



Speen CofE School

Monday Newsletter - 11 December 2023

Stars of the week:

Reception: George

KS1: Johnny

Titus

Headteacher's Award this week goes to: Ava
Rory

Midday Supervisor Politeness trophy: Violette

Well done to those children!

Housekeeping:

If anyone has non-confidential scrap paper/old computer paper lying around the house – we would be happy to take it off your hands for the children to draw on. Many thanks.

Christmas is coming:

Don't forget if the children want to write Christmas cards to their friends and Teachers, they can be posted in The Christmas Postbox situated in the hall.

Dance Friday: Christmas themed!! Do send your child in this Friday for the last Dance Friday at 08:20am in School uniform please.

Library Books:

A big thank you to the Parents who ran the School Library for the children each week this term. Please ensure that all books have now been returned ready to start again in January. Library will start in the

KS1 – PE Kit:

We are happy with the children coming in wearing their PE uniform however we do have a couple of children not wearing the School uniform PE kit. Sometimes the PTA have second hand uniform available. All new uniform is available on the Different Class website:

<https://www.differentclassschoolwear.co.uk/collection/speen-ce-school>

Should you need support in sourcing the PE kit, please contact us at the office as we are more than happy to provide support.

Sickness Guidance:

Below is advice from Public Health and NHS Guidance for School settings:

Is my child too ill for school?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, nursery or playgroup when they're unwell.

Vomiting and diarrhoea

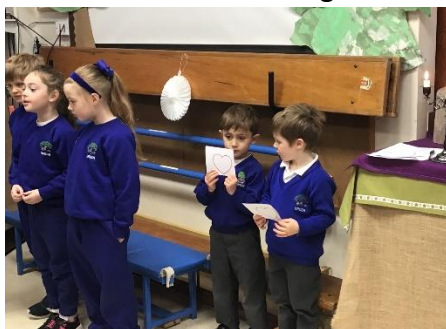
Children with [diarrhoea or vomiting](#) should stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 2 days (48 hours).

From the Children

School Council

The school council have enjoyed celebrating the school value of 'caring' over the last half term. Before we change to a new value in January, the school council would like to carry out the following two jobs:

- Be kind to someone in the school – do anything you can to be kind to a member of our school community (the school council came up with examples of teach them how to play a game, look after someone who is hurt, play with a different person and make pictures and poems to cheer people up). If someone is kind to you please write about it on the heart shapes made by the school council. We will share these in assembly.
- Little Apples Buddies – All children in Bramley Class will be given a Little Apples buddy. You can help teach your buddy things like games on the playground or help them understand how to behave in the playground. School council will pull names out of a hat to decide who children are working with!



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/pippins-class>

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

Tuesday 19 December 9:15am Nativity Church Service, St John’s Church, Lacey Green.

Parents should take their child/ren straight to Church for the service which should take about 40 minutes and then return them back to School please.

Reception children will take part in the Nativity and so will need to be at Church by 09:00am , so we can change them into their Nativity costumes.

2:00pm School finishes for the Term.

Spring Term 2024:

Thursday 4th January 2024

08:30am School returns

Please remember to send in wellie boots and PE kit - Reception class.

Monday 19th February 2024

Inset Day – School will be closed for Teacher training.

PTA - Dates for your diary

Wreath Making – A huge thank to everyone who attended wreath making last week. It was a lovely evening and so nice to see so many lovely creations at the end. We hope you all had a great evening.

Thank you – Finally we would like to thank everyone who has helped us over the course of this year – whether by coming to our fundraiser events, making donations or giving up their time in countless ways. Without you, the PTA could not support the School as it does. This is particularly profound with a small village school like ours. Thank you!!!

This academic year (since September 2023) we have raised a total of £1495.86. This breaks down across Bonfire Night, our Christmas Fair last month, the Quiz night in October and 'Break the Rules' day before October half term. We are also expecting a further £500 from Speen Playing Fields as a voluntary contribution following the Bonfire Night event.

This is an incredible amount and down to all of your support, so thank you again. With this money School intend to purchase three new Chromebooks for the children, additional storage resource to open up classroom space and have already purchased brand new picnic benches (with covers) to replace the current ones which have rotted.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy 2024. Please keep your eyes open in the New Year for details about Safari supper in March.

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