



Headteachers' Bulletin

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Dear Parents/Carers,



Welcome back to the second half of the Spring term where our whole school topic is Food, Glorious Food. We have a fun-filled half term planned as usual with many exciting additions to our school days. Book day and Science week are both this half term, we have a visit out to the farm and also visitors in school including a martial art taster session, an oral hygienist workshop and a road safety magic show. For parents we are also hosting an assessment event and class assemblies as well as sharing afternoon and parent/teacher meetings. Please note all dates at the bottom of this newsletter.

Introducing: Willow Room

The governors and I are extremely proud to introduce Willow Room. We believe whole-heartedly in our school ethos of educating the whole child and meeting the individual needs of each unique learner. We respect that for some children to be able to excel in Maths and English learning, they may first need to meet speech and language targets or address sensory or attention needs for example. Willow Room enables us to do just that.

Some children (whose parents have already been included in conversations) will be able to have specific activities, led by experienced and trained staff, in Willow Room. The room itself has been designed carefully to meet this purpose and each activity is designed especially for each child's own next steps. Some children will access several sessions per day in Willow Room, while others may have only one or two sessions per week. As children complete their sessions and meet their targets, opportunities will arise for other children to access this dedicated support. Should your child be considered for support in Willow Room, Ms Davies (SENDCo) will contact you first.

Many, often larger, schools are able to offer this level of support to their children. We are thrilled to have prioritised this support for the children of Spixworth Infant School and look forward to seeing how such a personalised approach will enable even more children to shine.



School Matters!



Attendance

Our target is 96%. Results for February:

Beech Class: 97.1%

Oak Class: 94.1%

Maple Class: 95.0%

Sycamore Class: 94.4%

Congratulations Beech class!



Farm Visit Times

Sycamore and Oak classes will be visiting Norton's Dairy between 9.15 and 11.15 am on 18th March. Maple and Beech classes will visit between 10.45 and 12.45 am.

Thank you



The children had a fantastic time learning more about keeping safe near water, the role of the RNLI and the best materials for objects used near water. Thank you to Mr Jim Page for giving his time so generously and sharing his experiences (and a badge and pen!) with the children.



Staffing

We are sorry to have to share with you that Mrs Murphy will be leaving us at the end of the Spring Term. Mrs Murphy has been a much respected and integral part of our team for 6 years, teaching so many children with care and dedication. Mrs Murphy will be spending more time with her own young family and beginning a slightly different route in her career. For this we are excited for her and I am sure you will join us in thanking Mrs Murphy for all her work at Spixworth Infant School and wishing her the very best of luck in her own next steps. We are pleased to share that we are finalising our plans for Mrs Murphy's replacement and will be able to confirm details with you shortly.



Assessment Workshop



Please come along to our assessment workshop at 9.05am on 5th March. Ms Jordan will give an overview of assessment in all groups. Year group leaders will then share with you how each group is assessed at the end of each year.

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

Safeguarding



Mrs Murphy remains a Safeguarding lead within our school until Easter, working with Ms Jordan and Mrs Jackson. From Easter Miss Mattock will be fully trained to take on this role. Mrs Betts will also be completing Safeguarding leader training in the Summer term to support this essential work.

Key Spring Term Dates

Parent Workshop: Assessment – Tuesday 5th March

World Book Day – 7th March

Science Week – 11th-15th March inc a visit from the oral hygienist on Tuesday 12th

Norton's Dairy visit – Monday 18th March

Class Assemblies: Sycamore: 15th March; Maple: 22nd March; Oak: 29th March; Beech: 5th April

Sharing Afternoon – Monday 25th March

Parent/Teacher Progress Meetings: March 29th, April 1st, 2nd, 3rd all 3 – 4p.m.

Kick Boxing taster session – Wednesday 3rd April

Olly Day Road Safety Magic Show – Thursday 4th April



School closes for Easter at 3.15pm on 5th April and reopens at 8.55am on Tuesday 23rd April