



Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope as many of you as possible were able to enjoy a happy, restful, healthy and safe Christmas with your families. Last year ended with some uncertainty as to what the New Year would look like. We now know that, for Primary-aged pupils, there are no changes within school from last term. Teaching will continue to make most use of outdoors and windows will be open. Please ensure your child wears suitable layers of clothing to keep them warm. Safety will always be a priority, but learning and fun is essential too and we look forward to providing it!

Ms Jordan



### Covid-19 Update

There have been some changes to isolation periods recently. The 10 day isolation period for those whom test positive for Covid-19 has been reduced to 7 days, if lateral flow tests are negative on days 6 and 7. Those who do not complete the lateral flow tests, or if these still show a positive result, must continue to isolate for the full 10-day period.

Our staff continue to wear face masks in communal areas and we continue to work in large bubbles that can be reduced quickly if needed. Please wear a face covering if talking face-to-face with our staff and ensure you make an appointment if you need to come into school. Thank you.

### Spixworth Helping Hands

A huge thank you to everyone who donated items to the Christmas appeal and to the Spixworth Helping Hands volunteers for organising and making these items available to those who needed it.



### Staffing Updates




We are very pleased to welcome four new Teaching Assistants across our Federation. Mrs Hockin, Miss Waller, Miss Engledow and Miss Cole are all joining the team, meaning we are even better able to meet individual and class needs. We also welcome Mr Rendell-Dodd as he completes his teacher training placement with us. Miss Newstead will return for her final placement in the Summer.

Miss Barton and Mrs Baldwin will shortly be leaving us for new adventures. We also said farewell to Mrs Claxton and Mrs Friend last term. We wish them all much success and happiness.

We are still looking for a cleaner and a clerical assistant to join us. If you know anyone who may be interested, please contact the office.

### A Spotlight on Early Help Assessment and Planning



The Early Help Assessment and Planning (EHAP) used to be known as The Family Support Process (FSP). An EHAP is designed to help families and professionals work together to support children and their families to thrive. The challenges faced by the family are identified and there is a focus on working together to ensure progress is made and help is received where needed. We have a number of staff across our schools that are trained in supporting families through the EHAP. If this support is ever needed by your family, we will appreciate the opportunity to work with you and the trusting relationships that extend from this work. If you want to know more, please contact [fsa@spixworth.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:fsa@spixworth.norfolk.sch.uk)

## **Music and Art Rooms at Woodland View**

We are thrilled with the progress of our dedicated Music and Art rooms at Woodland View. Huge thanks to Mr Brooker for his time and expertise in creating these spaces to such a high standard. We hope to make full use of these rooms within our teaching this half term, and as part of a more specialised offer as soon as Covid restrictions allow.



## **Safeguarding**



### **Cyber Bullying**

Cyber bullying is any form of bullying which takes place online, through social media or through a mobile phone. Most young people will experience cyber bullying at some time. Cyber bullying should be reported through the service provider or to the police (101) if the unwanted contact continues. Most bullying is by people who were once friends. Posting untrue and nasty comments can be harassment, which is a criminal offence. Most parents do not know their children are taking part. To find out more visit: [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

## **Premises Developments**



Over this term, we are progressing our plans to:

- Replace external doors at the infant school
- Develop a community room at the junior school

We also hope to develop the infant pond area – if you or anyone you know might be able to help with this, please get in touch!

## **General Reminders**

Please park considerately to our neighbours. Please also be reminded not to park on the yellow zigzag lines outside of either school. Please ensure your child has suitable warm clothing and all items are named. Please let us know if your details or circumstances have changed. 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.

Thank you



## **Attendance**



The government have again stated that all children are expected to be in school unless they have tested positive for Covid-19 or are otherwise unwell. We always aim to work with families and respect individual circumstances. If you have concerns or want to talk to someone about your child's attendance, please contact us.

## **Key Dates**

W/B 10<sup>th</sup> January – Year 4 Sparrowhawk class begin ukulele lessons  
11<sup>th</sup> January – Paddy Venner, Life Coach, begins work with Y6  
12<sup>th</sup> January – Year 5 and 6 visit to West Stow  
26<sup>th</sup> January – Whole Federation Geography day  
W/B 7<sup>th</sup> February – Parent/Teacher meetings  
8<sup>th</sup> February – Virtual Castle Museum visit for Spixworth Infant School  
14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> February – Half Term  
3<sup>rd</sup> March – World Book Day  
11<sup>th</sup> March – Whole Federation Science and Computing day  
18<sup>th</sup> March – Red Nose Day  
4<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> April – Easter holiday. School reopens for children on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April

