



# Information for Parents/Carers.

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## **Spixworth Infant School**

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been lovely to see all of the children settle so well into their new classes and we have already been very busy this term with our topic of 'Footprints'. The children really enjoyed celebrating Harvest at the church and also the karate taster sessions this week. We have held our first cafés and we had lots of parent support so thank you.

### **Accidents at school**

As you know young children often trip or have bumps. All staff in school are trained in administering First Aid and all incidents are dealt with quickly and sensitively by our staff. If your child has an injury to the face or a bump to their head you will be informed at the end of the day. Your child will be given a note to give to you detailing the injury. You will also receive a note if your child required ice pack treatment.

Sometimes young children have wet and messy accidents in school. Again these are dealt with sensitively and children are assisted with cleaning and changing themselves. Your child will be given a note at the end of the day detailing the type of accident and how it was dealt with. We ask that you return any washed spare clothes your child was given to change into as soon as possible.

### **Dance sessions**

Some of you may remember that a company called 'Slanted Dance' worked with our children last year once a week for a whole term. We are pleased that this is happening again this year and started today for 10 Fridays. The children will be working on dances related to their topic.

### **Christmas Performances**

Our Christmas performances will be on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December and Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December. This year Reception children will be doing one production and the Year 1 and 2 children will be working together to do a different production. The Reception performances will be at 9.30am on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> and at 2.15pm on Wednesday the 16<sup>th</sup>. The Year 1 and 2 performances will be at 2.15pm on Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> and at 9.30am on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>. As in previous years entry to the performances will be by ticket only. More details about booking tickets will be sent out after October half term.

### **Parent Consultations**

Parent consultations for all children will take place on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October. Thank you for completing the forms stating the times you are able to meet with your child's class teacher. We have tried to accommodate everyone's choice as far as possible. Where this hasn't been possible we have given you a time as close as possible to your choice. If you are unable to make the time allocated to you please could you let your child's teacher know as soon as possible. Thank you.

### **Reading Books**

Thank you to all parents who are supporting our new reading system in school. The children are really enjoying choosing the books that they take home and being able to have a leaf to add to the class reading tree in the library once they have read 10 books. If your child has read their book and would like to change it please make sure you have made a comment in their reading record book and place it in the box in the classroom. We would expect your child to change their book at least three times a week.

### **House Captains and Playground Buddies**

House captains have been appointed for each of our 4 houses and they are enjoying the responsibility of counting the house points each week.

Year 2 children have applied to become a playground buddy and there is now a rota in place. Playground buddies help to ensure that children are playing sensibly, everyone has someone to play with and children that have hurt themselves are taken to the medical room.

Photos of our House Captains and playground buddies can be seen outside the Headteacher's office.

### **Reminders**

Please inform the office if your contact details change at any point including mobile numbers.

Please remember to label all your child's clothes including shoes!

Please ensure your child has a named coat in school every day.

### **Achievement Certificates**

Just a reminder that if your child has been chosen to receive an achievement certificate these are displayed in our front entrance. Please do come and see your child's certificate. Due to the dance sessions this term Achievement assembly will be on a Thursday.

### **Achievements outside school**

As well as celebrating children's achievements in school we also feel it is important to celebrate the things children achieve outside of school. This could be a swimming certificate or a special achievement in football or other clubs. We will also be displaying these achievements in our front entrance. Please bring anything in on a Thursday. We will take a copy to display and give your child the original back.

### **Road Safety.**

The road safety team from Norfolk County Council will be in school on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October and Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>. They will be speaking to Reception and Year 2 children about being safe on the road and children in Year 1 will be going out in small groups to practise crossing the road and being safe when walking around the village. Could Year 1 parents please return the permission forms if they have not yet done so. Thanks

### **Clubs**

Thank you to those Year 2 parents who have returned the form about after school clubs. There were a few letters returned without a name on. If you returned a form but haven't heard from the school about the clubs your child will be doing please speak to the office. Thanks.

### **PGCE Student**

Miss Lawn, who is currently training to be a teacher will be working in Beech class starting from next week. She has already visited the school and spent time in Beech class so the children know her. We would like to welcome her to the school and look forward to working with her.

### **Inter Schools Football Morning**

On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October Falcon Junior School is organising a football morning for children in Year 1 and 2 across the cluster. We will be taking 16 children from Year 1 and 2 to this event. If your child brings home a permission form please return it to school as soon as possible. We are hoping there will be other opportunities throughout the year for more children to take part in a variety of sports events with other schools.

### **Term Dates**

Wednesday 21st October 2015 close for half term. School reopens Monday 2nd November 2015  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December close for Christmas. School reopens Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2015  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February close for half term. School reopens Monday 22<sup>rd</sup> February  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March close for Easter. School reopens Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May school closed  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May close for half term. School reopens Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July close for Summer.