



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to February and hopefully, a few more glimpses of the sun! We have had a super start to the Spring term, with trips out and experience days in schools being real highlights for the children and staff alike. Last week, Mrs Payne, Miss Mattock and myself also had the pleasure of reviewing the children's behaviours for learning: 'I have tried and tried with my reading' (YR); 'I don't mind making mistakes because it helps you learn' (Y2); 'Good learning challenges our brains' (Y3); 'working with others builds your communication and gives you more ideas' (Y6). Our children are a credit to us all!

Ms Jordan

### Covid-19 Update



Thank you for your continued support with our Covid measures. It is no longer a requirement for our staff to wear face coverings in communal areas, although this option remains open to them if they feel more comfortable doing so. The same is true for parents in busy areas. If you choose to wear a face covering, we will of course respect your wishes.

Please do not come onto school grounds if you are Covid positive. If you have no other way to bring your children to school, please arrange a safe drop off/pick up with the school office.

Thank you.

### Geography Day

The Angel of the North



Traffic survey

### A Plea for Friends!

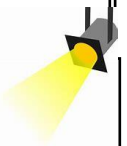


**Can you help?** Friends or Parent/Teacher Associations raise invaluable money for schools to provide the added extras for our children that make school that little bit more special. Pre-Covid we closed the individual school charities. We are now able to form one new Federation Friends charity but need your help! We would love to see the return of discos, leaver's gifts and all the fun of the fayre – but we can't do this without willing volunteers. If you have a little time and a lot of heart please contact Fran Baker in person at the junior school, by phone (01603 898292) or email: [fsa@spixworth.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:fsa@spixworth.norfolk.sch.uk)

### A Spotlight on: Just One Norfolk – Supporting Children to Feel Safe and Loved

#### **Just One Norfolk have launched a new campaign for families**

There are lots of reasons why caring for a child can be tough. Unexpected things happen, or sometimes things just feel like they're too much. But it's important to remember that children want to feel safe, loved and cared for by their parents, even if times are tough. If a child's needs are not met this can impact their development. There is lots of support and advice available to families on the Just One Norfolk website: [Supporting Children to Feel Safe \(justonenorfolk.nhs.uk\)](https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk)



## Federation Developments



It has been wonderful to see the children from Reception to Year 6 work together in School Council. They have loved the responsibility of managing a project to find new House names for our schools and we look forward to the next stage in this process.

Over the past six months we have also been reviewing the vision and values for our schools now that we work so closely together. We are exceptionally proud of our schools and our offer to the community of Spixworth. We aim to provide the very best care and education to our children and their families and we believe our refreshed vision and values will show this clearly. Look out for full details in the March bulletin!

### Safeguarding



### Growing Together

Children's Mental Health Week is coming up on the 7–13 February. Children (and adults) will be encouraged to consider how they have grown, and how they can help others to grow. There are free resources and ideas on the website that can be adapted for use in school or at home. There is also a whole section for parents and carers to encourage families to grow together. [Find out more online.](#)

### Staffing Update



We are thrilled to have welcomed Mrs Newstead to the cleaning team at the infant school.

We are unfortunately yet to appoint a new Clerical Assistant. Current staff are going above and beyond to cover this post at present. Please bear with us as we do our best to keep all services running!

### 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



As with all schools, we are seeing many children and staff needing to stay at home due to testing positive for Covid-19. Please stay alert to symptoms, test regularly and inform the school of any positive tests. We will provide home learning wherever your child is well enough to complete this. Please bear with us as we manage staffing challenges linked to Covid in the least disruptive ways possible.

### Key Dates

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

