



Spotlight on Spaxton School



Message from The Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the final 'Spotlight' of this academic year. What a challenging year it has been! We are however now looking ahead to the full re-opening of our school on the 7th September 2020. I am just putting the finishing touches to the final plan, which will be on our website a little later this week. I am however sending all parents a letter over the next couple of days, explaining how we shall operate from the start of term. The school's day will look quite different for at least the first half term. Precautionary measures will be in place in order that we can prioritise the health, safety and wellbeing of every child and member of staff. Unlike the recent partial re-opening of the school however, we are now required to deliver the whole curriculum.

I am tremendously grateful to every member of our staff for working tirelessly and at all times with great positivity to deliver care and education for all our children, at school and at home. I also want to thank you all for your support for us and for your commitment delivering home learning, which must have been difficult, given the range of other pressures facing families during the lockdown period.

It is right that the whole school should reconvene in September and I want to reassure you that the school will be a safe place and we shall do all we can to recover your child's learning and accelerate their progress over the coming year.

I wish you well for the summer and for the next year as Rachel Rood takes over as Head of School. I feel confident that Spaxton School is set to go from strength to strength under her leadership of her new team. My best wishes go to Miss Green and Mrs. Rose who leave the school this week. I want to thank them for their care and commitment during their time at Spaxton School.

I am so sorry that we have not been able to mark and celebrate the transition of our Year 6 children into their secondary schools, but I do hope that they all enjoy their final session together on Friday 17th July. Once the restrictions are lifted, we intend to invite them all back to take part in some traditional leaver's activities.

I also want to convey huge thanks to Miss Marsh and Mrs. Willcocks, who are also leaving us to pursue their studies. We wish them both well for the future.

I hope that you have a lovely summer break.

Yours faithfully,

K. M. Canham

Mrs K Canham
Acting Head of School

Inspired by: 1 Corinthians Ch 13 Vs 4-7

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

New Staff - Welcome!



We are very excited to be welcoming Mrs Rood as Head of School in September.



Miss Shortland will be joining us as teacher for Class 1



Miss Atwell will be joining us as teacher for Class 4



TA Apprentices

Ellie Lee

Hannah Hurley



Classes, Teachers and Support



Starling - School Day 9.00am to 3.20pm

Class 1 will now be known as Starling.

Miss Shortland will be teaching the class four days a week and Mrs Rood will teach one day.

Miss Sellick is the Teaching Assistant, and Hannah Hurley will be the Teaching Assistant Apprentice.

Fun Facts: Starlings are small birds, their flight is strong and direct, and they are very gregarious. Their preferred habitat is open country. Starlings are a highly social family and a murmuration describes the flocking and their large flight formations.

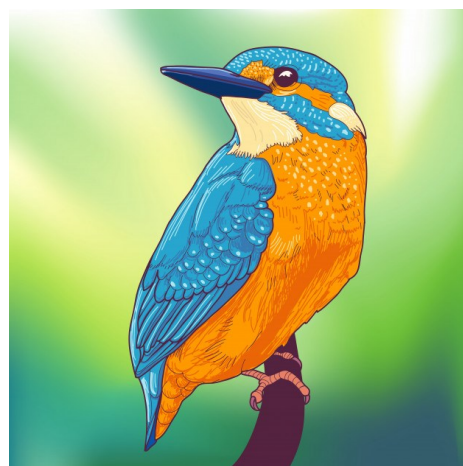
Kingfisher - School Day 8.50am to 3.10pm

Class 2 will now be known as Kingfisher.

Mrs Skews will be teaching the class four days a week and Miss Capel will teach one day.

Miss Jones and Mrs Shirley are the Teaching Assistants.

Fun Facts: Kingfishers are small to medium-sized, brightly coloured birds. All kingfishers have large heads, long, sharp, pointed bills, short legs, and stubby tails. Most species have bright plumage and are most famous for hunting and eating fish.



Peregrine - School Day 8.40am to 3.00pm

Class 4 will now be known as Peregrine.

Miss Atwell will be the class Teacher.

We are currently recruiting for the Teaching Assistant for this class. Ellie Lee will be the Teaching Assistant Apprentice.

Fun Facts: The peregrine falcon is a bird of prey, renowned for its speed - making it the fastest bird in the world, as well as the fastest member of the animal kingdom. The peregrine has a strong hunting ability, is highly trainable and versatile.



ClassDojo

Don't forget to sign up for Class Dojo if you haven't already! We will be using this more throughout the next academic year to communicate with you and show you what your children are doing in school.

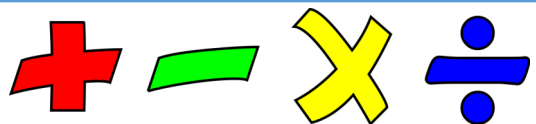


Priorities



At the start of the autumn term, we shall prioritise the importance of re-establishing relationships, responding to the children's needs and providing extra pastoral support.

Recovery of Learning



The government is providing school with funding for extra resources for supporting our children in re-engaging with their learning. We don't yet know the details, but we will keep you informed.

Remote Learning



We shall need to have a contingency plan in place for a potential further lockdown. We thank you for your support with the previous home learning and we now want to focus on improving our provision through improved technology and the delivery of video/live lessons. It will be important that we work in partnership with you in moving ahead.



Somerset Libraries is pleased to say that The Summer Reading Challenge is back!! This year due to COVID-19 The Summer Reading Challenge will be online, however there will still be lots of fun activities and books to read. The Summer Reading Challenge is a national event run by The Reading Agency and Libraries to encourage children to enjoy reading over the summer holidays.

How to Sign Up

You can register your child for free on the Silly Squad Summer Reading Challenge website www.sillysquad.org.uk where they can record the books they have read, play games and earn badges and points.

Calendar Dates

Autumn Term 20-21

Thursday 3rd September	INSET Day
Friday 4th September	INSET Day
Monday 7th September	Back to School
Friday 25th September	Forest School—Details to Follow
Thursday 22nd October	INSET Day
Friday 16th October	School Photos by Tempest
Friday 23rd October	INSET Day
Monday 26th October	Half Term
Monday 2nd November	Back to School
Monday 2nd November	Flu Vaccinations
Monday 21st December	Christmas Holiday