

# Headteachers' Bulletin

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## Spixworth Infant School

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Dear Parents/Carers,



With a late Easter break this year, our Food, Glorious Food topic still has a week to go! The children have already enjoyed many exciting learning experiences with still more to come. I hope you also enjoyed the class assemblies – well done to everyone for the brilliant performances! We will almost be in May by the time we return from Easter and this marks the beginning of a period of 'special work' for our children. Please ensure you keep reading with your child every day over the holiday, and complete any other activities recommended by the class teachers, to give your children the best chance of success with their learning. Thank you.

### Science Week



Thank you to Miss Engall for organising a super Science Week! All of the children joined in with a hands-on Science experiment every day of the week and we also learnt lots from Catherine Austin, our oral health expert visitor.



### Norton's Dairy

Thank you to Norton's Dairy and all staff and parent helpers who ensured we had a great visit to the farm. The calves were a highlight and the writing that the children have completed since has really shown their learning.



### **School Matters!**



### Attendance

Our target is 96%. Results for March:

Beech Class: 94.5%

Oak Class: 97.3%

Maple Class: 97.7%

Sycamore Class: 96.7%

Congratulations Maple class!

### Coming Up

Still to come this half term, the children will all have the opportunity to join in with a kick-boxing taster session and all children will watch a Road Safety magic show in the school hall. We are also planning a school visit to the circus in July – a letter will be coming home soon!



## School Improvements over Easter

This Easter holiday the school will still be a hive of activity. In line with our school premises improvement plan we are very pleased to share:

All children's toilet blocks will have improvements made to plumbing and electrics including new, quieter hand driers! General repairs will also be made to flooring. Unfortunately our funds will not stretch to decorating. If anybody knows a quality decorator who would be willing to offer a very competitive price, we would love to hear from you!



Using our Sports funding and a £10,000 grant from the National Lottery, we are thrilled to finally be able to resurface our playground including a ramp for improved access. Playground markings will be added once the surface has settled.

Thanks to the Friends and your fund raising over the last 18 months, we are also now able to place an order to extend our trim trail with 4 new pieces of equipment made from recycled plastics! We hope to see these in place very soon.



### 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

### Parent Questionnaire

Please complete the parent questionnaire – for the first time, sent electronically! Your feedback is very important to us and guides future decisions for the school.



### Safeguarding



Our e-safety champions have been helping us to understand our digital footprints. Many children shared examples of photographs their parents had put of them on Facebook. One child said 'Mum said it was cute. I was embarrassed.' The children have asked me to say 'Ask us before you put pictures of us online because they'll be there forever.'

### Key Spring Term Dates

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

Kick Boxing taster session – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

Olly Day Road Safety Magic Show – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April



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

# Happy Easter

