



*Happy New Year!*

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy 2021 to all children, families, staff and governors of Spixworth Infant and Woodland View Junior School! Here's hoping that 2021 brings peace, health and happiness. I hope you all enjoyed the Christmas break – however different it had to be.

You will have seen that the fencing improvements to both schools were completed over the break. Later this year, we hope to replace the windows in the junior school hall and improve the infant school car parking area. This and lots more to look forward to in 2021!

Ms Jordan

### Coronavirus Safety



We are indeed in uncertain times. We are pleased that both schools will be fully open from Tuesday, but recognise how fragile this position is within Tier 4. We will continue to follow all government guidelines and do all we can to keep our whole school community as safe as possible. We thank you for your ongoing support with our safety measures and respect any individual decisions you may have made about your own children returning to school.

As a reminder, please ensure only one adult drops off/collects your child, that this adult practices social distancing and wears a face covering. Communication with school should be via phone, email or directly to class teachers via Tapestry (infants)/Google Classroom (juniors) where home learning is in place.

Please note that the infant school has adopted a new One-way system to reduce footfall on the grass in Winter. Entrance is via Ivy Road and exit is via Lilian Road.

### Improving How We Work With Families



I am pleased to share an update to how our office team are working from January.

The office teams from both schools are now working together to provide a better service across our federation with 'opening hours' extended for the junior school to match that of the infant school.

Mrs Read and Miss Meakin will be dealing with all telephone and email communications between 8am and 4pm across both schools. Our telephone systems are currently being upgraded to support this change. Both phone numbers remain the same.

Pre-arranged, face-to-face meetings will be available between 8am and 3.15pm at either site. Please be reminded that only essential meetings are permitted in school while Coronavirus restrictions are in place.

Miss Baker is now the Finance Officer for both schools and Mrs Betts is the School Support Manager.

### Staffing Update



I am delighted to share two staffing updates:

Mrs Clare Andrews (Classroom Assistant), previously at the junior school, is now supporting children at the infant school.

Mrs To (Class Teacher), has returned from maternity leave to work Wed – Fri in Maple Class.

I am sure they will both settle quickly into the infant team.



## Safeguarding

Norfolk Safeguarding Children Partnership has just launched its next crucial campaign to support local families and it's called '**All Babies Cry**'. The campaign aims to help normalise babies crying and offer local support to parents.

### **All Babies Cry – A message from Hayley, a local Health Visitor**

All babies cry. Some cry more than others and this is completely normal. You can try lots of different things to comfort your baby and they will still cry. This is normal. It's ok to put them down in a safe place and take a minute. Never shake your baby. Crying is part of a baby's language and is normal, but it can be hard to cope with, particularly at the moment. It is ok to ask for help. All babies cry and whether it's your family, friends or a professional, talk to someone if you're struggling, concerned or just don't know what to do.

Visit: [www.JustOneNorfolk.nhs.uk/AllBabiesCry](http://www.JustOneNorfolk.nhs.uk/AllBabiesCry) for local NHS advice and support.

Call: 0300 300 0123 or Text: 07520 631590 to speak to me or one of my colleagues.

### Marvellous Me

A reminder to all families that both schools are now using Marvellous Me to share information and rewards between home and school.



Please make sure you have downloaded the App.

### Spixworth Helping Hands



Thank you to the Spixworth Helping Hands volunteers, and those who donated gifts, for all their support for families, particularly over the Christmas period. Spixworth Helping Hands provide a range of support to any community member in need. For more information see Spixworth Helping Hands Facebook page.

### Attendance



Currently, the government states that all children should be in school unless they are unwell or have been told to isolate. As a school we must provide home learning for those children isolating (but not for those that are unwell). For safeguarding and public health reasons it is essential that our registers are accurate. We respect what a worrying time this is so please feel able to talk to us openly about any reasons for absence.

### General Reminders



Please park considerately to our neighbours.  
Please name all your child's items.  
Please let us know if your details or circumstances change so we can contact you in an emergency.  
Our schools are nut-free zones. Please do not include any items containing nuts in packed lunches. Special diets can be catered for by either kitchen.  
Please follow all COVID safety advice.

### Key Dates

Parent/Teacher meetings: w/c 8<sup>th</sup> February  
Half term: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February  
Easter break Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> April

