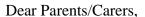
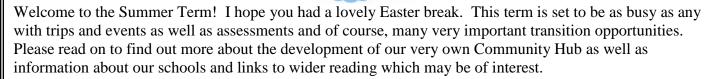


# **Executive Headteachers' Bulletin April 2022**



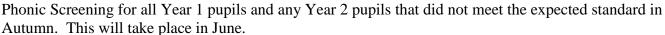




Ms Jordan

#### 2022 Assessments

This Summer the Government require all schools to complete statutory testing with all relevant pupils. For our Federation, this means:



Reading and Maths assessment tests in Year 2 plus a teacher assessment of Writing and Science. This will take place in May.

Multiplication checks in Year 4. This will take place in June.

Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling, Reading and Maths assessment tests in Year 6 plus a teacher assessment of Writing and Science. This will take place week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> May.

#### Support around Testing

At school we mindfully support all children to undertake tests being as prepared and positive as possible. We acknowledge the need for children to work hard over time and do their best on the day. The tests are important to teachers in understanding what each child knows and what they need to learn next. Where needed and part of normal classroom practice, individual children will be entitled to extra support. Your child's class teacher will contact you if this is the case for your child. At home, if your child has regularly completed homework and any additional activities provided by their teacher, they will be wellprepared. A positive attitude and a good routine of sleeping and eating well, will go a long way.

#### **NEW! Parents' Section!**

Thank you to those family and friends who shared many positive messages about recent cross-county events:

Having watched each event I wanted you to know you should be very proud of ALL the children from Woodland View.

It was a pleasure to watch how they all supported each other ... a real team spirit from both the boys and girls ... whether they came first or last they cheered their classmates on..

They should be congratulated for their behaviour both on and off the running field.

If you have any good news stories to share, please email either school office.

#### A Spotlight on Child Mental Health and Wellbeing

The Association for Child and Adolescent Mental Health (ACAMH) has released a video sharing some of the latest insights into the prevalence of common mental health conditions in children and young people, highlighting some of the underlying risk factors and discussing the impact of the coronavirus pandemic.

Watch the video: Mental Health Conditions in Young People: Prevalence, Shifts & Support - Ask the Expert recording - ACAMH



#### **Community Hub**

We are busy working with a number of other agencies to develop a Community Hub on the Woodland View site from September. The aim of this Hub is to provide support for as many members of the Spixworth community as possible. The Hub will provide spaces for groups such as baby yoga and music sessions, a community café, clothing and food banks and adult learning classes including internet access.

We believe that our schools are perfectly placed to make this offer and look forward to sharing updates with you in the coming months.

New fencing and internal door security will ensure the school site is completely separate from the Hub and ensure both remain totally safe.

#### Safeguarding

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Children and young people typically display a range of sexualised behaviours as they grow up. To help to understand which of these behaviours are normal and which may be problematic or harmful the NSPCC use a tool called the Hackett Continuum. We also use this tool in school. If you would like to find out more go to: <a href="Understanding sexualised">Understanding sexualised</a> behaviour in children | NSPCC Learning If you are concerned about your child's behaviour, please speak to their class teacher or ask to see one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs).

#### Staffing Update



We are thrilled to now have a full house in the admin team! Miss Meakin has taken up her promoted role at another school and Mrs Swatman and Mr Medhurst are now finding their feet at our Federation. We look forward to working with both of our new colleagues and are sure they will very soon feel at home with us.

We are very sorry to be saying goodbye to Mrs Smith this term after many years of dedicated work at the Junior school. We wish her every happiness.

#### Attendance



When your child is poorly, we understand the best place for them is at home. As soon as your child is well enough to be in school, we are able to support them with completing courses of medicine as needed. A form giving parental permission for this must be filled in. If medication is only needed 3 times per day, we ask that this is given before school, after school and at bedtime where possible to reduce the number of medicines in school.

### **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

## Key Dates

20th, 21st, 22nd April: Parent meetings with the SEND team

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April: Federation Art day

Week beginning 25<sup>th</sup> April: Parent/Teacher meetings

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May: E-Safety Parent workshop Week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> May: Year 6 SATs week

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June: Woodland View will be joined online by authors Michael Rosen and Miriam Halahmy as part

of The Schools of Sanctuary A Day of Welcome Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May: The Queen's Jubilee family picnic

Half Term 30<sup>th</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> June

