

# Headteachers' Bulletin

**June  
2018**

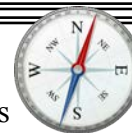
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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the final half of the Summer term! Our topic for this half term is Journeys. Across the classes we will be looking back on our journeys so far and looking forward to those to come. As always, we have a very busy few weeks ahead with trips and in-school events adding to the learning and fun. Do please make sure your child has all the necessary weather protection in school each school – raincoats, sunhats and sun screen. We do go outside whenever possible.



### National Child Measurement Programme

Children in Reception and Year 6 take part in a national measurement programme to monitor, evidence and advise on the health of children today. Results from the last 3 years show that, nationally 22% of children are overweight. In Norfolk this figure is 23% and at our school 21%. We continue to take advice on how to support healthy lifestyles of our children. If you would like to know more or seek support for your family search Change for Life or go to:  
<https://digital.nhs.uk/services/national-child-measurement-programme/>



### Gardening

Our garden is looking fantastic thanks to Mrs Kidd and Mr and Mrs Walsh! The children are loving using it every lunch time.



### Fire Service Visit

Thank you to Mr Clark and Norfolk Fire Service for visiting us before half term. We had fun but also learnt important fire safety lessons. The winner of the colouring competition was Elias Campbell. The runner up was Kamsi Ohanenye.



### **ēats.** Survey

If you have any feedback on the menu that is provided for school lunches, please complete the survey at:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SpSu18eats>

### Attendance

The number of children being taken on holiday in school time has increased recently. All headteachers within the Sprowston cluster agree the same policy for attendance. The headteachers meet each half term and when necessary can decide if exceptional circumstances exist, meaning a fine could be avoided. We may ask for more information about your holiday to ensure we know where each child is for safeguarding reasons but also to avoid fining if possible.

**Number of learning hours lost in May:  
916**

### Entertainment



We are looking forward to seeing our children perform at both the Church and School fetes this half term. We hope you can attend both events to support our school and community. Letters will go home this week.



## Transition

Supporting the move to a new year group, new classroom or a new school becomes a priority this half term. These transitions are planned carefully and all children will be supported to feel as confident and comfortable with the changes as possible. Our current Reception and Year 1 children are already experiencing a weekly move up session and there are two move up mornings ahead. Activities for children joining Reception are timetabled and dates are set with Junior schools for our Year 2 children to visit. Please see below for exact dates. Most children will be a little nervous about change but will also feel excited too. If you are concerned about how your child may cope or they are more anxious than you expect, please do speak to your child's class teacher so we can work together to make this a positive time.



## Friends

The Friends of Spixworth Infants are busier than usual this half term organising exciting events that raise as much money as possible for the benefit of our children. New outdoor fitness equipment is the current aim!

Our committee all have children in Year 2 and so are also now supporting a new committee to take up the lead roles from September. Funds for schools are decreasing. Without the commitment of this voluntary group of people to raise money, our children would not have those added extras (from discos, to a present at Christmas, to new play equipment) that make a real difference.

Thank you for all the efforts of our committee over this year and we look forward to working with the new team. Remember as a parent of a child at our school, you are automatically a member of the Friends and we thank you for your support.

## Classes 2018-19

Our pupil numbers are slightly different every year. Our class planning responds to this. In 2018-19 we will have four classes. These will be: Beech YR, Oak YR/1, Maple Y1/2 and Sycamore Y2. (Horse Chestnut class will be used for small group work.)

Children will be in the class that we feel will best meet their individual needs. All classes will include a mix of abilities, ages and friendship groups.

A letter confirming which class your child will be in will be coming out in the next few weeks.



## Safeguarding

We have recently received feedback from concerned parents and members of the public that a few parents are leaving younger siblings in their cars whilst dropping off older children at school or nursery. Please ensure children are not left unattended. Thank you.



## General Reminders

- Please be prepared for all weather! Coats, sun hats, sun screen and water bottles 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.

## Key Summer Term Dates

Class Assemblies: Horse Chestnut - 15<sup>th</sup> June; Maple – 21<sup>st</sup> June; Sycamore – 22<sup>nd</sup> June; Oak – 28<sup>th</sup> June; Beech – 29<sup>th</sup> June

Sing Up festival (Choir only): Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June

Phonic Screening Week (All Year 1 plus some Year 2): 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> June

Visits: Y1 & 2 to Gressenhall Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June; YR to Catton Park Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June

Y2 visits to Woodland View: 26<sup>th</sup> June 9.15 – 12 noon; 13<sup>th</sup> July 8.55 am – 1.15pm; 20<sup>th</sup> July 1.15 – 3.25pm

Sports morning and picnic: Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

Children's University Graduation: Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July

Open Evening: Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July

YR & 1 Move Up mornings: Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July and Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July

Y2 Swimming taster: Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July

Y2 Leavers concert: Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July

SCHOOL CLOSED SUMMER HOLIDAY: Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September

Key dates for 2018-19 will be available **before** we break for Summer

