



Speen CofE School

Monday Newsletter - 15 January 2024

Stars of the week:

Reception Class: Alexander

KS 1: Nicola

Headteacher's Award: Ava
Nicola
Arno
Izzy
Persephone
Alexander

Midday Supervisor Politeness trophy: Titus

Well done to those children!

Housekeeping:

Teacher/Parent meeting:

The next chance to talk to Teachers will take place next week on the 23rd & 24th January. KS1 Parents will have the option of choosing a day that suits you and Reception Parents are to sign up for Wednesday 24th January only. Sign up sheets will go up in the gazebo tomorrow and will be available at pick up and then again on Wednesday & Thursday at drop off and pick up times. Should you need to change your time, please do not hesitate to contact us in the office.

KS1 Inter School Sports:

We belong to the local area Schools Sports Partnership; this includes Schools such as St John's School, Naphill School, etc. We think it is important for the children to participate in different Sports with other Schools and the following events have been organised:

Wednesday 06 March – 1:00pm – Cross Country – Speen playing fields

Thursday 02 May – 1:00pm – Football – St John's School

Wednesday 19 June – 1:00pm – Golden Wellie – Bledlow Ridge School

More details will be provided closer to the schedule dates.

Staffing:

Sadly we are saying goodbye to Miss Calam at the end of this half term. She has been instrumental in establishing Little Apples and will be missed by children, parents and staff alike.

We are pleased to announce that Ms Fisher will be returning to her position of pre-school lead teacher.

Reception class:

Miss Fisher has asked for all Parents to check all items of their child's clothing as she had a difficult time on Monday with unnamed clothing. If you are missing items please check the lost property box. Thank you.

Please can all reading books be left in the plastic wallets in your child's bookbag as the children read their book to us during the week. Once they have been taken out to read to you please ensure they return the same day into their bag. Thank you.

Water Safety

Due to the local environment in Speen, we like to regularly talk to the children about water safety. This link has information for parents who would like to do the same at home:

<https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/support-us/our-campaigns/safety-on-our-waterways/water-safety-tips-for-parents>

Social Media

Do follow Speen School and Little Apples on Facebook and Instagram

<https://www.instagram.com/speencofeschool/>

<https://m.facebook.com/SpeenSchool>

Tapestry/DoJo

You should be getting alerts when a member of staff posts something using our communication to Parents programs. Please do 'like' it or add a comment as staff appreciate it when you have shared in your child's learning in this way.

Term Dates

Some parents have mislaid this year's Term Dates so please follow this link to our website – obviously ignore the dates for 2022/23 and scroll down to the end. Dates for 2024-25 will be announced shortly.

<https://speenschool.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Speen-term-dates-2022-2023-2023-2024-2.pdf>

From the Children**School Librarians**

We all love reading at Speen and the School Librarians do a very important job in helping us have the right books in the right places!

We have this message from them:

"We have been collecting old books for the playground so we can read to ourselves and our Little Apples buddies. If you have any old books please can we use them for the playground. They can be a little bit messy as they can get dirty and wet in the playground. Thankyou from the librarians."



PTA updates:

Safari Supper 23rd March – Save the Date!! Safari supper is back on the 23rd of March. Book the babysitter and come and join Speen's infamous roaming dinner party. More information on this to follow. Tickets on sale soon.

Can you help – If you have any fundraising ideas, or there are any events you would like to see happen this year and you feel you can help, please get in touch with one of the PTA team. Thank you for your continued support.

Weekly learning

At the end of each week we are uploading information to the School Website for the following week's learning and subsequent homework activities. We have included links to these pages to make it easy to access for you:

<https://speenschool.com/bramley-class>

<https://speenschool.com/pippins-class>

Library Days – please remember to send in your child's book to replace:

Thursdays: Reception

Fridays: KS1

After School Clubs:

Mondays: Dance – KS1

Tuesday: French - KS1

Wednesdays: Multi Sports – KS1 – new coach

Thursdays: Multi Sports – KS1

Fridays: Dance Fridays - 08:20

Diary Dates: (for Diary dates set for this academic year, please see the calendar link)

<https://speenschool.com/calendar>

The week ahead:

Monday 19th February 2024

INSET day – please note School closed for Teacher Training.

Mental Health First Aider:

We now have a trained member of staff in this qualification. Should you feel the need for any support please do not hesitate to get in touch via the School office. All enquiries will be treated confidentially. This note will stay in Monday Reminders weekly.

We hope you find this Monday Newsletter email useful, and if you need to know anything at all or would like clarification about the above, please do not hesitate to contact me. I work in the office every day: Monday/Fridays – an earlier finish of 1:30pm but the rest of the week is a 3:00pm finish. If you have emailed something that is urgent for the same day, and I have not replied, please give the school office a ring 01494 488321. Mrs Robyn Moore

***Our vision is to be a happy, vibrant and caring school with deep roots in the Christian faith,
so all grow and flourish (spiritually, academically, socially and emotionally).***
May our roots go down deep into the soil of God's love and make us strong Ephesians 3 v 17