



# Headteachers' Bulletin

## February 2020

### Spixworth Infant School

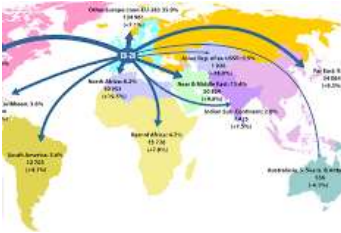
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Dear Parents/Carers,



Our whole school topic 'Near and Far' is well underway with some exciting learning happening across the school. The children have loved finding out about the different habitats in which animals live around the world and how humans have found out about them! We have both a visitor and a visit still to look forward to as part of this topic as well as lots of opportunities to share our learning with you. Please read on to find out more.

### Enrichments

*Engineering – bridges!*



*Makaton signing*



*Child Whispering – filling buckets of happiness*



Our STEAM project is full steam ahead! The children's Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths work is linking seamlessly to the Arts. A wide range of activities have excited the children and they can't wait to share some of these with you at the end of the project. Please come along on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 2.40pm** to hear about the learning that has taken place across the school, how each year group has been challenged and what your child has produced. You will also be able to try out some of the activities with your child!

### Owl Visitors



To bring our 'Near and Far' topic to life, we will be welcoming five owls from the Happisburgh Owl Sanctuary to our school on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February. The children will learn about how and where the owls live and also be able to hold one. Photographs will be taken which will be available for you to purchase electronically for £2 after the visit.

### School Matters!



### Attendance

Our target is 96%. Results for January:

Beech Class: 95.6%

Oak Class: 94.9%

Maple Class: 94.9%

Sycamore Class: 94.5%

Congratulations Beech class!

### Assessment Workshop

On March 2<sup>nd</sup> we will be holding an assessment workshop. Information will be shared about the statutory assessments that we must undertake with your children at the end of each year group. Class teachers will be available to answer any questions and show you some examples of the assessment tools used. Please come along to find out more.

### Pensthorpe Visit



To extend our Near and Far topic, the children will be visiting Pensthorpe Natural Park on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. The children will make use of the education centre, hide and also take part in two outdoor 'discover' activities. Together they will immerse themselves in the natural world and the wonderful wildlife it contains. Letters have been sent home. Please return your reply slips with payment as soon as possible.

### The Weather!



We have now entered into the most likely period for bad weather. We do try to keep the school open in all weathers so long as it is safe to do so. If you are not sure of how we inform parents of school closure, please see the letter available on our website under the Latest News tab of the News section. Please make sure your children have coats, hats and gloves in school!

### Children's Mental Health



The slides from this workshop are now available on the Parents section of our website under Parent Workshop Information.

### Learning Outside the Classroom – Ceremony!



Passport hours will be counted again before half term. If your child has achieved a certificate, invitations will be sent for our first special award ceremony and tea party! This will be held on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February from 2.30pm – save the date! (If your child has not yet earned a certificate, keep collecting, there will be another ceremony before the end of the 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



Please help us to help you!  
Please ensure we know whom your child is going home with each day. Any changes from your regular pick up patterns must be logged either face-to-face with the class teacher in the morning or by phone/email to the school office.  
Thank you

### Key Spring Term Dates



Sharing afternoons: Jan 31<sup>st</sup> – Maple, Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> – Beech, Feb 4<sup>th</sup> – Sycamore, Feb 6<sup>th</sup> – Oak

Happisburgh Owl Visit: Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February

Parent/Teacher Progress Meetings: February 7<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> all 3-4pm

Parent Forum: Apps - 14<sup>th</sup> February

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February: School closed for half term**

Learning Outside the Classroom Ceremony – Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February

STEAM sharing – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February

Parent Workshop: Assessment – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

Class Assemblies: Maple: 6<sup>th</sup> March; Sycamore: 13<sup>th</sup> March; Oak: 20<sup>th</sup> March; Beech: 27<sup>th</sup> March

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – whole school educational visit to Pensthorpe Natural Park.

**School closes for Easter Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 3.15pm**