

Executive Headteachers' Bulletin June 2022





Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the last half term of the academic year. I hope you had a lovely half term and were able to enjoy the bank holiday with loved ones. Please read on to find out more about coming changes, improvements and events, including a sponsored fun run!

Ms Jordan



Staff changes

I am delighted to share that Miss Owen has been appointed as the new Infant Head of School from September. Miss Owen is an experienced school leader and can't wait to bring her skills and passion for an adventurous, excellent curriculum to Spixworth.

I am also thrilled to share that Miss Redgrave, an experienced teacher, and Miss Newstead, who has excelled in her teacher training year, will also be joining the Infant teaching team from September. It is however with sadness, yet pride, that we will be saying goodbye to Miss Engall at the end of this term. Miss Engall began her teaching career with us and has flourished into an excellent teacher. We wish her every success as she spreads her wings.



Parents' Section 2

We regularly receive feedback from parents and community members about parking outside of our schools. We enlist the support of the police where possible and send safety reminders, but some drivers continue to make dangerous choices. Through the addition of our community hub, we are hoping to be able to extend parking at the junior school and also include a drop off site on school grounds. Our only limitation is funding. If you are aware of any grants or other funds available for such projects through your work or other contacts, please get in touch so our plans for safer schools can become a reality.

Parents' Section 1

Thank you to everyone for making our Jubilee picnic such a successful event. It was wonderful to see so many families together, enjoying the occasion. Your feedback was so positive and very gratefully received, thank you!



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

A Spotlight on Diabetes Week 12-18 June

Type 1 diabetes is a condition where the body is unable to produce enough insulin. It is common in children and young adults. There is no cure and it cannot be prevented. You should contact your GP if your child is often very thirsty, passes urine more frequently, is unusually tired, loses weight, often gets thrush, if wounds take longer to heal or they report blurred vision.

Type 2 diabetes is a condition where the body becomes resistant to insulin. It is more common in adults and obesity is a significant risk factor.

To find out more go to: <u>Diabetes - NHS (www.nhs.uk)</u> <u>Diabetes Week 2022</u>

Times of the School Day

I am pleased to confirm that, from September, the times of our school day will be:



School	Start time	Lunch break	Finish time
Spixworth Infant School	8.45am	12.00 – 1.00pm	3.15pm
School			
Woodland View Junior	8.40am	12.05 – 12.55	3.10pm
School			

Community Hub

We are excited to see the plans for the Community Hub begin to take shape. Groups such as community café, pre-school music and baby yoga will operate from here as well as a clothing bank and community fridge. Health Visitors and other professionals may also make use of this space.

All funds for this project are gratefully received from the District Early Childhood Advice Network and the Early Years Quality and Inclusion team.

In addition, we are hoping to further make use of this space for a youth club, dad's club and community gardening club.

Safeguarding

We do everything we can to keep children and families safe in school. If you see or hear something that concerns you about the welfare of a child outside of school time, please act.

If you believe a child is in immediate danger: Call 999

If you believe a child is at risk of harm: Call 0344 800 8020

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

Attendance



From September, new guidance will be applied for all schools and families to ensure best possible school attendance for all children. I will share highlights of this document in the coming months and our policies will be updated.

If you would like to read the document in full, please go to: Working together to improve school attendance - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

Outdoor Learning Pods

The wooden outdoor classroom at Woodland View had sadly gone beyond repair and has now been taken down. Both schools will be receiving new outdoor learning pods over the Summer.



Fun Run!

On Friday 1st July we will be hosting a sponsored Fun Run. All children will be able to take part. At 2pm, children will begin their run on Woodland View field. They can dress up but trainers must be worn. Children will bring home sponsorship forms soon, where family and friends can sponsored them for a flat rate or for every 5 minutes of participation. Families are invited to watch and the ice-cream van has been invited to attend! All proceeds will go towards our car park improvement fund! We hope to see you there!

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

Week Beginning 6th June: Y1 and Y2 Phonic Screening Week

Friday 17th 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 Thursday 30th June: Y2 visit to Norwich Gym Club

Friday 1st July: Fun Run

Tuesday 5th July: New Reception Teddy Bear's picnic

Wednesday 6th July: Infant sports morning, Y3 and 4 sports afternoon

Friday 8th July: Transition afternoon Tuesday 12th July: Transition morning Tuesday 12th July: Reports published Thursday 14th July: Open Evening

Friday 15th July: Optional telephone appointments for report feedback/questions

Monday 18th July: Y5 and 6 sports afternoon Thursday 21st July: Y2 and Y6 water games

Friday 22nd July: Final assembly 9.15am Y2 and 2pm Y6

Friday 22nd July: Last day of term for all children

School reopens: Tuesday 6th September 2022

