



Headteachers' Bulletin

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Dear Parents/Carers,

What a fantastic start we are off to! Our Teeth, Tails and Antennae topic is well underway with creatures of all shapes and sizes finding their way into our classrooms! The children will be sharing some of their learning with you through their class assemblies that are coming soon. Our Cafes have also begun very successfully; thanks of course are extended to all those parents/carers who could attend. Half term will be upon us all too soon, but before then there is much more learning and fun to be had!

A Good Morning



Thank you to all those parents/carers who have taken the very difficult step of letting their child go into the classroom by themselves in the morning. As young as they sometimes seem, they are all able to achieve this and we make it very well known just how well they are doing! The teachers and assistants are never far away and no child has to wait long for support if needed. The classrooms are calmer and much more spacious in the mornings with just the children coming in. This means the children's busy day can get off to a smooth start.

Harvest Festival

Tuesday saw our first visit of the year to St Peter's church for our celebration of Harvest. Thank you for your support in walking the children safely to the church and for the donations of food that will be of huge benefit to those less fortunate than ourselves. Congratulations to the children for singing their Harvest song so well!



Attendance

The Governing Body and I are determined to do all we can to support the children of Spixworth Infant School to achieve as highly as possible. This year we have decided to raise our attendance target from 95.5% to 96%. Please work with us to ensure that your child is in school every day possible, learning all that they can from our curriculum.

**Number of learning hours lost in September:
539**

Sharing Afternoon

Our first Sharing Afternoon is on 12th October at 2.45pm. Your child will be able to show you around their new classroom and you will also be able to look at your child's work ahead of your parent/teacher meeting. Please come in via the main entrance.



Year 2 Responsibilities

Over the past few weeks, Year 2 children have been applying for positions of responsibility within our school. The children have now voted in their School Council executive committee and class representatives who will be providing a clear Pupil Voice across the school. House Captains and Librarians have also been appointed as well as Playground Buddies who ensure that children are playing sensibly, everyone has someone to play with and children that have hurt themselves seek help. E-Safety Champions will be appointed next and will support their peers across the school to stay safe when using computing equipment. Thank you Year 2 and Good Luck in your new roles!



Staffing Update

Several parents/carers have already been lucky enough to work with Mrs Chapman, our current SENDCo. We are very pleased to share that Mrs Chapman will now be continuing her role with us for the whole year and extending it to include further work in support of the leadership of the school.



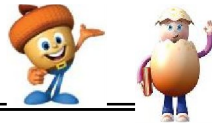
Parent/Teacher Meetings

Thank you to everyone for booking your slot with your child's teacher. At your meeting, you will be asked what you think is going well for your child and what you would like to see your child achieve next. The teacher will also share their thoughts on these two questions as well as what your child has discussed with them. We hope that this new format will mean we are all working more closely together to support your child's progress.



Mathseeds and Reading Eggs

Have you and your child taken a look at Mathseeds and Reading Eggs yet? These are brilliant resources that will make a real difference to your child's learning at school. This half term is your time to explore. Next half term the teachers will begin setting homework tasks using these programmes and also provide lunch time clubs for extra support or challenge.



General Reminders

- Please park considerately.
- Please make sure your child has a named coat, wellies and water bottle in school every day.
- If your details or circumstances change, please let us know.



Child Whispering

The Colourometer is a tool we are now using as part of our Child Whispering work. The dial turns between red and green. It can be used to help children recognise and represent their feelings. We are learning ways to deal with our feelings and what steps can be taken to move towards green. The Colourmeters can also be used to talk about choices and decisions. After only a few weeks, we are already beginning to build our skills!



Key Autumn Term Dates

Parent/Teacher Progress Meetings: October 13th, 16th, 17th, 18th, December 8th, 11th, 12th, 13th
Sharing Afternoons: 12th October, 7th December at 2.45pm
Class Assemblies: Beech – 23rd Nov; Oak – 30th Nov; Sycamore – 24th Nov; Maple – 16th Nov; Horse Chestnut – 17th Nov. All at 9am
Christmas Cafes: Horse Chestnut – 29th Nov; Maple – 1st Dec; Sycamore – 4th Dec; Oak – 5th Dec; Beech – 6th Dec. All at 9am
Open Afternoon for prospective families: 28th Nov
Health Workshop – Week Commencing Monday 13th November
Christingle – Monday 18th December
Christmas Lunch Tuesday 19th December
Thursday 19th October 2017 close for half term. School reopens Monday 30st October 2017
Tuesday 19th December close for Christmas. School reopens Thursday 4th January 2018