



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to October! It's been a busy but lovely start to the new year. The children are all settling well into their new year groups, working hard and having fun. Here are just a few quotes from our children last week:

I'm 10 out of 10 happy because I can count to 10! (Reception)

Learning at this school is really good – it'll help me when I'm old (Year 3)

In Year 6 it is quiet. Behaviour is good. We're ready, respectful and safe (Year 6)

With a few weeks left before half term there's lots more fun and learning to come. Read on to find out more.

Ms Jordan

Covid-19 Update



Thank you for your on-going support with our Covid-19 safety measures.

Schools are no longer asked to report any positive cases to families. If your child has been a close contact of a positive case, track and trace should contact you. Please ensure you inform the school office of any positive cases in your family so we can help to protect others when track and trace contact the school. All children are now expected to be in school unless they have a positive Covid-19 test or are awaiting a test due to having Covid-related symptoms.

Harvest Festival

This year the children will be learning more about Harvest through school assemblies and individual class activities. Part of this learning will include reflecting on how lucky we are to have enough food to eat and respecting that not everyone in our world, or even our country, always has what they need. Children are invited to bring in an item of non-perishable food on the 14th, 15th or 18th October that will be donated to the Norwich Food Bank.



Team-Building Day

I am excited to share that on Monday 11th October (Juniors) and Thursday 14th October (Infants) we will be welcoming Wise Up to our schools. Physical and fun challenges will support our children to improve their wellbeing, team building and peer communication. **The full cost of this experience is being met by the school.** To find out more about Wise Up follow this link: [Primary School Team Building Activity Days | WiseUp Team Building \(wiseup-teambuilding.co.uk\)](https://www.wiseup-teambuilding.co.uk)

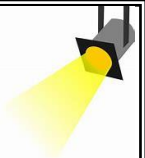
A Spotlight on the UN Rights of the Child

Spixworth Infant School were last month awarded the Silver Rights Respecting Schools Award!

UNICEF UK works with schools in the UK to create safe and inspiring places to learn, where children are respected, their talents are nurtured and they are able to thrive. The Rights Respecting Schools Award embeds these values in daily school life and gives children the best chance to lead happy, healthy lives and to be responsible, active citizens.

To find out more, please go to: [What is the Rights Respecting Schools Award? - UNICEF UK](https://www.unicef.org/uk/what-is-the-rights-respecting-schools-award)

Thank you to Mrs Heley for bringing all the school's work together to accomplish this award. We are looking forward to Woodland View Junior School being assessed for their Silver award before the end of the year.



Before and After School Care at SIS

Spaces are still available for Infant children for breakfast club from 8am and for after-school care until 5pm.

Please contact the school office if you would like a place for your child(ren).



Federation Council

We are thrilled to be planning council meetings for our schools again. Year 6 children will be taking on the lead committee roles with every class nominating representatives to attend. The council will make sure the voice of our children is heard and they are involved in changes that affect them in our schools.

Reception Curriculum Presentation and Q&A

Our Reception teachers warmly welcome you to come and find out more about how Reception children learn at our school on Tuesday 19th October at 8.15am or 3.30pm. Places are limited and must be booked in advance by contacting the school office



Safeguarding

The Norfolk Constabulary Safer Schools team are supporting Hate Crime Awareness week, which is from 9th to 16th October. Our Year 5 pupils will take part in an online presentation called Respecting Others during this week. Respecting Others covers more than hate. The children will learn about the age of criminal responsibility, criminal damage, theft, verbal abuse, weapon possession and anti-social behaviour, at an age-appropriate level.



Attendance



The Governors of our schools have agreed that the attendance target for all pupils will remain at 96% this year. Those meeting this target will achieve certificates throughout the year.

General Reminders



Please park considerately to our neighbours.
Please name all your child's items.
Please let us know if your details or circumstances have changed over the holiday.
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



Y3 zoo visit: 13th Oct
Team building days: 11th or 14th Oct
Harvest festival: 18th Oct
Reception curriculum meeting: 19th Oct
Half term: 25th – 29th Oct
***NEW* Open evenings for 2022 Reception and Y3 families 9th, 10th, 12th & 15th Nov. Booking necessary – more details coming soon**
Parent/Teacher Progress Meetings: w/c 29th Nov
Last day of term: Friday 17th Dec

Family Room

At the Federation of Spixworth Schools we know how important it is to support the whole family around each child. It is with genuine pride that I can share our developments in this area. Having undertaken specialist training, Miss Baker now has dedicated hours each week to provide personalised support to families across our schools. We have also created a dedicated Family Room within the Infant school for all families to access. Lots more information will be shared shortly but in brief our offer can now include:

- Drop-in tea and chat sessions with our Family Advisor or SENDCo
- Home visits by the Family Advisor to support with specific needs
- Parent support groups for guided learning (e.g. The Solihull Parenting Approach)

And coming soon for every family: **Cook and Connect!** Your children will take part in a small group cooking session during the afternoon following which you will be invited into school to share their bakes, talk and connect with year group peers. Dates for your child's session coming soon!

