



Spotlight on Spaxton School



Message from The Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers

I trust that you are all well and managing to cope still with all of the challenges facing us in our daily lives at the moment. I am encouraged by the lifting of some of the restrictions, but at the same time acutely aware of the ongoing dangers of lifting them too early, so we are maintaining our vigilance as we endeavour to restore some normality around our school provision.

Our first whole week of extended provision has gone well and we have managed to accommodate a few more children of key workers in to each of our classes. We are now creating a plan for the rest of this term and have decided that our priority must be full time provision for the children of key workers and those in vulnerable groups. The government has now accepted that it is unlikely that primary schools will be able to open to all year groups, given the requirements for 'social distancing'. We are however, keen to see all of our children before the summer break and are planning to organise a series of 'picnic on the field' events for the children in year groups which do not fall in to the eligible categories. These will of course be dependent on the weather conditions so that the children can spend time together with their teachers, taking part in some fun activities whilst maintaining 'social distancing'. I shall keep you informed of the dates for these events, but emphasise that they could be subject to some changes at short notice.

In the meantime, we shall continue to deliver information and resources for home learning, making as many links as possible with the learning programmes being delivered in school. I hope also that engagement with our new Class Dojo app will help to keep us all in touch with each other regarding your child's achievements both in and out of school.

Yours faithfully,

K.M. Canham

Mrs K Canham
Acting Head of School



ClassDojo

We are excited to introduce Class Dojo! We will be using this app to communicate with our parents/carers to post announcements, updates and reminders. We will be sharing photos and videos of activities happening in school and you will be able to private message teachers. The children will also be able to share their work using their own digital portfolio. You will have received an invite to create your account via email, but if you have any problems or questions, please do get in touch.



Inspired by: 1 Corinthians Ch 13 Vs 4-7

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

Flapjacks



This is a picture of Anna Cook in Reception – Anna has been doing lots of baking at home with Mum, and has been telling the class how to make flapjacks and what ingredients you need! Here is a simple flapjack recipe to try at home:

Ingredients:

250g jumbo porridge oats
125g butter
125g light brown sugar
2-3 tbsp golden syrup
(depending on how gooey you want it)



Method:

- Heat oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6.
- Put 250g jumbo porridge oats, 125g butter, 125g light brown sugar and 2-3 tbsp golden syrup in a food processor and pulse until mixed, but be careful not to overmix otherwise oats may lose their texture.
- Lightly grease a 20x20cm baking tin with butter and spoon in the mixture. Press into the corners with the back of a spoon so the mixture is flat and score into 12 squares.
- Bake for around 15 minutes until golden brown.



Staffing

After 26 years of service to Spaxton School, Veronica Willcocks has decided to retire from her post and to devote herself to her studies. A huge number of children will have benefitted from Veronica's support and encouragement during her time at school and will want to join with me in thanking her for her care and commitment during her time here, and for the huge contribution she has made to the education of our children.

It is also with great sadness, but also great pride that we shall be saying goodbye to Jess Marsh, who will be leaving at the end of term to begin her PGCE teacher training course. We all know that she will be a fabulous teacher and we hope that one day she will come back to us!

We wish both colleagues well with their studies.

We are advertising for a Teaching Assistant at the moment; please let us know if you know of anybody who may be interested.



Keeping to our Social Distance

The children in Class 1 have really been enjoying their outdoor time, they especially enjoyed berry picking this week!



Class 2 have been enjoying using the outdoor space for their learning!



Class 4 have been enjoying the pond area and doing lots of outdoor activities!

Bags of Help

Please note: Just a reminder that our clothes bin is in place and is still available to use. It is situated just inside the school gate, so you are able to maintain social distancing when make a clothes drop.



What We've Been Doing at Home



Ruaridh and mum Amanda walked 40 miles along the River Parrett Trail for St. Margaret's Hospice and raised an amazing £290!

Well done!!

Marcella has green fingers! She has done a great job caring for the plant she took home with her from school!



Kesha is all smiles after creating her very own book, well done Kesha!

Please keep your pictures coming, we love to see what you're all getting up to at home! You can now post photo's directly to your child's portfolio on Class Dojo.

Calendar Dates

2020- 2021

Thursday 3rd September	INSET Day
Friday 4th September	INSET Day
Monday 7th September	Back to School
Thursday 22nd October	INSET Day
Friday 23rd October	INSET Day
Monday 26th October	Half Term
Monday 2nd November	Back to School
Monday 21st December	Christmas Holiday
Monday 4th January	Back to School
Monday 15th February	Half Term
Monday 22nd February	Back to School
Thursday 1st April	INSET Day
Friday 2nd April	Half Term
Monday 19th April	Back to School
Monday 3rd May	Bank Holiday
Monday 31st May	Half Term
Monday 7th June	Back to School
Friday 23rd July	Summer Holiday Begins