## Little Apples Pre School

## Monday Newsletter – 02 November 2026

**Reception applications for September 2027 intake:** The Portal will open on November 4th this year and close on 15th January 2027 for you to apply for a place for your child to attend our Reception class next year. The birth date range is : 01 September 2022 – 31 August 2023. More details will follow. Should you have any questions before you complete your application form, please email the School office and we will arrange for you to have a chat with Ms Davies.

**Staff changes:**

We are pleased to announce two new staff members joining us this term. They are Mrs Hall and Miss Dent. We said a sad goodbye last half term to Mrs McKechnie.

**Christmas Artwork:**

Deadline is today for the Christmas card proofs to come back that were sent home before half term. Please email the office today if your child has not yet returned their artwork and you still want to place an order. Once the orders are sent off, and you have decided you do want to order then you will need to place an order directly with the Company. The send-off date is this week is so that cards are returned in plenty of time for Christmas.

**Individual Photos:** These have arrived in School and will go home with your child today. Please check your child's bookbag. Thank you for your support.

**Firework Safety Information for Parents and Children:**

We will be sharing this simple safety poster with your children in school which you may find helpful when reinforcing the message at home.



## *Usual reminders:*

***Please can we ask all Parents to check their child's bag every weekend. It is important that we have the following for your child in Little Apples every day:*** *A supply of nappies (if applicable), wipes, waterproof warm coat, hats & gloves, spare trousers, socks, pants – all named please. For your convenience a drawstring bag is available from our uniform supplier:* **https://pmgschoolwear.co.uk/school/littleapplespre_school**

**Tapestry – Reception Class / Little Apples**

This program is being used in the classroom as a means of communication primarily curriculum based. Any other queries can be emailed to the School office.

It is lovely if you can add comments or 'likes' from time to time so that staff know you have seen what has been added under your child's profile. You are also very welcome to share any pictures of exciting activities at home, and we will share them with the group when we are able to. At the end of each year, parents / carers receive a link where they can download the entire journal from the year.

## Weekly learning

Each weekend we put details of the following week's learning on the Little Apples page of the school website. We have included a link to this page to make it easy for you to access:
https://www.speenschool.com/page/?title=Little+Apples+Pre%2DSchool&pid=43

The knowledge organiser for the half-term is also on the website, and this contains an overview of what we will be learning about in topic, phonics and maths.

**Social Media:**

Do follow Speen School and Little Apples on Facebook and Instagram
https://www.instagram.com/speencofeschool/ https://m.facebook.com/SpeenSchool

## From The Children

**School Council**

We will be having a second-hand book and toy sale on Friday 13th November before and after school. The money raised will go towards new gardening equipment.

## Little Apples/ main School Diary Dates:

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

https://www.speenschool.com/calendar/?calid=1&pid=5&viewid=1

This is the space where activities taking place this half-term are mentioned, which are extra to the daily curriculum. Please remember to read and add to your diary, however these dates are not set in stone as they sometimes get changed for reasons beyond our control. It is very important that you read this reminder letter very carefully and make a note of any dates / date changes.

**Tuesday 03 November – Open morning – 09:30am:** we are inviting prospective Parents of both Little Apples and Reception age children to come and view our School. If you know of any Parent who might be interested please do let them know.

**Friday 06 November** – Autumn Party after School finishes – 3:15 – 4:15pm.

## A Message from the PTA:

🍫 **Smarties Challenge**

The Smarties Challenge is back! Children can enjoy their Smarties, then fill their empty tubes with coins and decorate them for a chance to win prizes!

🗓️ **Please return completed tubes by Wednesday 4th November.**

🎨 **Christmas Cards & Merchandise**

It's that time of year again! 🎄

The children will be creating their Christmas artwork in school, which can be turned into personalised Christmas cards and merchandise.

Your child's artwork and order form will be sent home this week. Parents will need to place their orders **online**, using the unique order number at the top of the form.

🗓️ **Both the artwork AND the form must be returned to school by Monday 2nd November** so they can be sent off for processing.

If you have any questions once you've received your child's artwork and form in their bookbag, please contact **Fleur Ridley**.

🎆 **Speen Fireworks & Bonfire – Saturday 7th November**

Tickets are available:

- Online at https://speenbonfire.co.uk (booking fee applies)
- From the village shop (no booking fee)

Friends and family are all welcome!

🙋 **Bonfire Night – We Need Your Help!**

**The more helpers we have, the shorter the shifts!** This means everyone gets more time to enjoy the fireworks and festivities with their families.

If you can spare a little time, we'd really appreciate your help!

🎄 **Elfridges – Calling All Bargain Hunters!**

We're looking for volunteers to help source gifts and snap up bargains. If you love finding a good deal, we'd love you to join our **Elf Team** and help make this Christmas shopping experience magical for the children!

🛍️ **Easyfundraising – Support Our School for Free!**

Did you know you can raise money for Speen School simply by shopping online?

Through Easyfundraising, thousands of retailers donate a percentage of what you spend to our PTA, at **no extra cost to you!**

Visit https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk or download the Easyfundraising app, search for Speen School and start raising funds whenever you shop!

💛 **Thank You!**

As always, thank you for your continued support. Every donation, volunteer hour and fundraising effort makes a real difference to our children!

**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 Newsletter weekly.

We hope you find this Little Apples 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