



# Headteachers' Bulletin

## December 2018



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Dear Parents/Carers,

December is upon us and Christmas is drawing ever closer! Our topic 'Lights, Camera, Action' is steering toward our Christmas productions and learning across the curriculum is beginning to have a Christmas twist with Advent Maths and essential Writing in the form of invitations, letters and lists! Everyone at Spixworth Infant School wishes you an exciting last few weeks of term and a Christmas break filled with happiness. Thank you for all of your support throughout 2018!



#### School Matters!



### Attendance and Parent Forum

Parent Forum met in November to discuss attendance.

Two new leaflets are now available on our website (under Our School – Attendance) and will be coming out in paper format soon. These leaflets share information about when children should be off school for medical reasons and the procedure and impact of having time off at other times.

Parent forum also suggested sharing with all parents just how much teaching happens each day that is missed if children are away. 'A Day in the Life' leaflets showing a typical timetable for a Spixworth child in either EYFS or KS1 will be coming home in January.

Thank you to Parent Forum for your feedback and ideas. The next meeting is on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January at 2.30pm. Everyone welcome!

Attendance certificates for this half term, and the whole of the Autumn term, will be presented to children immediately after the Christmas break. If your child's attendance has not reached the school target (96%) or the National minimum (90%) parents/carers will be notified at the beginning of January.

Our target is 96%. Results for November:

Beech Class: 96.55%

Oak Class: 91.96%

Maple Class: 96.33%

Sycamore Class: 93.86%

Congratulations Beech class!

### Strictly Come Spixworth – The Results

A lot of fun was had in all stages of our 'just for fun' dancing competition. Congratulations to the Green Finches House for gaining the most House Points for their team!



### Improving Admin

This half term we have welcomed Mrs Read to our admin team. Mrs Read is settling in to the Spixworth team brilliantly and has been busy getting to know how our systems work. She would like to ask: How could admin improve for you? If you have any suggestions please email Mrs Read at



[office@spixworth.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:office@spixworth.norfolk.sch.uk) Thank you.



## **PE and School Sports Grant**

This year, schools will again receive money from the government that can only be spent on improving children's healthy lifestyles and physical well-being. The governors and I have now agreed how this money will be spent at Spixworth Infant School. As well as continuing to support our cookery room and early morning club, our main aim this year is to resurface our playground and improve our outdoor facilities with electronic fitness installations. Unfortunately the government grant will not cover the full cost of this so we are very grateful for the award of a National Lottery grant to go towards this and also the Friends fundraising efforts to help us to achieve our goals. Our full PE and School Sports report can be found on our website (under Key Information – PE funding).

## **Pupil Premium Funding**



Pupil Premium is paid to schools that support children of families in receipt of some benefits. This money should support individual children but also positively impact on these children within groups or classes – meaning all children benefit. As with any additional money provided to schools, how this is spent must be reported. At Spixworth Infant School we provide after school clubs, trips and Children's University passports free of charge to children who receive Pupil Premium. We also provide small group support linked to specific areas of need such as Maths or Writing, training for staff to support specific needs and whole school approaches such as Maths days. If you think your child may be entitled to Pupil Premium, please ask at the office for more information. To view our full report go to our website (under Key Information – Pupil Premium).

## **General Reminders**



Please park considerately. Doing so makes our school and the surrounding area safer for everyone. The school car park is for staff only. The car park opposite is for residents only.



We are outside in most weathers. Please make sure your child has a named coat, wellies and water bottle in school every day.



If any of your details or circumstances have changed, please let us know so our records are kept up-to-date.



Children may play on the all-weather surface before/after school but may not play on the equipment or in the garden or forest school area

## **Children's Mental Health**



This is an essential topic for every parent to be aware of. Now with two trained 'mental health champions' in school, we would love to share some information with you and signpost you to other support that may help your family now or in the future. Please come along to our next parent workshop on 14<sup>th</sup> January on Children's Mental Health.

## **Safeguarding**



A reminder that our safeguarding leads in school are Ms Jordan, Mrs Murphy and Mrs Jackson. Our governor responsible for safeguarding is Mr Campbell.

## **Still to Come this Term**

Christmas Lunch (children only): 12<sup>th</sup> December  
Christingle (children only): 17<sup>th</sup> December  
Christmas Plays: 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> December  
School closes for Christmas break 3.15pm on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December



## **Looking Ahead - Key Spring Term Dates**

Parent Workshop: Children's Mental Health – 14<sup>th</sup> January  
Sharing Afternoon – 18<sup>th</sup> January  
Cafes: Reception – 24<sup>th</sup> January; Year 1 – 22<sup>nd</sup> January; Year 2 – 23<sup>rd</sup> January  
Parent Forum: 31<sup>st</sup> January  
YEAR 2 ONLY Parent/Teacher Progress Meetings: February 8<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> all 3-4pm

