-head on Mondays—Wednesdays, alongside Mrs Skews whilst Mrs Rood is on maternity leave.

Meet Mrs Elsley

Mrs Elsley will be joining the teaching team at Spaxton after the Easter holidays. She will be teaching in Kingfisher class on a Thursday when Mrs Skews is acting co-head.

Inspired by: 1 Corinthians Ch 13 Vs 4-7

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

Red Nose Day 2021

A huge well done to all the children for making such an effort with dressing up for Comic Relief. As a school, including gift aid donations we have raised over £235. There were some great outfits and the school was turned into a sea of red rather than the usual blue.



Blue Peter Badge Winner!

Well done to Jakob Taylor for being awarded a Blue Peter badge. Jakob wrote his application himself during the lockdown and talked about his love of music, singing and playing his ukulele.



Dates for the Diary

Thursday 1st April	INSET Day
Friday 2nd April—Friday 16th April	Easter Holiday
Monday 19th April	Return to school for summer term
Monday 3rd May	Bank Holiday
Monday 31st May—Friday 4th June	Half term
Monday 28th June	Sports Day (fingers crossed)
Monday 5th July	Reserve Sports Day
Wednesday 7th July	Transition Day
Friday 23rd July	Last day of term

World Book Day

Well done to everyone who took part in this year's World Book Day. We had so many children complete the tasks set and enjoy being part of the special day both in school and remotely.

I had such a hard job choosing a the winner for the unusual reading spot. We had children on top of cars, hanging upside down, in the bath and the winner was reading in the kitchen cupboard – Excellent Nathan (Peregrine)!

The other competitions were drawn randomly with over 50 pupils taking part in the 'Guess the Teacher behind the book' and Character Guess who. Those winners were Honor (Peregrine) and Isla (Starling).

Our sponsored read still continues throughout the Month of March and I hope lots of you have set yourself a reading challenge and are collecting sponsors to raise funds for our Library.

Once again a big thank you to all who took part, it was amazing to see you all dressed up and completing the book related activities throughout the day.

Mrs Skews.



Book Winners!

This week saw us take delivery of our prize from Morrisons - a collection of books titled 'Great Women' and a surprise hamper of goodies for the staffroom. Thank you to everyone who voted.

