

Headteachers' Bulletin

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As the final weeks of term draw to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody for all the support and hard work that has made this year so successful. The last class assemblies of the year have reflected much of the enjoyment in learning from the children's point of view. The Governors, staff and I are so proud of each and every child's journey this year. Congratulations to all of our children and very best wishes to them on the next steps of their journey.

Reports



This year, our end of year reports will be coming home on 10th July. To reflect the progress that has been made over the whole year, parent/teacher meeting notes are included as well as the usual results section and a commentary from the class teacher related to end of year outcomes. We hope you appreciate this more holistic format and thank you for your support across the year. Teachers will be available after school on 17th July if you need to discuss anything from your child's report.

Gressenhall

The Year 1 and 2s enjoyed a fantastic visit to Gressenhall on 18th June.



Catton Park

The Reception children had an equally great day out at Catton Park on 19th June.



A huge thank you to all the parent helpers who supported these visits.

THE READING AGENCY AND LIBRARIES PRESENT



This year the library Summer reading challenge is called Mischief Makers. A librarian will be leading an assembly on 9th July. If your child completes the challenge, we would love to see their certificates in September!

Attendance

The Governors and I regularly stress the importance of attendance. This is not just because children can only make the best progress if they attend lessons but also because it is a child's legal right to attend school. Parents/carers that take their children out of school in term time are committing an offence. Please be aware that unauthorised absence can lead to fines and a criminal record under the Education Act 1996.

Number of learning hours lost in June:

867

**OPEN
EVENING**

School will be open on 5th July from 5 – 6.30pm. Please come along to spend a little time in your child's new class, introduce yourself to your child's new teacher and enjoy some refreshments with friends. Some other agencies and our second hand uniform stall will be in the hall.

Data Summary

As you know, at Spixworth Infant School we value every individual child's progress and recognise every child's strengths and next steps. However, we also aim for the best outcomes and must include our school's outcomes to be part of a National picture. Detailed data analysis will take place over the coming months but for now, here are our headlines:

EYFS GLD 77% Year 1 Phonics 89% Year 2 Phonics 100%
Year 2 Reading 77% Year 2 Writing 71% Year 2 Maths 73%



Pond Volunteers

We are regenerating our pond area and would love some volunteers to help! Please see Mrs Kidd if you are able to support us with a little of your time.



Gate Security

To improve the safety and security of our site we will be fitting new gates to the playground over Summer. To support costs for this project, we would welcome any donations. Donations received after the Y2 leavers' performance will, this year, be split between this project and the charity of the Y2's choice. Thank you



Staff Changes

At the end of term we will be saying a fond farewell to some of our colleagues as they take the next steps on their own journeys. Mrs Harper will be spending valuable time with her granddaughter in retirement. Mrs Paterson and Mrs Bevan will be moving to other schools. We wish them all the very best of luck and happiness and thank them for all they have done with us. We will soon be appointing a new apprentice teaching assistant and look forward to welcoming them. We have also changed the hours of our office staff. From September, the office will be manned from 8am to 4pm. I am sure this will be a huge benefit to our communications with you.

Hello

Mandarin

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Enrichment this year has been a huge success and thoroughly enjoyed by the children. From September we are very pleased to share that all of our children will begin to learn Mandarin, taught as an Enrichment session by Jing Song. This is part of SWIRE Mandarin <https://www.swireclf.org/> and facilitated by Norwich School. We are the only infant school in our cluster offering this fantastic opportunity and believe our children will reap the benefits of learning an additional language.

Safeguarding

We all want our children to be safe from harm. Over the Summer holidays, or at any time, if you are worried about the safety of a child, do not ignore it. <https://www.actionforchildren.org.uk/how-to-help/worried-about-a-child/>
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-you-can-do/report-abuse/>

Early Morning Fitness Club

From September we will be offering 20 free places per day at an early morning fitness club from 8.30am. Booking will be essential. More information/booking forms to follow.



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

Y2 visits to Woodland View: 13th July 8.55 am – 1.15pm; 20th July 1.15 – 3.25pm

Sports morning and picnic: Tuesday 3rd July

Children's University Graduation: Wednesday 4th July

Open Evening: Thursday 5th July

YR & 1 Move Up mornings: Thursday 12th July and Monday 16th July

Y2 Swimming taster: Thursday 12th July

Y2 Leavers concert: Thursday 19th July

SCHOOL CLOSED SUMMER HOLIDAY: Wednesday 25th July – Wednesday 5th September

Key dates for 2018-19 will be sent out before the end of term

