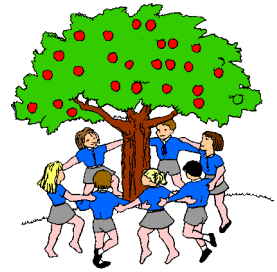


Parents Newsletter

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Welcome

We are very happy to welcome new children and families to Speen Church of England School. We hope you will be very happy here. Mrs Hayman is working Tuesday – Friday. Mrs Lidington for 4 days (not Wednesdays). I will be teaching both classes during the week. Please speak to the class teachers if you have any queries.

Mrs Moore can be found in the office from 8:30am and if you have any administrative queries you can telephone (mornings only), email or call in to see her when you bring your children. Please make sure that your contact details, including email addresses and mobile telephone numbers are current. Should there be an emergency or your child is taken ill at school, we need to be able to contact you or your nominated representative. If you have arranged for someone else to collect your child from school **YOU** must write on the 'Going Home' sheet, which is on the notice-board in each classroom. We legally cannot hand over a child without the permission of someone with parental responsibility. Any late changes should be telephoned during the morning when Mrs Moore is in the office.



This newsletter is normally sent by email to all parents and posted on the school website. Although you should check your child's book bag daily, when you hear them read, Mrs Moore usually sends letters home on Thursdays.

One Can Food Trust Foodbank

Many thanks for your donations to this local High Wycombe charity. The School Council chose this charity to support and the boxes were full of the much needed items on their shopping list. The school council is elected by the children and meets fortnightly.



Welfare

Please remember to send a coat and sunhat (if appropriate) each day. Could each child bring a box of tissues into school office please? We expect colds

and 'flu' to spread and we teach the children to bin tissues and wash their hands with soap as recommended.

Children who are ill should not be in school. Where children are fit but need to complete a course of medication, this can only be administered in school if it is prescribed for the child and in the original packaging showing the child's name. Please see Mrs Moore or Mrs Nayna in the school office in the first instance. Mrs Chandler or Mrs Rogers will be administering medicines after you have been given a form to sign. Parents of children on long term medication e.g. inhalers, must re-sign the medical forms at the beginning of each term and check that the medication is in date.

Midday Supervisors

Help! There are vacancies for parents who would be like to care for the children from 11:45 to 1:15. on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. Please see Mrs Moore if you would be willing to prepare the dining hall, supervise the children getting ready for and eating their lunch and lead them in activities during their play time. This is a paid position and you could work fortnightly if you wanted to share duties with a friend. The children love seeing their parents at lunchtime so please, if you can spare some time, we would be very appreciative. Of course if there are grandparents or friends who would be interested we would be happy to welcome them too. Thank you.

Celebration assembly.

Each Thursday we celebrate the children's achievements both in and out of school. We are keen to congratulate them on their successes in areas such as dance, sport, music and art competitions, festivals, certificates and prizes. Carefully packaged and named items can be brought to school and shared with the whole school.



This Term

PE and School Sport

Annabel Mitchell will be with us again to teach street dance to all the children on Wednesday afternoons beginning 11th September.

Karate All the children will have lessons with Mr Wilson this term beginning on Thursday 12th September in school time.



Games will be on Fridays.

Music

Mrs Laughton will be teaching **Year Two** as part of the 'first access' scheme. Over the year they will learn a number of instruments beginning with the descant recorder. The children should bring their recorders on Friday 13th September. If they do not have their own we have a few Aulos recorders to borrow until they do.

PTA

Annual General Meeting – The joint meeting with the Governors and parents begins at 7:30pm on Thursday 19th September in the school. We hope to see all parents. You can meet the governors, ask questions and elect the new PTA officers. All parents are members of the PTA and the staff and governors are grateful for the essential contribution you make to the school.

Friday 27th September 10:15am Macmillan Cancer Care, Speen School coffee morning.

This national event raises money for a very worthy cause. Please come and meet other parents and visitors from the community and sample some yummy cakes once again supplied by our able PTA and served by Year 2.

Governors will be meeting at 7:30 Thursday 3rd October.

Book Week Mrs Hayman is already planning for another exciting 'Book week' October 7th – 11th when we shall hold a Book Fair. Details to follow.

Copies of this newsletter are sent by email to parents and governors and posted on the school website. Hard copies are available on request and also posted on the school notice boards.

October is Walk to School Month but being a 'Healthy School' we like to encourage walking to school throughout the year. Look out for notices from our Travel Planners.

Friday 11th October, School Photographs. 8:45a.m. Individual and sibling groups will be taken. If you would like younger brothers and sisters taken as well please wait in the playground, if fine.

School closes for Half term Friday 25th October and reopens at 8:40a.m. Monday 4th November Friday 20th December, **last day of term.**

More Dates for Autumn Term

Thursday 10th October
Whole school trip to the Royal Albert Hall for a musical concert. NO after-school club.

Saturday 9th November, 7:30pm Theatre in the Villages. This year we are hosting Diary of a Nobody. Tickets from Amanda Cleaver 01494 488288

Tuesday November 12th
Open morning for prospective parents and children.

After school clubs

French-Tuesdays

The first after school club is Tuesday 17th September. Initially this is open to Year 1 & 2 children.

Thursday Sport Club

Wycombe Wanderers 12th September for 6 weeks, 3:15-4:15, ends 24th October. This is open to boys and girls from all year groups.



Premier Sport Gymnastics 7th November for 5 weeks, ends 5th December.

The school will be using its sport funding to pay for each child who signs up. Parents should complete the application forms and return them to Mrs Moore in the office. Please do not register on-line.