



Speen CofE School

Monday Newsletter - 08 January 2024

Star of the week:

Midday Supervisor Politeness trophy: Huda

Well done to those children!

Housekeeping:

Happy New Year to you all and welcome to the Spring Term. We are all looking forward a good term ahead and have lots of fun activities planned. We have attached the updated list of dates for the rest of the academic year. There have been a couple of changes since the previous list was sent out and they are asterisked.

Public Health information:

A cold weather **yellow** health alert has been issued by Public Health for the whole of Buckinghamshire until midday on the 9th January. It is a good idea to keep an eye out on anyone that might be vulnerable and please be assured if we think it is too cold for the children to go outside, we will restrict it to just a quick bout of fresh air.

We have been asked to send a message to parents. If your child has a temperature and has medication to suppress it, they must not be sent into School. Similarly, if your child develops a temperature, we will call you and ask that you collect them. Fevers must have stopped before they return. Anything above 37.5 or 38 is deemed a fever in children.

ADD+Venture Club

We are now open on Fridays, from the end of the School day until 5:00pm! Sam, our yoga teacher will be in each week to run the Club. If you would like your child to participate please email speen@addventureclub.co.uk

We would also like to announce that ADD+Venture Club will now finish at 5:30pm Monday – Thursday.

Library Books:

Thank you for returning Library books last term. It starts back next week; thank you to the Parents who help run it. Please remember to send your child's book in every week so they can exchange it for a new one.

French Club: Returns tomorrow.

Forest School: Returns on the 18th January.

Lunchtime Sport Clubs – whole school:

Our Tennis & Lunchtime sports Club will start on Mondays & Thursdays respectively this week.

KS1 After School Sport Club dates:

KS1 After School Clubs that are running this term are:

- Dance Club - Monday 08 January until 25th March
- JR Football - Wednesdays – Wednesday 10th January until 27th March.
- Premier Sports - Thursday 11th January until 21st March.

Dance Fridays:

Starts back this week – 08:20am drop off at the front door.

Children should have a separate kit to change into for these Clubs which contains suitable clothing and footwear to participate. We will try and go outside as much as possible so please ensure there is something warm to wear in their kit. The kit can also contain a snack which follows our healthy eating guide so no NUTS or anything with nuts in please and no sweet things including biscuits, cake etc, and no fizzy drinks. Thank you.

We will be reminding the children about behaviour expectations while at school clubs and ask that you do the same.

Difficult Conversations

Something we are often asked about is advice on how to have challenging conversations with children. The NSPCC has the following guidance that will support you with these conversations:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/talking-about-difficult-topics/>

Please let us know if you ever need further support.

Instagram

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-2022-2023-2024-2.pdf>

From the Children

Eco-council

As this week is National House Plant Week, we have been thinking about how important it is to have plants inside. Inside plants are important because they make you feel happy and clean the air.

We are going to purchase some new plants for the classrooms and show the other children how to take care of them. If you have a favourite house plant at home, please send us a photo so we can put it on our eco board!



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

Thursdays: Multi Sports – KS1

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

<https://speenschool.com/calendar>

The week ahead:

Please remember to send in wellington boots if you took them home. If you didn't take them home please feel free to pick them off the rack, outside KS1 classroom, to try them on your child to ensure they still fit.

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