



Spotlight on Spaxton School



Message from The Head of School

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a great start to the new school year despite the measures in place to ensure everyone in our school community stays safe. Thank you to you all for being so understanding and supportive during these challenging times.

All the children have settled into their new classes incredibly well, a particular well done to all the Reception children and the new members of other year groups.

The highlight of the year so far has been our Forest School Day led by Tom Ridout. All the children thoroughly enjoyed the day, along with all the staff and we are hoping to make Forest School a regular event at Spaxton.

We have selected our School Council for the year and our House Captains. We are also looking to appoint ambassadors across the classes for wellbeing and behaviour, as well as getting our Eco-club back up and running.

Yours faithfully

Mrs R Rood

Online Safety

Keeping our children safe is one of our key priorities and the online world is a constantly changing environment and one we all need to be aware of.

Please see below a poster from the National Online Safety website about how you can keep your children safe online. The website also has a range of other guides for specific online content e.g. gaming, social media sites and many more. The NSPCC website also has a wealth of information on online safety—please click on the image below to visit the site.

If the school can support you in any way around this topic, please get in contact.

At National Online Safety we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information they need to build an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one issue of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

ONLINE CONTENT 10 tips to keep your children safe online

The internet has transformed the ability to access content. Many apps that children use are dependent on user-generated content which can encourage freedom of expression, imagination and creativity. However, due to the sheer volume uploaded every day it can be difficult for platforms to regulate and moderate everything, which means that disturbing or distressing images, videos or audio clips can slip through the net. That's why we've created this guide to provide parents and carers with some useful tips on keeping children safe online.

- 1 MONITOR VIEWING HABITS**
Whilst most apps have moderation tools, inappropriate content can still slip through the net.
- 2 CHECK ONLINE CONTENT**
Understand what's being shared or what seems to be trending at the moment.
- 3 CHECK AGE-RATINGS**
Make sure they are old enough to use the app and meet the recommended age limit.
- 4 CHANGE PRIVACY SETTINGS**
Make accounts private and set content filters and parental controls where possible.
- 5 SPEND TIME ON THE APP**
Get used to how apps work, what content is available and what your child likes to watch.
- 6 LET CHILDREN KNOW YOU'RE THERE**
Ensure they know that there is support and advice available to them if they need it.
- 7 ENCOURAGE CRITICAL THINKING**
Talk about what people might post online and why some posts could cause distress.
- 8 LEARN HOW TO REPORT & BLOCK**
Always make sure that children know how to use the reporting tools on social media apps.
- 9 KEEP AN OPEN DIALOGUE**
If a child has been affected by something they've seen online, seek support from your school's safeguarding lead.
- 10 SEEK FURTHER SUPPORT**
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Could you volunteer to be a SCHOOL GOVERNOR?

Do you care about improving children's education and want to contribute to your local community?

Do you want to work as part of a team and value contributions made by others?

Are you willing to challenge and ask questions?

Are you open to new ideas, willing to learn and undertake training to understand the role?



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EDUCATION TRUST



Inspired by: 1 Corinthians Ch 13 Vs 4-7

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

School Council 2020-2021

Each class held their own elections at the beginning of term for who they wish to represent them in the school council. We have 2 children from each year group and we hope that in January 2 reception children will join.

Year 1—Finlay and Ciara

Year 2—Harriet and Jacob

Year 3—Archie G and Esme

Year 4—Phoebe and Corey

Year 5—Daina and Daniel

Year 6—Ollie and Darcy



House Captains 2020-2021

At Spaxton, we have three Houses (Ashford, Durleigh and Hawkridge) named after the three local reservoirs. Our House Captains for this academic year are:

Ashford— Harriet and Molly

Durleigh—Rory and Freya

Hawkridge—Jade and Leon

WE'RE RAISING MONEY

FOR BBC CHILDREN IN NEED



How many laps can you walk in 30 minutes?

This year for Children in Need we are going to have our own sponsored ramble around the school grounds on Friday 13th November. Children can also attend school in their spotty clothes for Pudsey for a donation of £1.

Everyone at school will take to the school field for 30 minutes to find out how many laps they can complete in the time. Children can walk/run/skip around the field. We will then use the data we collect in our maths lessons that day.

Children will be bringing home a sponsor form and an empty envelope for collecting sponsorship money soon. There will be prizes for the top fundraiser in each class as well as a prize for someone in each class who perseveres and puts in the most effort.

Dates for the Diary

Friday 16th October	School Photos
Thursday 22nd October	INSET Day
Friday 23rd October	INSET Day
Monday 26th October — Friday 30th October	Half Term
Monday 2nd November	Back to School
Tuesday 10th November	Parents' evening—calls home.
Wednesday 11th November	Parents' evening—calls home.
Monday 21st December— Friday 1st January	Christmas Holidays
Monday 4th January	Back to School

Macmillan Bake Sale



A huge well done to Honor, Daina and Mary who held a 'walk-thru' bake sale at their house on Saturday 5th September. With the help of some baking experts, they managed to raise a fantastic £315 for Macmillan Cancer Support. Well done for your great fundraising efforts.

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Forest School Day

