



# Headteachers' Bulletin

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the Summer Term! For the first half of this term our whole school topic is 'Magical Monsters.' To bring this topic to life we have just welcomed some tiny visitors to our classrooms to marvel at nature's real magical monsters! This term our Year 1 and Year 2 children also have some special work to complete (see below). Mr Whitehall, one of our regular supply teachers, will be a very welcome extra pair of hands for several days across this important time. A busy few weeks ahead!



### Magic show

The children thoroughly enjoyed Olly Day's Road Safety Magic at the end of last term. Lots of fun, but a serious message: Keep Safe on/near roads.



### Easter Service

Thank you to Judith from St Peter's Church for leading our Easter service for us. Thank you also to all the parents who helped walk us safely to and from the Church.



### **School Matters!**



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

### Attendance

59 100% attendance certificates were awarded at the end of the Spring term!

Our target is 96%. Results for April:

Beech Class: 96.8%

Oak Class: 97.5%

Maple Class: 97.8%

Sycamore Class: 97.4%

Congratulations Maple class!

### Questionnaire Results

Thank you to those families whom completed the online questionnaire. The online response was lower than the previous paper version but the comments we received were still useful and will be used as we plan ahead for our school.



## Year 2 Special Work (SATs)



Throughout May, all Year 2 children across the country will be completing statutory assessments (SATs). The results from these assessments are used to inform how teachers grade a child's overall achievements in English and Maths at the end of Year 2. We aim for every child to be able to do their best in these assessments but recognise that children learn at different rates. While most children will meet the government's expected standard at this time, others will exceed this and others will not meet this standard yet. For all children, please read regularly, complete other homework tasks set, promote sleep, a healthy active life-style and avoid placing pressure on children. For more information on the assessments please see the workshop information on our website under the Parents tab and watch the video at <https://www.sta-videos.co.uk/video/play/50b58270-ae27-4ea2-bf10-b6c2ec669723/>

This year, Spixworth Infant School have also been selected to trial some new questions in Maths. This trial will take place on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. As this trial is a test of the questions, not the children's ability to answer them, there will be no results recorded or shared from this. A separate letter for parents of children included in this trial will follow.

## Year 1 Special Work (Phonic Screening)

During the week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> June, all Year 1 children (and those children in Year 2 who did not pass the phonics check in Year 1) will be taking their phonic screening check. The children will be asked to read 40 words with a teacher. Some of the words are real while others are made-up words. This makes sure that only phonic skills, not sight reading skills, are checked. Please help your child by reading regularly and practising with the phonic card sheets that are sent home weekly. For more information please see the workshop information on our website under the Parents tab.



### Parent Forum

As a result of a really useful discussion at our last Parent Forum, we will be offering a meeting for current Reception and Year 1 parents to find out more about what and how your child will be learning as they go into Year 1 or 2. Dates to follow.



### Transition

We aim to work closely with nursery and the junior school throughout the year. In the Summer term, our transition support increases.

Our Year 2 children will have two transition sessions at Woodland View Junior School after half term. One session will include a drop off at the Junior school in the morning and lunch, the other will be an afternoon session with pick up from the Junior school. This format has been very successful in previous years and allows the children to experience key times of the day in a supportive way.

If your child is in Year 2 but transitioning to a different Junior/Primary school, please let us know as soon as possible so we can link in with these activities.

Children joining us in Reception in September will receive a visit from one of our teachers to their nursery and also be invited to sessions in school including a teddy bears' picnic.

All dates will follow shortly.

## Summer Term Enrichments

This term all children will be given the opportunity to develop their skills in:

Forest School



Mandarin



Creative Wool Craft



Mental Health (using Child Whispering)



Photography





## Coming Up



We have two visits coming up next half term. The first is a visit to the Hippodrome Circus for the whole school to complement our Flight topic. The second is for our Year 2 children only to Norwich Gymnastics Club for a gymnastics apparatus session. This session enhances our PE curriculum but will also be an opportunity for our Year Twos to celebrate their time together at Spixworth Infant School with a picnic and games on their return. Separate letters for both visits will follow shortly.

Please note, there were several families who chose not to donate towards the cost of our last trip to the farm. Unfortunately the school cannot fund these visits without your donations and therefore may not go ahead without your contributions. If you have any difficulties paying for these visits, please come and speak to Ms Jordan confidentially to discuss options available. Thank you.

### 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



Miss Mattock is now a fully trained Safeguarding Leader in school. She will be working alongside Mrs Jackson and Ms Jordan with the aim of keeping all children safe. Please feel free to talk to any of us if you have concerns about a child.

### Key Summer Term Dates

Cafes: Reception Reading 15<sup>th</sup> May; Y1 Maths 16<sup>th</sup> May; Y2 Writing 21<sup>st</sup> May

Year 2 Statutory Testing Period: 1<sup>st</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> May

Sharing Afternoon: 4<sup>th</sup> June

Year 1 Statutory Phonic Screening Period: 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> June

Parent/Teacher Meetings RECEPTION AND YEAR 1 ONLY: 7<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> June

Sports Morning and Picnic: 2<sup>nd</sup> July

Open Evening: 4<sup>th</sup> July

Whole School visit to the circus: 10<sup>th</sup> July

Reports to Parents: 11<sup>th</sup> July (one day later than previously stated due to circus visit)

Year 2 Gymnastics event: 11<sup>th</sup> July

Reception Moving Up Concert: 17<sup>th</sup> July

Year 1 Moving Up Concert: 18<sup>th</sup> July

Year 2 Moving On Concert: 19<sup>th</sup> July

School closed for May Day: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May

School closed for Half Term: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May

School closes for Summer 3.15pm Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July

School re-opens for the new academic year: Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September

