



Headteachers' Bulletin

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Dear Parents/Carers,



This half term may be short, but it has already been full of fun learning. The topic began with a great day with The Flying Shop of Imagination. There are beanstalks growing all over the school, beautiful pieces of art inspired by great artists and some of the writing in particular has been of very high quality, showing just how much the children are enjoying and gaining from their learning. Our topic will be ending with an exciting, collaborative piece of art on our GoGo Hare (more below). Wishing you all a happy end to this half term and a fun-filled half term break.

Morning Routine



Our trial of a new morning routine is underway. There are some clear benefits of the change, but a few people have raised questions or concerns. We will be asking for your feedback during the last week of term and will let you know before half term how we will proceed for the remainder of the year.

Child Whispering Workshop

Sandy Kennedy led an excellent workshop on Child Whispering on Tuesday. She has asked me to pass her thanks to all who attended. I hope you found the event worthwhile.



Enrichments!

We hope you enjoy seeing a small section of our Enrichments during Sharing Afternoon. The children are loving these activities and learning so much from the experiences.



Attendance

January is often a more difficult time to meet attendance targets with Winter bugs unfortunately being caught by many of us. We understand that time off due to illness often cannot be helped. Sickness and diarrhoea **must** be followed by 48 hours absence after the last episode to prevent other children catching it. Children **should** attend school with minor coughs and colds. We will call you if your child needs to go home.

Number of learning hours lost in January:
660



Paper Letters

After the half term break, letters that do not include a return slip will be sent by email only. Paper copies of all letters will be available on request at the school office.

Team Update

We welcome Mr Callum Horner to our team for this term. Mr Horner is a student at City College Norwich. He will be supporting in Maple Class every Thursday until Easter.



Castle Museum Visit

We are all looking forward to our visit to Norwich Castle on Monday 26th February. This is sure to be an exciting day and a fantastic start to the new Castles and Dragons topic that will begin after half term. If you have not yet returned the reply slip, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you.



GoGo Hare

The Friends kindly funded our GoGo Hare and we couldn't be more excited! A very special design has been planned that links to our current learning. Every child is creating a small part of the design individually. Each piece will then come together on the model. We hope the result will be a beautiful addition to the trail and a long lasting memento of all the children at Spixworth Infant School today.



Parent Forum Feedback

After lots of great discussion at the forum, here is the feedback:

- All reading completed at home can be recognised at school. If your child has read a library book, magazine, newspaper article, recipe etc this can be recorded in their Reading Record book
- Mathseeds homework tasks will be set fortnightly for Year 2. Year 1 will be included in the Summer term. Reception can continue to explore the platform without set pieces. This was agreed as a good progression in preparation for Junior school
- We will continue to offer a range of 'home learning' activities (we discussed whether 'homework' gave an impression of this being too formal). Regular reading practise is essential. Other activities can be chosen from as frequently as appropriate.



Spelling Bee

Following our very successful project to improve spelling across the school, Miss Mattock is arranging a Spelling Bee after half term. Look out for more information in her letter to come and keep practising those spellings!

General Reminders

- Please make sure your child has a named coat, wellies and water bottle in school every day.
- Please park considerately to our neighbours and other parents and safely for our children
- If your details or circumstances change, please let us know.



Safeguarding

You are asked to sign in if you are visiting school. If you are coming into school with younger children, please put a +1 (or +2) next to your name to ensure we can account for everyone on site.

If you are able to offer any regular help in school we would be pleased to hear from you. You would need to complete a DBS check.

Key Spring Term Dates

Sharing Afternoon: 1st February 2.45pm

Parent/Teacher Progress Meetings Y2 ONLY: February 2nd, 5th, 6th, 7th

Half Term: 12th – 18th February

Assessment Workshop: 22nd February

Sharing Afternoon: 15th March

Parent/Teacher Progress Meetings ALL YEARS: March 16th, 19th, 20th, 21st

Class Assemblies: Horse Chestnut - 13th March; Maple - 16th March; Beech - 21st March; Oak - 23rd March

Easter Holiday: School closes 3.15pm Wednesday 28th March Reopens 8.55am Monday 16th April